

# Choral Evensong

## Fifth Sunday after Trinity

5 July 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: Aria – Andrew Carter (1939-2026)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:*  
O Lord, grant the king a long life, that his years may endure throughout all generations. He shall dwell before God for ever. O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, That they may preserve him. So shall we always sing and praise thy name. As for his enemies, clothe them all with shame; but upon himself let his crown flourish. Hallelujah.

*Words: from Psalm 61*

*Music: William Child (1606-97)*

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 John Reading (1685-1764)*

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: 'Eisenach' Melody J. H. Schein (1586-1630) Harmonised by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 56:*

1. Be merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me \* he is daily fighting, and troubling me.
2. Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up \* for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.
3. Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid \* yet put I my trust in thee.
4. I will praise God, because of his word \* I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5. They daily mistake my words \* all that they imagine is to do me evil.
6. They hold all together, and keep themselves close \* and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.
7. Shall they escape for their wickedness \* thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.
8. Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle \* are not these things noted in thy book?
9. Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight \* this I know; for God is on my side.
10. In God's word will I rejoice \* in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
11. Yea, in God have I put my trust \* I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
12. Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows \* unto thee will I give thanks.
13. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling \* that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

*[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 (2 Samuel 2.1-11, 31)**

*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 G minor – Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

### **New Testament Reading** (Luke 18.31-19.10)

*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 G minor – Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

*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:*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; 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:*

I was glad when they said unto me \* We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates \* O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem \* they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls \* and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Words: Psalm 122.1-3, 6-7*

*Music: William Boyce (1711-79)*

*Sermon—Fr Philip Anderson*

*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:*

**Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

**Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
For dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;  
Peace to thy Church from error and from strife;  
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above.**

**Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;  
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;  
Then when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)*

*Music: 'Ellers' Edward John Hopkins ((1818-1901)*

*reharmonised by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)*

*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 - Andrew Carter (1939-2026)*

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