



Choral Evensong
and the Reading Out of
Elena Smith and Elsa Peel-Cobas

Sunday 6th July 2025
3.45pm

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

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We kindly request that you do not take photographs or make sound recordings during the service, or during the rehearsals beforehand.

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

Most of this service is sung by our choir. Please join in singing or saying the **bold type** as appropriate.

During this service, we give thanks for the work of our musicians, particularly those choristers who have completed their time in the Cathedral Choir. Please remember them in your prayers with thanksgiving for the time, energy and commitment they have given to our cathedral community.

Elena Smith
Elsa Peel-Cobas

A collection will be taken during this service.

Your generosity enables God's praises to continue to be sung, and the cathedral to continue to be a place of peace and sanctuary. Thank you.

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ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE
Preludio 'Sine nomine' *Herbert Howells*

The Order for Evensong

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter St Hugh's Choir.

PRECES

Moore

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.

OFFICE HYMN

O blest Creator of the light,
**who makest day with radiance bright,
and o'er the forming world didst call
the light from chaos first of all.**

Whose wisdom joined in meet array
the morn and eve, and named them day:
night comes with all its darkling fears;
regard thy people's prayers and tears.

**Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
they lose the gift of endless life;
while, thinking but the thoughts of time,
they weave them chains of guilt and crime.**

But grant them grace that they may strain
the heavenly gate and prize to gain:
each harmful lure aside to cast,
and purge away each error past.

**O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
who with the Spirit and with thee
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier tr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: NEH 150, 17th century Angers Church melody

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 65

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:

and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee:

he shall dwell in thy court,

and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains:

and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea:

and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water:

thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness:

and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness:

and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep:

the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,
that they shall laugh and sing.

Stand

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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 29.1–20

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

Gloucester Service *Howells*

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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.

Words: 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

SECOND LESSON

Mark 6.7–29

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Gloucester Service *Howells*

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.

Words: 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.

Please turn to face the High Altar.

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 PRAYERS

Moore

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Kneel

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

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 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 cantor sings the Collect of the Day,

Almighty God,
who hast broken the tyranny of sin
and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts,
whereby we call thee Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service,
that the whole world may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

and 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

ANTHEM

Blest pair of sirens *Parry*

Blest pair of sirens, pledges of heavens joy,
sphere-born harmonious sisters, voice and verse,
wed your divine sounds, and mixed power employ,
dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce,
and to our high-raised phantasy present
that undisturbed song of pure consent,
ay sung before the sapphire-coloured throne
to him that sits thereon,
with saintly shout and solemn jubilee;
where the bright seraphim, in burning row,
their loud, uplifted angel-trumpets blow,
and the cherubic host, in thousand quires,
touch their immortal harps of golden wires,
with those just spirits that wear victorious palms,
hymns devout and holy psalms
singing everlastingly:
that we on earth with undiscording voice
may rightly answer that melodious noise;
as once we did, till disproportioned sin
jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din
broke the fair music that all creatures made
to their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed
in perfect diapason, whilst they stood
in first obedience, and their state of good.
O may we soon again renew that song,
and keep in tune with heaven, till God ere long
to his celestial consort us unite,
to live with him, and sing in endless morn of light.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674)

Sit or Kneel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After the prayers of intercession all say together

**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.**

Stand

HYMN

During this hymn, a collection will be taken.

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Music: NEH 420, William H. Ferguson (1874-1950) descant by Aric Prentice

The Reading Out of Choristers

Those to be read out are presented to the Dean by the Master of the Choristers at the Choir step.

Mr Dean, I present to you Elena and Elsa to receive our thanks for their service in the Choir and God's blessing for their future. They all wish to find ways to maintain their contact with the Cathedral and with the Choir in the years ahead.

Dean On behalf of the Cathedral's Chapter and Senior Leadership Team, and of all who worship here, I thank you very much for the skill and devotion with which you have sung in the Cathedral Choir. Please accept this card to remind you of your service here.

The Dean presents each person with a card commemorating their service and shakes their hands.

The Dean sits and continues

Meanwhile, the Fellowship of Old Choristers exists to bind together in fellowship all who have sung as young people in our Choir. I invite Dr Laurence Oliver to welcome them into that fellowship.

An Old Choristers says

As a representative of the Old Choristers,
I gladly welcome you into our continuing fellowship.

*They present each of the Choristers with the insignia of the Old Choristers.
All stand as the choristers kneel.*

Dean Lord Jesus Christ, you call your disciples to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves, and send them forth like lambs among wolves: grant to these your servants that they may ever treasure in their hearts the innocence of their childhood spent in this place, and that in their future life they may acquire such holy wisdom and godly courage as may fit them for your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Dean Go forth into the world in peace;
 be of good courage;
 hold fast that which is good;
 render to no-one evil for evil;
 strengthen the faint-hearted;
 support the weak;
 help the afflicted;
 honour all people;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers process out of St Hugh's Choir.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Alleluyas Simon Preston

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