

# Westminster School Choral Evensong



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*Icon of Divine Wisdom*

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Canticles*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand. The Choir sing* AN INTROIT.

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the lamb.

*William Comper (1731-1800)*  
*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*The Chaplain says* THE INTRODUCTION.

*All say together* A GENERAL CONFESSION.

**O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Chaplain says* THE ABSOLUTION.

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.**

*All remain standing. The Choir sings* THE RESPONSES.

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
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.

*All sit. The Choir sings* PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and  
earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee  
will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy  
right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by  
night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that  
shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this  
time forth for evermore.

*All stand for the final, 'Glory be to the Father...'*

*All sit for the* THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2.2-5

*All stand. The Choir sings* 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.

*All sit for* THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Luke 19.41-44

*All stand. The Choir sings* 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.

*All face east and say together* 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.**

*The Choir sings the* VERSICLES AND RESPONSES.

The Lord be with you;  
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray

*All sit or kneel.*

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Choir sings* THE COLLECTS.

*All sit. The Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford, gives the* HOMILY.

*The Choir sings* THE ANTHEM.

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;  
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.  
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,  
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.  
Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes,  
peace be to thee, I'll say;  
and for the house of God our Lord  
I'll seek thy good alway.

*(Scottish Psalter, 1650)*  
*C.V.Stanford (1852-1924)*

*All kneel or remain seated for* THE INTERCESSIONS *which may end:*

**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.**

*All stand. The Chaplain says* A BLESSING.

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church,  
the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind peace and  
concord, and to us sinners, life everlasting; and the blessing of  
God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Choir and Chaplain depart.*