



Evensong

with music led by

cantor and organ

Anglican Church of St John the Evangelist
Gordon



Live-streamed
Sunday, 12 July 2020
4.00pm

Evensong

Evensong is the choral Office of Evening Prayer. It has its roots in the Catholic Church's evening offices of Vespers and Compline. It was assembled in its present form by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer about 470 years ago and included the famous pairing of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* canticles that has inspired composers and worshippers alike for so long now. It is based on Biblical texts in Reading, Psalm, Canticle, and responses.

Choral Evensong is regularly sung at St John's Gordon on the second Sunday of the month (from March to November), under normal circumstances. Remaining Evensongs in 2020 will be held on the following days, the choirs and music subject to confirmation:

9 August	The Cathedral Singers
13 September	St John's Evensong Choir
11 October	The Cathedral Singers
8 November (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>)	St John's Evensong Choir



Music today:

Evensong today is sung by a single voice to comply with current social distancing requirements.

Organists & Cantors today:

Organist & Director of Music: Dr Brett McKern

Assistant Director of Music: Ms Nicola Chau

Music at St John's



Officiant today:

Fr Ernest Chau, *Rector Locum Tenens of Gordon*

Order of Service

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

All stand to sing the hymn as the Choir, Sanctuary Party and clergy enter.

Processional Hymn: 336 *Angel-voices ever singing*

(Angel Voices)

1. **Angel voices, ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
Angel harps forever ringing,
rest not day or night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

2. **Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that thou art near us
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.**

3. **For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

4. **In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices
in our choicest
Psalmody.**

**5. Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The congregation remains standing as the Choir sings the opening Responses.

Cantor. ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips. (Plainsong)

Choir. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor. ✠ O God, make speed to save us.

Choir. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor. ✠ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir. 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 Congregation sits. The Psalms of the day are sung.

Psalm 77 (chant by T.S. Dupuis)

1. Lord is King, be the people never so impatient:
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
2. The Lord is great in Sion:
and high above all people.
3. They shall give thanks unto thy Name:
which is great, wonderful, and holy.
4. The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity:
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
5. O magnify the Lord our God:
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
6. Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among such as call upon his Name:
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
7. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar:
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8. Thou heardest them, O Lord our God:
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
9. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill:
for the Lord our God is holy.

The Congregation stands.

- ✠ 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 Congregation sits.

Psalm 100 (chant by E.J. Hopkins)

1. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

The Congregation stands.

- ✠ 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.

All sit.

Old Testament Lesson: Hosea:11:1-9.

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the eleventh chapter of the book of Hosea.

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. He shall not return into the land of Egypt, and the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his

branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels. And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

The Lector concludes: Here endeth the First Lesson.

All stand and sing the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn: 358ii *Father of Heaven*

(Rievaulx)

**1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.**

**2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.**

**3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.**

**4. Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend. Amen.**

Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

The congregation remains standing for the Magnificat during which the altar is censed.

Magnificat.

St. Luke I.

✠ 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.

All sit.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:end.

The Lector saith: Here beginneth the twenty-seventh verse of the twelfth chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but

when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Lector concludes: Here endeth the Second Lesson.

All stand.

(McKern Gordon Service)

Nunc dimittis.

St. Luke ii. 29.

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.

Remain standing.

Dr Brett McKern (b.1972) is an award-winning composer particularly of organ and church music. His compositions have been performed in six countries and broadcast on radio in three states of Australia. He is also sought after as a teacher, examiner, and adjudicator of musical composition and music theory. Brett is Organist & Director of Music here at St John's. This composition was written especially for the St John's Evensong Choir, and is sung in an arrangement for cantor and organ today. It is a tuneful setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, the composer's thirteenth through-composed setting of these texts. Other works by the composer can be seen at the Australian Music Centre (www.australianmusiccentre.com.au) or with the publisher Wirripang (www.australiancomposers.com.au).

Remain standing. Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, facing east.

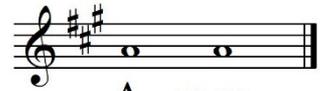


Cantor. I believe in God

All. **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.



A - men.

And after that, all face as before, and these Prayers follow.

Cantor. The Lord be with you.

(Plainsong)

Choir. And with thy spirit.

Cantor. Let us pray.

All kneel.

Cantor. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir. Christ, have mercy upon us.

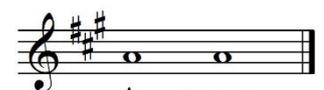
Cantor. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all intone the Lord's Prayer.



