

Choral Evensong Book of Common Prayer

Introit Alleluia. Christus surrexit Anerio

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Christus surrexit a mortuis primitiae dormientium. Alleluia.

Quoniam per hominem mors, et per hominem resurrectio mortuorum.

Alleluia.

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But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Alleluia.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Alleluia.

1 Corinthians 15: vv. 20-22; Romans 4: v. 25; 1 Corinthians 5: v. 8

Preces Tomkins

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;

continued...

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.

Psalmody Psalm 45. 1-7

- My heart is inditing of a good matter:I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
- 2 My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.
- Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, beacause God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.
- Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.
- 7 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the begining is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Please sit

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 1. 4-14

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. In the middle of the living creatures there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright, and lightning issued from the fire. The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

Please stand.

Office Hymn

- 1 Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
 Ye sons and daughters of the King,
 Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
 To-day the grave hath lost its sting.
 Alleluya!
- Blessèd are they that have not seen, And yet whose faith hath constant been, In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluya!

And we with Holy Church unite, As evermore is just and right, In glory to the King of Light. Alleluya!

O filii et filiae Jean Tisserand (died 1494) translated by John M Neale (1818–1866)

Please remain standing.

Magnificat Short Service Weelkes

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 showed 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.

Please sit.

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 4. 1-11

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encour age, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis Short Service Weelkes

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.

The Apostles' Creed

All 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.

The Responses Tomkins

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness. And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who enlightended your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the trust of the gospel, may be faithful to it teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

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.

Anthem Dum transisset Sabbatum Tallis

Dum transisset Sabbatum, Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia.

Et valde mane una sabbatorum veniunt ad monumentum orto iam sole Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. Alleluia.

And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

Mark 16:1-2

Please sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, one of these responses may be used.

Lord, in thy mercy, Lord, hear us.

All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

These prayers may conclude with the Grace.

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

Notices

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

- The strife is o'er, the battle done;now is the Victor's triumph won;O let the song of praise be sung;Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- On the third morn he rose again glorious in majesty to reign;
 O let us swell the joyful strain:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Latin hymn (17th century) translated Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Blessing

