

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CARSHALTON



HARVEST FESTIVAL
3RD OCTOBER, 2021

CHORAL EVENSONG

A warm welcome to Choral Evensong at All Saints' Carshalton, whether you're here in person or worshipping online. There has been a church on this site since before the Norman Conquest and worship has been offered to God here for well over a thousand years. This service today is part of that long tradition; our prayers tonight are joined with those which have been offered on this patch of holy ground since Saxon times.

This service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (1662); it is sung jointly by the clergy and choir and offered to God on behalf of the whole congregation. Choral Evensong is not a concert, but an opportunity to quietly offer our own worship through the music offered to God on our behalf by the organist and choristers. Evensong developed at the English Reformation from the monastic offices of Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Night Prayer); in a sense, the clergy and choir in singing Choral Evensong, are the inheritors of the tradition of monastic communities singing their daily offices seven times each day (in addition to the daily Mass). Choral Evensong is sung daily in most Cathedrals and many Major Churches; it is a wonderful repository of mainly English choral music.

Music tonight:

Organ Prelude : *Andante Tranquillo* from Five Short Pieces *Percy Whitlock*

Responses : *Richard Ayleward*

Psalms : 125 *Thomas Kempton*; 126 *George Garrett*

Office Hymn : Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise

Canticles : *C V Stanford*, Evening Service in C

Anthem : *S S Wesley* Thou wilt keep him

Voluntary : *King's Lynn*, from *Six Hymn Preludes*, *Percy Whitlock*

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Please STAND for the entry of the choir and clergy. After a few words of welcome, the minister introduces the General Confession:

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

The general Confession is said by the whole Congregation, all kneeling.

**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 Absolution or Remission of sins is pronounced by the priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: ✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then the minister and People shall say 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

Please STAND

THE OFFICE

The Minister and choir sing the Preces and Responses:

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show 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.

Please SIT as the choir sings Psalms 125 & 126, but STAND for the final Gloria Patri:

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount
Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.
The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord
round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the
righteous: lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.
Do well, O Lord: unto those that are good and true of heart.
As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness: the Lord
shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be
upon Israel.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were
we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with
joy.

Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 First Lesson, from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

STAND to sing the Office Hymn:

**Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

**Grant us thy peace, Lord, through coming night;
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;
Peace to thy Church from error and from strife;
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:**

**Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

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Remain STANDING as the choir sings Magnificat, the Song of Mary (Luke 1.46):

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.
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 Second Lesson, from the New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9

STAND as the Choir sings Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29):

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.

Please TURN to face the High Altar to recite 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.**

The Minister and choir sing the Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Suffrages and Responses:

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Please 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, show 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, O God.

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

The Minister intones the Collects:

THE COLLECT FOR HARVEST

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord, your Son, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE:

Almighty 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 that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

THE GRACE

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.

Please sit for the choir anthem:

*Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very
plenteous. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy
clouds drop fatness.*

*Text: Psalm 65 vv 9 & 12
Music: Maurice Greene, 1696-1755*

The Prayers of Intercession follow.

Any notices follow at this point.

The Minister and Choir sing the Dismissal:

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary follows, during which the Choir and Clergy depart.

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