Cantor. Our Father

All. **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.**



A - men.

The Prayers continue.

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.

Then shall follow the Collects; the first of the day; the second for Peace; and the third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth:



Leader. Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Choir. Amen.

Leader. 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.

Choir. Amen.

Leader. 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.

Choir. Amen.

The final Responses are then sung.

(Plainsong)

Cantor. The Lord be with you.

Choir. And with thy spirit.

Cantor. The Lord give us his peace:

Choir. And life eternal. Amen.

Priest. ✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace.

All. **Amen.**

The Congregation sits.

In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the Anthem.

Anthem: *The Heavens Declare the Creator's Glory* (Beethoven)

The heavens declare the Creator's glory,
Their sound forth tells His wondrous Name.
The earth doth praise Him, the oceans proclaim Him;
Receive, O man, their God-like word!
Who holds the numberless stars in the heavens?
Who leadeth forth the flaming sun?
He comes resplendent, rejoicing afar off,
With joy a hero's course to run.

*Text: 'Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur'
by Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-69)*

The Heavens Declare the Creator's Glory is the fourth of six lieder on texts by Gellert set by Beethoven in 1801-2 (Op.48). The translator is unknown. Gellert's theological study was cut short by his parents' poverty, and poor health and shyness prevented his ordination. He later studied again and became a professor of philosophy at the University of Leipzig. **Ludwig van Beethoven** (1770-1927) celebrates his 250th anniversary in 2020. One of the most famous composers of the late Classical/early Romantic time, he is most famous for his piano music and symphonies. His deafness (almost completely from 1814) is legendary, and while he stopped appearing in public, he continued to compose, many master works stemming from these later years, including the famous ninth symphony, the late string quartets, and his Missa Solemnis.

Priest. Let us pray.

All kneel as the Occasional Prayers are offered for the world, the Church, St John's, and all in need.

The prayers conclude:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

Priest. Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All. Amen.

2 Corinthians xiii.

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

All. Amen.

All stand for the singing of the hymn.

Hymn: 474 *Who is this so weak and helpless*

(Ebenezer [Ton-Y-Botel])

**1. Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is God from everlasting,
And to everlasting God.**

**2. Who is this – a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Saviour,
Who above the starry sky
Now for us a place prepareth
Where no tear can dim the eye.**

3. **Who is this – behold him raining
Drops of blood upon the ground?
Who is this – despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, who gifts and graces
On his Church now poureth down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All his foes beneath his throne.**

4. **Who is this that hangeith dying,
With the thieves on either side?
Nails his hands and feet are tearing,
And the spear hath pierced his side.
'Tis the God who ever liveth
'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city
Reigning everlastingly.**

W. Walsham How (1823-97)

All sit for the preaching of the Sermon.

The Sermon: Rev'd Fr Ernest Chau, *Rector Locum Tenens of Gordon*

*All stand for the singing of this hymn. Normally a **collection** would be taken during this hymn. Your offering for the work and ministry of the parish can be made as per the instructions on **page 14**. Thank you.*

Collection Hymn: 248ii *O Strength and Stay* (Strength and Stay)

1. **O Strength and Stay upholding all creation,
Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide;
Yet day by day the light in due gradation
From hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

2. **Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of decay,
The brightness of a holy death-bed blending
With dawning glories of eternal day.**

**3. Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
Who, with the Holy Ghost, by all things living
Now and to endless ages art adored. Amen.**

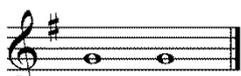
Latin, St Ambrose (340-397)
Trans. John Ellerton (1826-93)
and F.J.A. Hort (1828-92)

All remain standing as the Priest pronounces the Blessing.

✠ The Blessing

 The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All


A-men.

All stand as the choir and clergy recess.

Organ Postlude

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The St John's Music Association Inc. was formed in 2009 to support, conduct and promote the performance of quality music at the Anglican Church of St John the Evangelist Gordon, in the Anglican Church in Australia and in the Sydney region through Anglican liturgical music, concerts and recitals, providing scholarships for organists and singers, maintaining and enhancing the organ of St John's, and providing musical scores and robes for use at St John's.

In 2011 the St John's Music Association was accepted on to the Register of Cultural Organisations. Donations of \$2 and over to the St John's Music Association Public Fund are tax deductible.

Please see Don Yorath (Association Public Officer) or Dr Brett McKern (Director of Music) for further information.

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