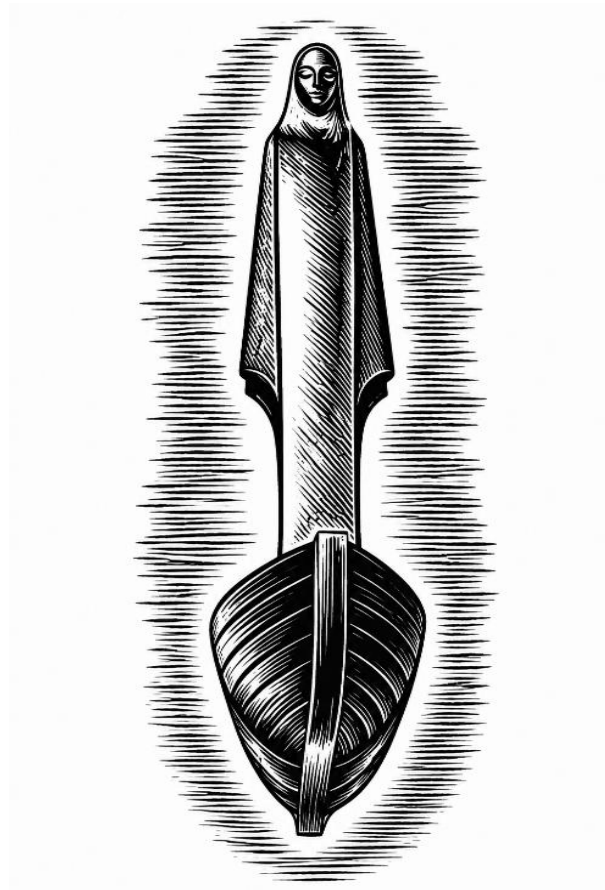


Liverpool Parish Church
Our Lady & St Nicholas
CHORAL EVENSONG

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
4 October 2026



Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to take part as they feel called in the service of Evensong, which combines the ancient monastic services of Vespers and Compline (evening and night prayer).

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Organ: Aria Op.52a – Flor Peeters (1903-86)

Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:

O Lorde, the maker of al thing, we pray Thee nowe in this evening
Us to defende through Thy mercy, from al deceite of our enemy.
Let neither us deluded be, good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy;
Our hearts waking in thee thou keep that we in sinne fal not on slepe.
O Father; through thy blessed Son, grant us this oure petition,
To whom, with the Holy Ghost alwaies, in heaven and yearth be laude and praise.

Words: Attributed to King Henry VIII

Music: William Mundy (c.1529-91)

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.

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 *Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

Priest 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:

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus our Lord.**

**Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**

**Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefilèd tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) based on Greek 4th century or earlier

Music: 'Sebaste' John Stainer (1840-1901)

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 136.1-9:

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :and his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 3 O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 4 Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 6 Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 7 Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth 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

The First Lesson is written in the book of Proverbs (*Proverbs 2.1-11*)

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to

those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

Here ends the First Lesson.

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 'Collegium Regale' – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Second Lesson is written in the First Letter of John: (*1 John 2.1-17*)

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world-the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches-comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

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.

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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.**

Priest The Lord be with you
Choir And with thy spirit
Priest 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.

Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Priest O Lord, save the King
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.
Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day:

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of
the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow
thee the only God; 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:

Sive vigilem, sive dormiam, sive edam aut bibam, semper videor mihi audire sonum tubae et voce angeli clamantis et dicentis: Surgite mortui, et venite ad iudicium. Vigilemus et oremus, quia nescimus diem neque horam quando Dominus veniet.

[Whether I am awake or whether I sleep, whether I eat or drink, I always seem to hear the sound of the trumpet and the voice of the angel calling and saying: Arise, ye dead, and come to judgement. Let us keep watch and pray, for we know not the day or the hour when the Lord will come.]

Words: Anonymous Latin

Music: William Mundy (c.1529-91)

Sermon— Fr Yazid Said

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:

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended;
The 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.**

Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)

Music: 'St Clement' Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

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: Paeon – Peter Hurford (1930-2013)

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