



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

SOLEMN EVENSONG

ON

PALM SUNDAY

**Sunday 29th March 2026
at 4.00pm**

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong. Welcome if you are a regular worshipper and know the Minster well, and welcome if you are experiencing this building and this form of worship for the first time today.

Today's service will be live-streamed from the Minster. In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, spoken and sung, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.



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- ◆ Please join in saying together the words printed in **bold** type and in singing the hymn.
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Order of Service

A bell is rung and prayers are sung.

Introit

Hear my prayer, O Lord ♦
and let my crying come unto thee.

Words PSALM 102.1 ♦ *Music* Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Stand when the choir enters the Quire.

Preces

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall shew 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.

Music Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (*b* 1971)

Sit for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria.

Psalmody

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep ♦
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses ♦
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God ♦
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts ♦
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears ♦
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours ♦
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, thou God of hosts ♦
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt ♦
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
Thou madest room for it ♦
and when it had taken root it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it ♦
and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
She stretched out her branches unto the sea ♦
and her boughs unto the river.
Why hast thou then broken down her hedge ♦
that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up ♦
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven ♦
behold, and visit this vine;
And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted ♦
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
It is burnt with fire, and cut down ♦
and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand ♦
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
And so will not we go back from thee ♦
O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts ♦
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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.

PSALM 80

First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ZECHARIAH 9.9–12

Stand.

Magnificat

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.

Words LUKE I. 46–55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN A FLAT, Edmund Rubbra (1901–1986)

Sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money:

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 16.19–31

Stand.

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.

Words LUKE 2. 29–32

Music EVENING SERVICE IN A FLAT, Edmund Rubbra

Remain standing and turn to face east.

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 Lesser Litany and Responses

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Kneel or sit.

Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.

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.

The Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Music Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Sit.

Anthem

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; save us and help us we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words from the Liturgy of Good Friday

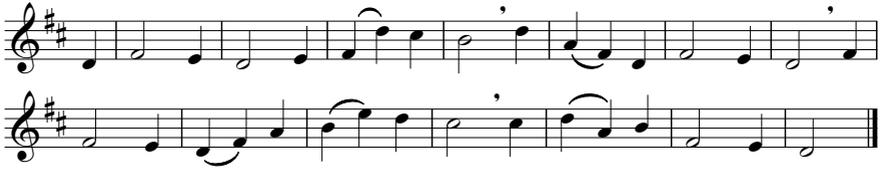
Music Sir Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825–1889)

Sermon

The Very Reverend Dominic Barrington, Dean

Stand.

Hymn



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| 1. O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb! | 3. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee. |
| 2. Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast. | 4. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb. |

Words NEH 414, William Cowper (1731–1800)
Tune STRACATHRO, NEH 416ii, Charles Hutcheson (1792–1860)
in *Christian Vespers* (1832)

Remain standing.

The Blessing

Remain as quiet as possible as the choir processes out and sings the final prayer; this is followed by the organ voluntary which concludes the service.

Voluntary

Andante in G

Charles Macpherson (1870–1927)

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