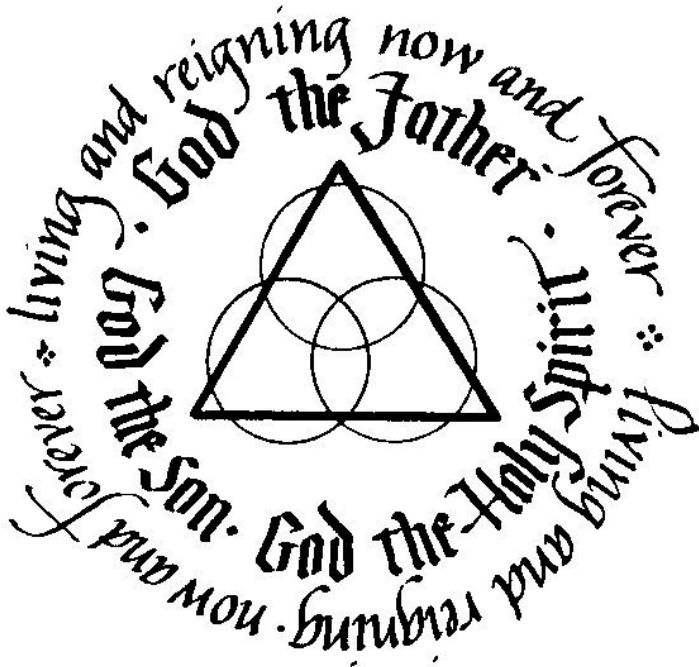


Choral Evensong

First Sunday after Trinity

7 June 2026

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: *Prelude on Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:
Tui sunt coeli, et tua est terra: orbem terrae et plenitudinem ejus tu
fundasti: justitia et judicium praeparatio sedis tuae.*

[Thine are the heavens and thine is the earth, the world and the fullness thereof thou hast founded. Justice and judgement are the preparation of thy throne.]

Words: *Psalm 88.12*

Music: *William Byrd 1540-1623*)

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 William Smith (1603-45)

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:

**Father most holy, merciful and tender;
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning
Spirit all-kindly, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning;**

**Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,
Hope of all things living;**

**Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;
Lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation;
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee
Heart's adoration.**

**To the all-ruling triune God be glory:
Highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour,
We too would praise, giving honour worthy,
Now and for ever. Amen**

Words: Latin c10th century translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: 'Ad Tuum Nomen' Chartres Antiphoner (1784)

Harmony Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 41:

1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy * the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth * and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

3. The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed * make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me * heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
5. Mine enemies speak evil of me * When shall he die, and his name perish?
6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity * and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he cometh forth he telleth it.
7. All mine enemies whisper together against me * even against me do they imagine this evil.
8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him * and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted * who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord * raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11. By this I know thou favourest me * that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me * and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel * world without end. Amen.

[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 (1 Samuel 18.1-16)

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 (Luke 8.41-56)

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 Catholic 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 God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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:

How beauteous are their feet, who stand on Sion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their tongues, and words of peace instil!

How happy are our ears that hear this joyful sound
Which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes that see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare His arm through all the earth abroad.
Let every nation now behold, their Saviour and their God

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Isaiah 52.7-10

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sermon—Fr Yazid Siad

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:

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

**When heav'n 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 what then must Thou be like,
Eternal loveliness!**

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

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-63)

*Music: 'St Flavian' Day's Psalter (1562) adapted for Metzler's Ancient Hymn
Melodies (1859) 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 - John Cook (1918-84)

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