



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

Choral Evensong

The Office of Evening Prayer

Inservi Deo et laetare
Serve God and be joyful!

Welcome to Lichfield Cathedral

Welcome, whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or via Facebook (Monday – Saturday or YouTube (Sunday) at home. It is good that we can come together both virtually and physically to offer our praise and thanksgiving to almighty God.

Safety

Please always follow the directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral and observe social distancing rules. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers. The wearing of face coverings is mandatory at this time in the Cathedral.

Music & Speech

There is no congregational singing allowed at this time and we are also asked to speak softly in church.

Offerings

We have been immensely grateful to members of our worshipping community for their continued generosity throughout the pandemic. Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. For your safety, no physical collection will be taken during the service. For those worshipping in the Cathedral, there are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you are unfamiliar with these devices please do ask a volunteer or verger for assistance. For those worshipping at home, you can text SPIRES to 70191 to give £10, or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate

*We do hope that you can feel as totally included
in this service as is possible,
whether you are worshipping at home or in the Cathedral.*

Stand as the clergy procession enters the Crossing.

Order of Service

*Please join in with whatever is printed in **bold** type.*

The order of service indicates which is the appropriate posture (standing or sitting) but please feel free to stand or sit as you are able.

*On Fridays, Sundays and Festivals the Choir may sing an **INTROIT***

***Remain standing** as the Canon in Residence welcomes the congregation and introduces the worship.*

*The Cantor and Choir sing the **OPENING RESPONSES***

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir 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.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Canon in Residence announces the Psalm

Sit for the PSALMODY

The words of the Psalm maybe found by following this link to the Church of England Website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/book-common-prayer/psalter>

Stand, if you are able, as the choir sings

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 for the OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Stand for the 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.

Luke 1:46-55

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 for the NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon)

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.

Luke 2:29-32

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.

Remain standing to say 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 Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Remain standing

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Sit

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

Choir 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.

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

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

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

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

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

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

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

COLLECT FOR 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.

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.

Remain Seated as the Canon in Residence announces this evening's **ANTHEM**

On Weekdays and Saturdays THE PRAYERS follow

Sit

The prayers conclude:

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.

*On Weekdays the rite concludes at this point, please **Stand** as the Clergy depart.*

On Saturdays remain seated as the following is said as a form of preparation for receiving Holy Communion on Sunday.

A moment of silence is kept after **THE GRACE**

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.
For it is thou Lord only that makest us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, O Lord,
for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.

As the watchmen look for the morning,
so do we look for thee, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day
and make thyself known in th breaking of bread.

The Lord bless us, and keep us;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us
and give us peace, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

On Saturdays the rite concludes at this point please **Stand** *as the Clergy depart.*

On Sundays following the Anthem please **Stand** *to say*

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:
Glorious God, hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory:
Glorious God, hear our prayer.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of his resurrection:
Glorious God, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:
Glorious God, hear our prayer.

That in the undying love of Christ
we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ:
Glorious God, hear our prayer.

Let us commend the world,
in which Christ rose from the dead,
to the mercy and protection of God, as we say together.

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.

Remain standing as THE BLESSING OF GOD is pronounced.

Remain standing as the Clergy depart.

An **ORGAN VOLUNTARY** will be played to conclude the worship.

You are invited to listen to the whole piece that the organist has prepared. If you need to leave, please do so quietly and without embarrassment. Please follow the directions of the stewards who will assist you to leave the Cathedral safely and in a socially distanced way.

A **RETIRING COLLECTION** will be taken by the door. Please give as generously as you are able as you leave the Cathedral. There are donation boxes and also contactless giving points to assist you.

Our worship continues during this coming week with our regular services:

Daily

0800	Morning Prayer	Facebook
1230	The Holy Eucharist	Cathedral/Facebook
1730	Evening Prayer	Cathedral/Facebook

Next Sunday

0800	The Holy Eucharist (Trad. Language)	YouTube
1030	The Holy Eucharist	Cathedral/YouTube
1730	Choral Evensong	Cathedral/YouTube

The Cathedral is now opening its doors daily for private prayer, public worship and to visitors.

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