

Choral Evensong Seventh Sunday after Trinity

3 August 2025

6.00pm



Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to take part as they feel called.
Evensong, which combines the ancient monastic services
of Vespers and Compline (evening and night prayer), and has been sung
in Cathedrals and Parish Churches all over the country since the sixteenth century.



Organ: Plainte (from Suite Brève) – Jean Langlais (1907-91)

Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great, among the Gentiles; and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

Words: Malachi 11.1

Music: Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-89)

Priest: Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

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, 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.**

Priest: 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 preces and responses are sung to a setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew 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.

Office hymn:

O strength and stay upholding all creation,

Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,

Yet day by day the light in due gradation

From hour to hour through all its changes guide;

Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,

An eve untouched by shadows of decay,

The brightness of a holy death-bed blending

With dawning glories of th'eternal day.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,

Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,

Who with the Holy Ghost by all things living

Now and to endless ages art adored.

*Words: Latin, St Ambrose (340-297) translated John Ellerton (1826-93)
and Fenton Anthony Hort (1828-92)*

Music: 'Strength and Stay' John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 107.1-9:

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious * and his mercy endureth
for ever.

2. Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed * and delivered
from the hand of the enemy;

3. And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west *
from the north and from the south.

4. They went astray in the wilderness out of the way * and found no city to
dwell in;

5. Hungry and thirsty * their soul fainted in them.
6. So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble * and he delivered them from their distress.
7. He led them forth by the right way * that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
8. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
9. For he satisfieth the empty soul * and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

[we stand for the Gloria Patri]

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

Old Testament Reading (Genesis 50.4-end)

The choir sings the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)

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 showed 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.

[we stand for the Gloria Patri]

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.

Music: Fourth Evening Service—Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

New Testament Reading (1 Corinthians 14.1-19)

The choir sings Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)

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.

[we stand for the Gloria Patri]

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.

Music: Fourth Evening Service—Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

Please remain standing to say 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.**

Cantor The Lord be with you

Choir And with thy spirit

Cantor Let us pray.

[please 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.
 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 thou, O God.
 O God, make clean our hearts within us.
 And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day:

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second 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 Third 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 choir sings the Anthem:

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks * so longeth my soul after thee,
 O God.
 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God * when shall I come
 to appear before the presence of God?
 My tears have been my meat day and night * while they daily say unto me,
 Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42.1-3 Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sermon— Mthr Jennifer Brady

Please kneel for the prayers:

The Grace: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand to sing the hymn during which a collection is taken:

**On this day, the first of days,
God the Father's name we praise,
Who, creation's Lord and spring,
Did the world from darkness bring.**

**On this day his only Son
Over death the triumph won;
On this day the Spirit came
With his gifts of living flame.**

**On this day his people raise
One pure sacrifice of praise,
And, with all the saints above,
Tell of Christ's redeeming love.**

**Praise, O God, to thee be given,
Praise on earth and praise in heaven,
Praise to thy eternal Son,
Who this day our victory won.**

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)

*Music: 'Monkland' Adapted by John Antes (1740-1811) from a melody by
Johann Annstasius Freylinghausen (1670-1739)*

The Blessing:

... and the ✠blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ: Trumpet Tune and Air - Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

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