

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

*If you are able to, **please stand** as the procession enters.*

On Sundays the minister invites the congregation to kneel for
THE GENERAL CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy
ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which
we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which
we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us:
but thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us
miserable offenders;
spare thou them, O God, which confess
their faults,
restore thou them that are penitent,
according to thy promises declared
unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
and grant, O most merciful Father,
for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

The minister pronounces
THE ABSOLUTION

From Monday to Saturday the service
begins here:

Stand as the cantor and choir sing
THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

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.

*On Sundays and Feast Days a **HYMN** is
sung.*

*Sit as the choir sings **THE PSALMODY***

*Texts for the Psalms can be found in The
Book of Common Prayer, available in the
quire stalls. The Psalms of the day are sung
from Monday-Saturday; proper Psalms are
sung on Sundays and Feast Days.*

*At the end of the final Psalm, stand as the
choir sings the Gloria:*

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 as the choir sings the canticle

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.

Luke 1: 46-55

Sit for

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Stand as the choir sings the canticle

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.

Luke 2: 29-32

Remain standing to 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.

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit or kneel.

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

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.
Amen.

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

O Lord, save The King.
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(s) for the Day

The 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.

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.

Sit as the choir sings **THE ANTHEM**

Sit or kneel for

THE INTERCESSIONS

which conclude with the Grace:

**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.**

Saturdays, Sundays and Feast Days

*Stand as a **HYMN** is sung, followed by*
THE BLESSING

The choir and clergy then process to the South Transept – please remain standing as they depart.

Monday to Friday

Stand as the choir and clergy process to the South Transept, where the cantor and choir sing
THE CLOSING RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

or

The Lord give us his peace.
And life eternal. Amen.

or in Eastertide

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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