



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

**SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR  
THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**



**November 5, 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: Plainchant*

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

## PSALM 33

*Exultate, justi*

1. REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous :  
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2. Praise the Lord with harp : sing praises unto him with the lute  
and instrument of ten strings.
3. Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily unto him with  
a good courage.
4. For the word of the Lord is true : and all his works are faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgement : the earth is full of the  
goodness of the Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the  
hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an  
heap : and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8. Let all the earth fear the Lord : stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
9. For he spake, and it was done : he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought :  
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,  
and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11. The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever :  
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12. Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah :  
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
13. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men : from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
14. He fashioneth all the hearts of them : and understandeth all their works.
15. There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host :  
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
16. A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man :  
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him :  
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18. To deliver their soul from death : and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for he is our help  
and our shield.
20. For our heart shall rejoice in him : because we have hoped in his  
holy Name.
21. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put  
our trust in thee.

*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: Gerald Knight (1908–1979)*

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

Here begins the 44<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book Sirach:

Let us now sing the praises of the famous,  
our ancestors in their generations.  
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,  
his majesty from the beginning.  
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,  
and made a name for themselves by their valour;  
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;  
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;  
those who led the people by their counsels  
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;  
they were wise in their words of instruction;  
those who composed musical tunes,  
or put verses in writing;  
rich people endowed with resources,  
living peacefully in their homes—  
all these were honoured in their generations,  
and were the pride of their times.  
Some of them have left behind a name,  
so that others declare their praise.  
But of others there is no memory;  
they have perished as though they had never existed;  
they have become as though they had never been born,  
they and their children after them.  
But these also were godly people,  
whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten;  
their wealth will remain with their descendants,  
and their inheritance with their children's children.

Their descendants stand by the covenants;  
their children also, for their sake.  
Their offspring will continue for ever,  
and their glory will never be blotted out.  
Their bodies are buried in peace,  
but their name lives on generation after generation.  
The assembly declares their wisdom,  
and the congregation proclaims their praise.

*Sirach 44:1–15*

Here ends the first lesson.

*All stand for the Office Hymn:*

- 1 Father, in whom thy saints are one,  
bought by the blood of thy dear Son,  
we praise thee for thy hallowing grace  
in those who now behold thy face.
- 2 For they have gained eternal rest,  
and in the heavenly mansions blest  
they dwell among the angelic throng,  
and hear the one unending song.
- 3 The patriarchs and prophets old  
the heavenly splendour now behold;  
the Baptist, herald of thy Son,  
enjoys the fruit of labour done.
- 4 But first among the saintly band,  
the Mother, at her Son's right hand,  
adores the Saviour's endless love,  
in that eternal home above.
- 5 The twelve now see the Father's face,  
while all who've run their earthly race  
in one glad company rejoice  
to hear the heavenly bridegroom's voice.

- 6 Father of all, to thee we pray,  
keep us for ever in the way  
that leads us to the heavenly rest  
among the glories of the blest.
- 7 To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
all worship, love and honour be,  
both now and in eternity.

Words: freely based on Latin hymns for *All Saints*  
tr G.B. Timms (1910–1945)  
Music: ‘Song 34 (Angels’ Song)’,  
Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

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

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: Carolus Andreas (1632–1704)

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

Here begins the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Revelation to John:

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

‘Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power to our God,

for his judgements are true and just;

he has judged the great whore

who corrupted the earth with her fornication,

and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants.’

Once more they said,

‘Hallelujah!

The smoke goes up from her for ever and ever.’

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down

and worshipped God who is seated on the throne, saying,

‘Amen. Hallelujah!’

And from the throne came a voice saying,

‘Praise our God,

all you his servants,

and all who fear him,

small and great.’

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

‘Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed

with fine linen, bright and pure’—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me,

‘Write this:

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’

And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me,

‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

*Revelation 19:1–10*

Here ends the second lesson.

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

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: Carolus Andreas (1632–1704)*



*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 All Saints:*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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*

*Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,  
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,  
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,  
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.  
Alleluia!*

Words: Salisbury Diurnal  
Tr. G. H. Palmer (1846–1926)  
Music: William H. Harris (1883–1973)

*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.

We also pray thee this night, O Lord, to send thy bountiful blessing on all churches, schools and religious orders dedicated to Michael and all Angels, or who recognise St Michael as their Patron: especially the Sisters of the Church and the Society of the Sacred Mission.

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 Jerusalem the golden,  
    With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath your contemplation  
    Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not,  
    What joys await me there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
    What bliss beyond compare!
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion,  
    All jubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel,  
    And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them,  
    The daylight is serene,  
The pastures of the blessed  
    Are decked in glorious sheen.

- 3    There is the throne of David,  
      And there, from care released,  
      The shout of those who triumph,  
      The song of those who feast;  
      And they, who with their Leader,  
      Have conquered in the fight,  
      Forever and forever  
      Are clad in robes of white.
- 4    O sweet and blessed country,  
      Shall I ever see thy face?  
      O sweet and blessed country,  
      Shall I ever win thy grace?  
      Exult, O dust and ashes!  
      The Lord shall be thy part:  
      His only, his for ever,  
      Thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Words: vv. 1–3 St Bernard of Cluny (12<sup>th</sup> century),  
      Tr. J. M. Neale (1818–66)  
      v. 4 Hymns Ancient & Modern (1861)  
      Music: ‘Ewing’ from St Bede’s,  
      a tune by Alexander Ewing (1853)*

***The Sermon***      The Vicar, The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach

*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 Give us the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.
- 2 Once they were mourning here below,  
their couch was wet with tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.
- 3 We ask them whence their victory came:  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their breast,  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.
- 5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: Song 67, Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625),  
from E Prys's *Llyr y Psalamau* (1621)

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

Postlude: *Placare Christe Servulis* (from *Le Tombeau de Titelouze*, Op.38)

by Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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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.*