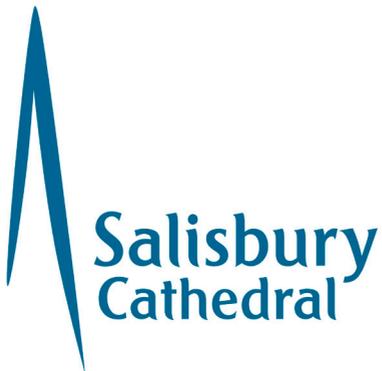




Choral Evensong



Order of Service

Please stand as the choir and clergy move in procession to the Quire and Spire Crossing. The service begins with the Versicles and Responses on page 3, except on Saturdays and Sundays during Advent and Lent.

When Evening Prayer is said, the congregation also joins in the responses assigned to the choir, and in the psalms and canticles as indicated by the Officiant.

Penitential Introduction

On Saturdays and Sundays during the seasons of Advent and Lent, the Priest reads an opening sentence and an invitation to confession. The congregation sits or kneels for the General Confession.

Priest
All

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, who 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 Priest gives the absolution:

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The congregation stands.

Versicles and Responses

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.

Please sit as the choir sings the Psalm, which can be found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer.

At the end of the psalm, please stand for the Gloria:

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.

Old Testament Reading

Office Hymn

On the Eves of Festivals, please remain seated while the choir sings an Office hymn.

Please stand as the *Magnificat* (the Song of Mary) is sung by the choir.

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.

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

***Please stand** as the Nunc Dimittis (the Song of Simeon) is sung by the choir.*

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.

***Please remain standing** as all turn to face East.*

The Apostles' Creed

Cantor

All

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.

Versicles and Responses

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Please kneel or sit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir 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.

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Collect for Peace

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.

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.

Please sit.

Anthem

Sermon

On Sundays, a sermon may be preached.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers, which end with
the Grace:

All

**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.**

*On Saturdays and Sundays, **please stand** for the Blessing, which
concludes Evensong on these days. On Sundays, the final Amen is
sung by the choir.*

Please stand, or remain standing, as the choir and clergy
leave and sit for the organ voluntary which is the conclusion of the
service.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards at all times.

On Saturdays and Sundays, there will be a retiring collection at the North Porch. Please give as generously as you are able, either in cash or at the contactless donation point, as you leave.

Please keep this booklet and bring it back with you for further use, or take it away and dispose of it yourself.