

# THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CARSHALTON



## CHORAL EVENSONG

HARVEST FESTIVAL  
2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022

A warm welcome to Choral Evensong tonight, whether you're here in person or worshipping online. There has been a church on this site since before Saxon times and worship has been offered to God here since then; from the mid 11<sup>th</sup> century until the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, this parish was held by the Augustinian Canons of Merton Priory and the clergy here kept the monastic Offices. The 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 across the millenia.

This service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer (1662), 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. 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. Choral Evensong is sung daily in most Cathedrals and many Major Churches; it is a wonderful repository of mainly English choral music.

### **Music tonight:**

Responses : Herbert Sumsion

Psalm : 142 (*Charles Hylton Stewart*)

Office Hymn : The day thou gavest (*St Clement*)

Canticles : Evening Service in D (*Ernest Moeran*)

Anthem : Behold the tabernacle of God (*William Harris*)

*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 is prayed for by the minister, 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.**

# THE OFFICE

*Please STAND. 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 Psalm 142, but STAND for the final Gloria Patri:*

I cried unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord  
did I make my supplication.

I poured out my complaints before him : and shewed him of  
my trouble.

When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path : in  
the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for  
me.

I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man  
that would know me.

I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.

I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my  
portion in the land of the living.

Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.

O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for  
me.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy  
Name : which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the  
righteous resort unto my company.

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.

*Chants: Charles Hylton Stewart*

*SIT for the First Lesson, from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

*STAND to sing the Office Hymn:*

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;  
The darkness falls at Thy behest;  
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.**

*Tune: St Clement  
Words: JJohn Ellerton 1826-93*

*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: Luke 12:16-30*

*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 KNEEL or SIT*

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 King;  
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 and Choir intone the Collects:*

### *THE COLLECT FOR HARVEST*

Gracious God, by your word you called creation into being, and saw that it was good: amid the noise and hurry of this earthly city help us to recognise your presence: grant us peace, that we may know your saving love in our streets, in our workplaces, and in our homes, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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:*

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit God dwelleth within you. For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

Words: Sarum Antiphon for the dedication of a church  
Music: William Harris

*The Prayers of Intercession follow.*

*Any notices follow at this point.*

*Please STAND as 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.*

*Please do give to the work of the Church here using one of the boxes or contactless devises by the doors.*

*Please take this order of service away with you.*

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