



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Evening Prayer

with Organ Meditation



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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the clergy enter the Quire

Welcome The Dean or Canon in Residence

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Said

The Psalmody

Said

After the psalm please stand for

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Please stand to sing

The Office Hymn

We remain standing to say

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

**He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Sit

New Testament Reading

Stand to say

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

We turn to the Altar and say together the

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit

Organ Meditation

The Prayers

The Prayers conclude with collect of the day, followed by

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The office concludes with a blessing, or

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Please stand to sing

Hymn

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The hymn will then be followed by the Blessing.

Remain standing as the clergy depart

Organ Voluntary

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