



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

SOLEMN EVENSONG

ON

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday 1st November 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.

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

O nata lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light, Jesu Redeemer of the world:
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises of those who kneel before you.
You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost:
make us members of your blessed body.*

Words Tenth-century Latin

Music Philip Moore (b 1943) Master of the Music, York Minster, 1983–2008

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;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Music Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

Sit for the singing of the psalms but stand for the final Gloria.

Psalmody

O praise the Lord of heaven ♦
praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his ♦
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon ♦
praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens ♦
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord ♦ for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever ♦
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth ♦
ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours ♦
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills ♦
fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle ♦
worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people ♦
princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord
♦ for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shalt exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him ♦
even the children of Israel, even the people the serveth 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.

PSALM 148

O praise God in his holiness ♦
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts ♦
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet ♦
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances ♦
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals ♦
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath ♦
praise the Lord.
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.

PSALM 150

Sit.

First Lesson

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

The Lord said: ‘For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 65.17–25

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 G, Francis Alan Jackson (1917–2022)
Master of the Music, York Minster, 1946–1982

Sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews.

What more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

HEBREWS II.32– 12.2

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 G, Francis Alan Jackson

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

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; 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 Thomas Tomkins

Sit.

Anthem

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the saints rejoice with Christ; clothed with white robes they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.

Words after REVELATION 14.4

Music Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

Sermon

The Very Reverend Dominic Barrington, Dean

Stand.

Hymn



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| 1. God, whose city's sure foundation
stands upon his holy hill,
by his mighty inspiration
chose of old and chooseth still
men and women from each nation
his good pleasure to fulfil. | 3. Some there were like lamps of learning
shining in a faithless night,
some on fire with love, and burning
with a flaming zeal for right,
some by simple goodness turning
souls from darkness unto light. |
| 2. Here before us through the ages,
while the Christian years went by,
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
strong to live and strong to die,
wrote their names upon the pages
of God's blessed company. | 4. As we now with high thanksgiving
their triumphant names record,
grant that we, like them, believing
in the promise of thy word,
may, like them, in all good living
praise and magnify the Lord! |

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Purcell's *O God, Thou art my God* for BELVILLE in *The Psalmist* (1843)

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

Prelude and Fugue on BACH

Franz Liszt (1811–1886)

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