

Choral Evensong

THE FEAST OF GEORGE OF LYDDA

May 6, 2026 7:15 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

Arpa Notturmo

Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

Please remain seated as the Choir sings

THE INTROIT

God be in my head

John Rutter (b.1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding
God be in mine eyes and in my looking
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in my heart and in my thinking
God be at mine end and in my departing

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

Please remain standing, 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 • 26

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

Conditor alme siderum

Please be seated.

Manus tuæ fecerunt me

Setting: Garret Wesley, 1st Earl of Mornington (1735–1781)

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have put my trust in thy word. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled. let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight. Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me; but I will be occupied in thy commandments. Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, be turned unto me. O let my heart be sound in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

Defecit anima mea

Setting: Garret Wesley, 1st Earl of Mornington (1735–1781)

My soul hath longed for thy salvation, and I have a good hope because of thy word. Mine eyes long sore for thy word; saying, O when wilt thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me? The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law. All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help. They had almost made an end of me upon earth; but I forsook not thy commandments. O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

In æternum, Domine

Setting: Edward John Hopkins (1818–1901)

O Lord, thy word endureth for ever in heaven. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another; thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinance; for all things serve thee. If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble. I will never forget thy commandments; for with them thou hast quickened me. I am thine: O save me, for I have sought thy commandments. The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me; but I will consider thy testimonies. I see that all things come to an end; but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 13:1–9

For all men who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature; and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know him who exists, nor did they recognize the craftsman while paying heed to his works; but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world.

If through delight in the beauty of these things men assumed them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Lord, for the author of beauty created them. And if men were amazed at their power and working, let them perceive from them how much more powerful is he who formed them. For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator. Yet these men are little to be blamed, for perhaps they go astray while seeking God and desiring to find him.

For as they live among his works they keep searching, and they trust in what they see, because the things that are seen are beautiful. Yet again, not even they are to be excused; for if they had the power to know so much that they could investigate the world, how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

Here endeth the Reading.

Please stand as able.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 6:19–24

Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Here endeth the Reading.

Please stand, as able.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in C

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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 stand, as able, 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

We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace

arr. Moses Hogan (1953–2010)

We shall walk through the valley in peace,
If Jesus Himself will be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more weeping there,
there will be no more sorrows there,
If Jesus Himself will be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there,
If Jesus Himself will be our leader,
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Please stand, as able.

THE PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL & GRACE

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

THE HYMN • 212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

THE VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G minor

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Officiant: The Rev'd Robert Cristobal; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Choirmaster:* Dr. Christopher Windle; *Choir:* St. Cecilia Choir

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