

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessèd be God.

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Blessèd be the holy and undivided Trinity.

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Blessèd be God the Father, maker of heaven and earth.

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Blessèd be Jesus Christ, truly divine and truly human.

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Blessèd be the holy Name of Jesus.

Blessèd be the holy Name of Jesus.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

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Blessèd be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his body and blood.

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Blessèd be God the Holy Spirit, the giver and sustainer of life.

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Blessèd be God in the Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God.

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Blessèd be God in the angels and saints.

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PSALM 117

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, **praise him all ye nations.**

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us :

and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

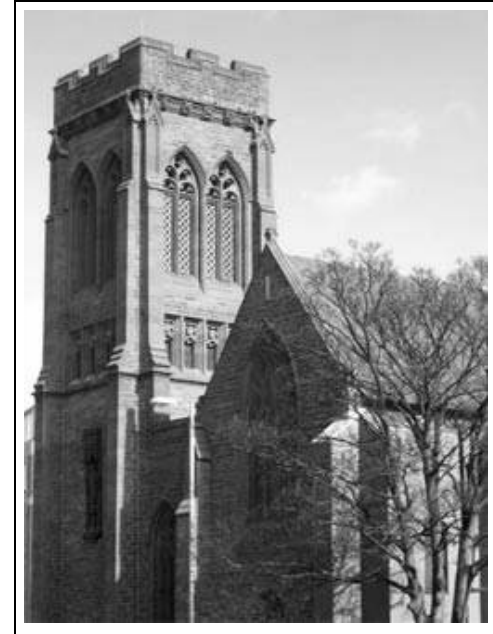
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.

We stand as the choir and clergy leave.

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Evensong & Benediction

ABOUT THE SERVICE

The service of Evening Prayer has its origins in ancient monastic services. It includes psalms, readings from Holy Scripture, songs from the Gospels and prayers. It begins with an act of penitence.

Evening Prayer concludes with devotions before the Blessed Sacrament. The holy bread, in which we believe Jesus is truly present, is placed in a monstrance and hymns of praise are offered together with prayers for the church and the world. The priest then takes the monstrance, and blesses the people. This service, which dates from the late Middle Ages, reminds us of the presence of Jesus in our lives and of the many blessings God showers upon us.

During our worship incense is used. Incense is symbolic of our prayers rising to heaven and is used to honour those things in our Church that matter to us most. During this service both the altar and the Blessed Sacrament are censed.

“Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.” Psalm 141 vs. 2

ADORATION

Prayers are offered ending with the Lord's Prayer:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

While we sing the following hymn, the Blessed Sacrament is again censed:

- 1 Therefore we, before him bending,
 This great sacrament revere:
 Types and shadows have their ending,
 For the newer rite is here;
 Faith, our outward sense befriending,
 Makes the inward vision clear.

- 2 Glory let us give and blessing
 To the Father and the Son,
 Honour, might and praise addressing,
 While eternal ages run;
 Ever too his love confessing,
 Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

BENEDICTION

V. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)
R. Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

The priest takes up the monstrance and makes the sign of the cross over the people.

Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

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.

We sit

THE ANTHEM

We stand

HYMN

(during which an offering is taken and the altar is prepared for Benediction)

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We kneel to sing the following hymn whilst the Blessed Sacrament is censed:

- 1 O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three.
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

We stand as the choir and clergy enter.

OPENING SENTENCE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

We kneel

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSES

V. O Lord, open thou our lips;
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us;
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

We stand

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord:
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

We sit

THE PSALMS

(To be found at the back of the Scottish Prayer Bbook)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

We stand

OFFICE HYMN

THE MAGNIFICAT

(During which the altar is censed)

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 2 For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
 3 For behold, from henceforth :
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the
 imagination of their hearts.
 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and
 meek.
 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 9 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.

We sit

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

We stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
 2 For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
 3 Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
 4 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.

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.

SUNG RESPONSES

V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
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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.

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