

Choral Evensong & Benediction

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
October 4, 2026 4 p.m.



Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.

THE VOLUNTARY

Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

Please remain seated as the Choir sings.

THE INTROIT

We shall walk through the valley

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
we shall walk through the valley in peace.
There will be no trials there;
there will be no trials there.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

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.
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.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

THE OFFICE HYMN • 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement

Please be seated.

Exaltabo te, Deus

Setting: Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733–1796)

I will magnify thee, O God, my King; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee; and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness. One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works; So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; and men shall sing of thy righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful; long-suffering, and of great goodness. The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works. All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee. They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but scattereth abroad all the ungodly. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE FIRST READING

2 Kings 20:1–21

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not recover.’” Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in thy sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. And I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.” And Isaiah said, “Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover.”

And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord on the third day?” And Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he has promised: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?” And Hezekiah answered, “It

is an easy thing for the shadow to lengthen ten steps; rather let the shadow go back ten steps.” And Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord; and he brought the shadow back ten steps, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz.

At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah welcomed them, and he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his armory, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say? And whence did they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come from a far country, from Babylon.” He said, “What have they seen in your house?” And Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them.”

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the Lord: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the Lord. And some of your own sons, who are born to you, shall be taken away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.” Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, “The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?”

The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? And Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Here endeth the Reading.

Please stand as able.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. 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 showed 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.

Please be seated.

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus; and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him.” For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, for the sake of Herodi-as, his brother Philip’s wife; because John said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodi-as danced before the company, and pleased Herod, so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” And the king was sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given; he sent and had John beheaded in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came and took the body and buried it; and they went and told Jesus.

Here endeth the Reading.

Please stand, as able.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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.

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.**

Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS & RESPONSES

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir Lord have mercy upon us.
 Christ have mercy upon us.
 Lord have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings

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. Amen.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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 Celebrant sings the Collects, to which the Choir responds
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM

Rejoice in the lamb

Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;
Give the glory to the Lord,
And the Lamb.
Nations, and languages,
And every Creature
In which is the breath of Life.
Let man and beast appear before him,
And magnify his name together.
Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter,
Bind a leopard to the altar
And consecrate his spear to the Lord.
Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger,
And give praise for the liberty
In which the Lord has let him at large.
Let Balaam appear with an ass,
And bless the Lord his people
And his creatures for a reward eternal.
Let Daniel come forth with a lion,
And praise God with all his might
Through faith in Christ Jesus.
Let Ithamar minister with a chamois,
And bless the name of Him
That cloatheth the naked.
Let Jakim with the satyr
Bless God in the dance,
Dance, dance, dance.
Let David bless with the bear
The beginning of victory to the Lord,
To the Lord the perfection of excellence.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah for the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnifical and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
For I will consider my cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the living God.
Duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance
Of the glory of God in the East
He worships in his way.
For this is done by wreathing his body
Seven times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his saviour.
For God has bless'd him
In the variety of his movements.
For there is nothing sweeter
Than his peace when at rest.
For I am possessed of a cat,
Surpassing in beauty,
From whom I take occasion
To bless Almighty God.
For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For this is a true case—
Cat takes female mouse,
Male mouse will not depart,
but stands threat'ning and daring.
If you will let her go,
I will engage you,
As prodigious a creature as you are.
For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For the Mouse is of
An hospitable disposition.
For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers have their angels,
Even the words of God's creation.
For the flower glorifies God
And the root parries the adversary.
For there is a language of flowers.
For the flowers are peculiarly
The poetry of Christ.

For I am under the same accusation
 With my Savior,
 For they said,
 He is besides himself.
 For the officers of the peace
 Are at variance with me,
 And the watchman smites me
 With his staff.
 For the silly fellow, silly fellow,
 Is against me,
 And belongeth neither to me
 Nor to my family.
 For I am in twelve hardships,
 But he that was born of a virgin
 Shall deliver me out of all,
 Shall deliver me out of all.
 For H is a spirit
 And therefore he is God.
 For K is king
 And therefore he is God.
 For L is love
 And therefore he is God.
 For M is musick
 And therefore he is God.
 And therefore he is God.
 For the instruments are by their rhimes,
 For the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn
 and the like.
 For the shawm rhimes are moon boon
 and the like.
 For the harp rhimes are sing ring
 and the like.
 For the harp rhimes are ring string
 and the like.
 For the cymbal rhimes are bell well
 and the like.
 For the cymbal rhimes are toll soul
 and the like.
 For the flute rhimes are tooth youth
 and the like.
 For the flute rhimes are suit mute
 and the like.

For the bassoon rhimes are pass class
 and the like.
 For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place
 and the like.
 For the clarinet rhimes are clean seen
 and the like.
 For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound
 and the like.
 For the trumpet of God is a blessed
 intelligence
 And so are all the instruments in Heav'n.
 For God the Father Almighty plays upon
 the harp
 Of stupendous magnitude and melody.
 For at that time malignity ceases
 And the devils themselves are at peace.
 For this time is perceptible to man
 By a remarkable stillness and serenity of
 soul.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
 Hallelujah for the heart of God,
 And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
 And from the echo of the heavenly harp
 In sweetness magnificent and mighty.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

THE BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are invited to kneel, as able, while the Celebrant places the consecrated host into the monstrance.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

O All sav praise - ing and Vic - tim, ope - ning wide;
The or gate ev - of er - heav'n to blest man be - low, Three;
Our foes press on life from ev - 'ry side,
O grant us life that shall not end,
Thine aid our sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.
In our true na - tive land with thee. A - men.

A time of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is observed.

TANTUM ERGO

There-fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;
Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,
Types and sha - dows have their end - ing, for the new - er rite is here;
Hon - or, thanks and praise ad - dres - sing, while e - ter - nal ag - es run;
Faith, our out - ward sense be - friend ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
Ev - er too his love con - fes - sing who from both with both is One. A men.

The People remain kneeling.

THE COLLECT

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, who in this 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 fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and resignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Officiant then blesses the People with the Blessed Sacrament. As the bell rings, the people make the sign of the cross and bow in fervent adoration, saying under their breath, “Blessed, praised, hallowed, and adored be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.”

THE DIVINE PRAISES

The People repeat each of the Divine Praises after the Priest.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

The Blessed Sacrament is reposed by the Officiant.

Please stand, as able, with the Altar Party.

THE HYMN • 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

THE VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D minor

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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Today's Ministers. *Officiant:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Organist:* Charlie Sega; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Choir:* St. Cecilia Choir

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Evening Choral Services

Fall/Winter 2026

Wed., Oct. 21 | 7:15 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Beach: With prayer and supplication

Stanford: Evening Service in B-flat

Ireland: Greater love hath no man

Other music by Richard Ayleward, David N. Johnson, and Sir Edward Elgar. Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir.

Mon., Nov. 2 | 7:15 p.m.

All Souls' Day

Solemn Requiem Mass

Durufié: Requiem, Op. 9

Sung by the Schola.

Wed., Nov. 18 7:15 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Batten: O sing joyfully

Watson: Evening Service in E

Stanford: For Lo! I raise up

Other music by Philip Radcliffe, Herbert Sumsion, and Gabriel Pierné. Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir.

Sun., Dec. 6 4 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Marlow: Matin Responsory

Howells: Gloucester Service

Mawby: Adam lay ybounden

Wood: O thou the central orb

Weir: Drop down ye heavens

Lapwood: O nata lux

Wadsworth: Gabriel's Message

Byrd: Vigilate

Sung by the Atonement Choir.

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Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.m.

SATURDAYS The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

EVENING PRAYER Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

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