



**St George's Anglican Church, Malvern**

**SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR  
THE FEAST OF  
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**



**August 6, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

*All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.*

*A sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day is read, or an Introit is sung.*

*The Minister then says:*

*Priest:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer:* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Priest:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Answer:* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,*

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.**

*Preces and Responses: Thomas Ebdon (1738–1811)*

*Then shall be sung the Psalms as be appointed, by the choir. The people sit.*

PSALM 89: 5–18

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works:  
and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the  
Lord?

7 And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints: and to be  
had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth, most mighty  
Lord, is on every side.

10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof  
when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it: thou hast scattered  
thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the  
foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the north and the south: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

14 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

*All 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.

*Chant: E. J. Hopkins (1818–1901)*

*Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.*

Here begins the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of the first book of the Kings:

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.'

Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.'

*1 Kings 19: 1-16*

Here ends the first lesson.

*All stand for the Office Hymn:*

1. O vision blest of heavenly light,  
Which meets the three disciples' sight,  
When on the holy mount they see  
Their Lord's transfigured majesty.
2. More bright than day his raiment shone;  
The Father's voice proclaimed the Son  
Belov'd before the worlds were made,  
For us in mortal flesh arrayed.
3. And with him there on either hand  
Lo, Moses and Elijah stand,  
To show how Christ, to those who see,  
Fulfils both law and prophecy.
4. O Light from light, by love inclined,  
Jesu, redeemer of mankind,  
Accept thy people's prayer and praise  
Which on the mount to thee they raise.
5. Be with us, Lord, as we descend  
To walk with thee to journey's end,  
That through thy cross we too may rise,  
And share thy triumph in the skies.
6. To thee, O Father; Christ, to thee,  
Let praise and endless glory be,  
With whom the Spirit we adore,  
One Lord, one God, for evermore.        Amen.

*Words: G. B. Timms (1910–97)*  
*Music: 'St Bartholomew',*  
*Henry Duncalf (c. 1762)*



*And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is sung by the choir in English, as followeth, all still standing.*

*[This Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her response when she learns that she is to become the 'Godbearer' (the 'Theotokos'), the one in and through whom the Son of God first comes to earth. As we repeat her joyful words, we cense the altar, recognising that the Risen Son of God continues to come to and meet with us in the most holy sacrament of the altar at each eucharist. We then cense the clergy and people – as we, now, by the power of the Spirit, become 'Godbearers to the world.]]*

## MAGNIFICAT

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 shewed 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.  
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.

*Setting: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–56)*

*Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.*

Here begins the 20<sup>th</sup> verse of the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel according to John:

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*John 12:20–33*

Here ends the second lesson.

*And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth, all standing.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

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.

*Setting: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–56)*

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.*

**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.**



*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*All kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:*

**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.**

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

○ Lord, save the King.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

○ Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.*

*The Collect for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord:*

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
grant us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may behold him as he is;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

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.**

*In Quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem*

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

Words: H. R. Bramley (1833–1917)  
Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

**Minister:** Let us pray.

**All kneel**

***A Prayer for the King's Majesty.***

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A Prayer for the Royal Family.***

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***A Prayer for the Clergy and People.***

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [*specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese*] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*All stand*

### Hymn

1. Christ, upon the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
With the saints and angels praise him—  
Alleluya!
2. Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting.—  
Alleluya!
3. Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder.—  
Alleluya!
4. This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets fade before him;  
First and last, and only One,  
Let Creation now adore him.  
Alleluya!

*Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)*

*Music: 'Christ ist erstanden', 12<sup>th</sup> century melody,  
Harmony chiefly by G. R. Woodward (1848–1934)*

*The Sermon*      The Very Reverend David Richardson, AO, OBE

*After the Sermon, all stand to sing the following hymn,  
during which the priest receives the offerings of the people and blesses them.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail thy Body glorified,  
And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,  
We see thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since thou bidst us leave the mount  
Come with us to the plain.

Words: J. Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

Music: 'Carlisle',  
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

*Please remain standing as the choir and ministers depart.*

Postlude: *Toccata in G major* – Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

*Please join us for refreshments following the liturgy in the Hall*

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation  
as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present,  
acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country,  
and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*