

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

Welcome

We are glad you joined us this evening. The service of Evensong has its roots in the daily prayers of monastic communities. The first Book of Common Prayer from 1549 combined the daily office services of Vespers and Compline to create Evening Prayer. As the choral tradition absorbed the service, it became known as Evensong (as in Evening prayer Sung). You are invited to join us for a brief reception following the service.

Prelude Recital:

Ben Outen

Director of Music and Organist,
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Choral No. 3 in A minor César Franck (1822-1890)

Allegretto from *Five Short Pieces* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
arr. Robert Gower

Procession *(All stand for procession)*

The Opening Sentences

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The Invitatory and Psalter Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips,
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant O God, make speed to save us,
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn 34: *Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation*

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Chant by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul, *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the
presence of them that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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.

The First Lesson

1 John 3: 16–24

Magnificat: Evening Service in G

Chalres Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

The Second Lesson

John 10: 11–18

Nunc dimittis: Evening Service in G

Chalres Villiers Stanford

The Apostles' Creed *(All stand)*

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The Prayers

Lesser Litany And Suffrages

Humphrey Clucas

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

(All sit or kneel)

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

ALL Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State:

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness:

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people:

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord:

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for

us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us:

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The Anthem: *Faithful Shepherd*

Grayson Ives (b. 1948)

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast and guide me in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure, every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Poem by Thomas Benson Pollock (1836–1896)

General Thanksgiving *(spoken by all)*

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Sentence

The Office Hymn 645: *The King of love my shepherd is*

Postlude: Fantasy on St. Columba

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

(all are invited to sit for the Postlude or leave quietly)

You are invited to join us for a brief reception following the service.

Ben Outen is Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church in Charlotte, NC where he works with professional and volunteer choirs and leads a growing children's choir program. He also began a Community Partners Concert Series in Charlotte which hosts local and internationally known ensembles.

Ben graduated from Yale and Furman Universities with degrees in organ performance and music theory. He relocated to North Carolina soon after.

For 25 years Ben was the Director of Music and Organist at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. During that time Ben founded The Choir School, a regional music education program and was instrumental in the procurement of St. Peter's Fisk Opus 136 organ.

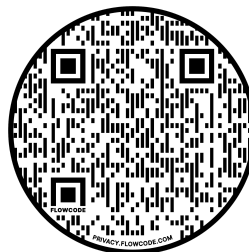
Ben has worked with many composers, including Dan Locklair, Gerald Near, Michael Sitton, Bruce Neswick, Rachelle Laurin and Grayson Ives, to commission anthems and extended works for choir and instruments.

He has toured England, France and the U.S. extensively as an organist and with his choirs and served on the Board of Directors of the Royal School of Church Music in America.

We were honored to host Ben and his Treble Choir this past February for the Three Choir Festival of which he is a founding member. Welcome back Ben!

Anthem Dedication

The anthem is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the service of Cornelia Hickman to the St. John's Cathedral Choir.



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