



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

The Order of Evensong

Welcome to the Chapel for this service.

Please stand when the Choir and Clergy enter the Chapel. Rubrics asking you to stand are only for those who are able to.

SATURDAY SERVICES BEGIN HERE

The Minister offers a welcome, then reads the Invitation to Confession.

Dearly beloved ...

...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:

Please kneel or sit to say the 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 gives the Absolution.

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.

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.

Evensong continues in the right-hand column with the Responses; please stand.

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES BEGIN HERE

The Choir may sing an Introit.

On Sundays we sing a hymn, using the green hymn book.

The Minister/Cantor and the Choir sing the first set of Responses.

Minister/Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Minister/Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir 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.
Minister/Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

The Choir sings the Psalm(s) set for the day.

Please sit for the First Lesson, read from the Old Testament.

Please stand as the Choir sings the Magnificat, the Song of Mary. This may be sung in Latin. On feast days the Choir may sing an antiphon at the beginning and end.

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.

Please sit for the Second Lesson, read from the New Testament.

Please stand as the Choir sings 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.

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 turn to face east, to say the 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 second set of Responses.

Minister/Cantor The Lord be with you.
Response And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel.

Minister/Cantor Let us pray.
Minister/Cantor Lord have mercy upon us.
Choir Christ have mercy upon us.
Minister/Cantor 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.

Minister/Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Minister/Cantor O Lord, save the King.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister/Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister/Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Minister/Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Minister/Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

The Minister/Cantor sings three Collects: the Collect of the Day, followed by the Collect for Peace and the Collect for Aid against all Perils.

Minister/Cantor 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.

Minister/Cantor 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.

Please sit as the Choir sings the Anthem.

On Sundays there is usually a Sermon. We stand for the Preacher's opening prayer, then sit.

On weekdays the Minister offers the Prayers, for which please sit or kneel.

We stand to sing a hymn (except on Wednesday evenings).

On Sundays the Dean or Chaplain reads the College Prayer and gives the Blessing.

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy leave the Chapel. There will usually be a retiring collection to support the work of selected charities.