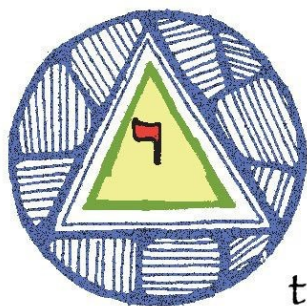


## Choral Evensong

### Third Sunday after Trinity

6 July 2025

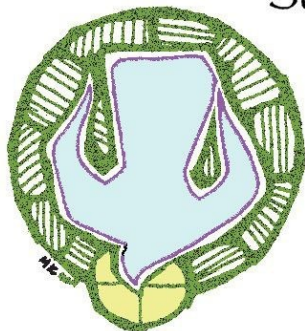
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Glory  
to the Father



the  
Son



and  
the Holy Spirit

*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: Elegy – John Ireland (1879-1962)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:*  
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding,  
that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we  
may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

*Words: from the Latin ‘Domine, Spiritum Sanctum Tuum in Cordibus Nostris’*  
*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-85)*

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 Richard Ayleward (1626-69)*

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 blest Creator of the light,  
Who makest day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all;**

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them Day;  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:**

**Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave them chains of guilt and crime.**

**But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,  
Who with the Spirit and with thee  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier translated Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Music: 'Deus Tuorum Militum' Grenoble church melody  
harmonised Michael Fleming (1928-2006)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 65*

1. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion \* and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2. Thou that hearest the prayer \* unto thee shall all flesh come.
3. My misdeeds prevail against me \* O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4. Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee \* he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5. Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation \* thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains \* and is girded about with power.
7. Who stilleth the raging of the sea \* and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens \* thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it \* thou makest it very plenteous.
10. The river of God is full of water \* thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof \* thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness \* and thy clouds drop fatness.
13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness \* and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14. The folds shall be full of sheep \* the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

*[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 29.1-10)**

*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: Evening Service in D major – Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)*

### **New Testament Reading (Mark 6.7-29)**

*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: Evening Service in D major – Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)*

*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:*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; 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:*

Thee, Lord before the close of day, Maker of all things,  
Thee we pray for Thy dear loving kindness' sake  
To guard and guide us in Thy way.

Banish the dreams that terrify, and nights' fantastic company:  
Keep us from Satan's tyranny: Defend us from unchastity.

Protect us, Father, God adored, Thou too, coequal Son and Lord,  
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate, Whose reign can know nor bound nor date. Amen

*Words: Latin before 11th century*

*Music: Henry Balfour-Gardiner (1877-1950)*

*Sermon— Fr Bill Addy*

*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:*

**Most ancient of all mysteries,  
Before thy throne we lie;  
Have mercy now, most merciful,  
Most holy Trinity.**

**When heaven and earth were yet unmade,  
When time was yet unknown  
Thou in thy bliss and majesty  
Didst live and love alone.**

**Thou wert not born; there was no fount  
From which thy Being flowed;  
There is no end which thou canst reach;  
But thou art simply God.**

**How wonderful creation is,  
The work which thou didst bless,  
And O, then must thou be like,  
Eternal loveliness!**

**Most ancient of all mysteries,  
Before thy throne we lie;  
Have mercy now, most merciful,  
Most holy Trinity.**

*Words: F. W. Faber (1814-63)*

*Music: 'St Flavian' Day's Psalter (1562) adapted by Richard Redhead (1820-1901)*

*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: Fanfare – Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

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