ELY CATHEDRAL

Joyfully proclaiming the love of God in worship, outreach, welcome and care

Choral Evensong

All Saints' Day

Sunday 1 November 2026

4pm

We are delighted to welcome you to Ely Cathedral and to this service of Choral Evensong.

Today's service is livestreamed and can be viewed on the Cathedral YouTube page or via our website. If you would prefer to sit out of sight of the cameras, please ask a steward to direct you.

There is an Induction Loop in both the North and South Transepts, the Choir and the Presbytery, for those using a hearing aid, and large copies of the service sheet are available on request. Please stand and sit as you feel able to do so.

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Please stand as the choir and clergy enter

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1
For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to live,
Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.

2
For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to die,
Who counted thee their great reward,
Accept our thankful cry.

3
O Lord, thy name we bless,
And humbly pray that we
May follow them in holiness,
Who lived and died in thee.

4
Thine earthly members fit
To join thy saints above,
In one communion ever knit,
One fellowship of love.

5
All praise to thee, O Lord,
The Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, God adored,
While endless ages run. Amen.

Words: Richard Mant 1776-1848
Music: *Mount Ephraim* NEH 224 Benjamin Milgrove 1713-1810

WELCOME

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Precentor 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.
Praise ye the Lord.

Music: William Smith 1603-1645

Please sit

PSALMS 148 & 150

PSALM 148

1 O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
4 Praise him, all ye heavens :
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word,
and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever :
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours :
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent,
and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people;
all his saints shall praise him :
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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.

1 O praise God in his holiness :
praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Please stand for the final Gloria

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.

FIRST LESSON *Please sit*
Isaiah 65.17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Here endeth the Lesson.

OFFICE HYMN 328 *Sung by the choir. Please stand*

1
O Saviour Jesus, Lord of all,
Come save us from our sinful ways;
And through your Virgin Mother's prayers
May we her children sing your praise.

2
We call on you, O sovereign Powers,
The armies of the Lord of light,
From present, past and future sin
Protect us in the wars of night.

3
We beg you, Prophets of our God,
And you, apostles of the Word;
O pray that we may hear that voice,
And in the Spirit be restored.

4
O pray, you Martyrs of the Lord,
Who through your blood proclaimed God's Son,
O pray, all you who spread his reign
And quietly lived to see it come.

5
O men and women, virgins strong,
Who gave what you could not afford,
Now help us to surrender all
To meet our Bridegroom, Christ the Lord.

6
May all the powers of night be crushed,
That people may at last be free
To leap with joy and praise their God,
Whose Son was nailed upon the tree.

7
To God the Father who creates,
And to his one begotten Son
May songs of glory now be raised,
For in the Spirit all are one. Amen.

Words: Helisachar (9th century) Tr. Ralph Wright OSB b.1938
Music: *Mode viii*

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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.

Words: Luke 1.46-55
Music: *Service in D* Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

SECOND LESSON *Please sit*
Hebrews 11.32-12.2

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets? who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.
They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented? of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here endeth the Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Please stand*

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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32
Music: *Service in D* Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

Please turn to face East

APOSTLES' CREED

Precentor I believe in God:
All **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 Lesser Litany and Responses

Precentor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Precentor Let us pray.

Please sit

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

The choir sings the Lord's Prayer

Precentor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Precentor O Lord, save the King.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Precentor O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Music: William Smith 1603-1645

ANTHEM *Please sit*

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. Clothed with white robes they follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth.

Words: Antiphon for the Feast of All Saints
Music: Basil Harwood 1859-1949 *Organist of Ely Cathedral 1887-1892*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
The prayers end with The Grace

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.

HYMN *Please stand*



1
Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

2
Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.

3
We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

4
They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

5
Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748
Music: *Song 67* NEH 225 Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625
from E. Prys's *Llyfr y Psalmau* 1621

BLESSING

Organ Tuba Tune - Norman Cocker 1889-1953

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Monday - Saturday	**7.30am**	**Morning Prayer**
	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
Monday 2 November	12.10	Holy Communion
All Souls'	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Requiem Eucharist
		with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday 3 November	5.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 4 November	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 5 November	10.15	Story and Song Time
	12.10pm	Holy Communion
	5.30pm	Evensong
Friday 6 November	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 7 November	5.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 8 November	8.15am	Holy Communion
Remembrance Sunday	10.30am	Service of Remembrance
	4.00pm	Requiem Eucharist

Diocesan Youth Evening - Friday 6 November
Are you a young person in years 7 to 11? You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of food and fun activities, finishing with Compline by Candlelight. It's free of charge, but booking is essential.
Please email joanna.reveley@elycathedral.org or speak to Joanna Reveley in person for more details.

All Souls' Day 2nd November
This is the day the church traditionally gives over each year to prayer for the faithful departed. There will be Requiem Eucharists that day (Monday 2nd) at 8am, 12.10pm and 7.30pm. If you would like a departed loved one to be prayed for by name at the 7.30pm Eucharist please send their name by email to notices@elycathedral.org or ring 01353 660309. Do please make every effort to be present for one of the services that day.

Enquirers & Confirmation Group
If you would like to know more about the Christian Faith, be prepared for Confirmation or have a refresher if you were Confirmed several years ago, please contact the Canon Pastor robert.mackley@elycathedral.org to join a group meeting each Wednesday in November at 6.30pm.

Ely Cathedral Mothers' Union
Our next meeting in Powchers Hall is on Wednesday 4th November at 2. 30 pm.Our talk that afternoon will be entitled '*Faith in theatreland*'. We are delighted that our Guest Speaker will be Mr Mark Hawker.
You are most welcome to join us.

The Mothers' Union will be holding the Annual Prayer Vigil against Gender Violence in St Dunstan's Chapel on Saturday 28th November at 12.15 (lasting for 30 mins.) and gathering outside the Cathedral at 1pm for a short banner witness commencing at 1.03pm in support of victims and in solidarity with fellow supporters and campaigners.

Awake and Hearken: Listening for the Advent Voice
An online Advent retreat from St Martin in the Fields
Saturday, 28 November, 10am -1pm.
Advent is a season that demands our attention, calling to us in imperatives: watch, wait, prepare, listen! The old words "hark" and "hearken" found in our Advent hymns refer to a particular quality of listening that watches and waits intently for the Advent voice to sound, that attends closely to it, that seeks transformation through what is heard. We will join the lectures online while enjoying shared space together.
Please email courses@elycathedral.org to register your interest. Places are limited and will be on a first come basis.

Please note: you can sign up to this yourself on the Church Times website if you are unable to make 28 November.

Advent Book Group
Mondays in Advent, 10.30am-12pm
30 November, 7, 14 and 21 December
We will be reading and discussing Walking with Angels together, responding by slowing down and praying together as we journey through Advent. Through the spiritual practice of prayer walking, this reflective guide encourages readers to slow down, step outside, and engage both body and spirit. Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal the good news at the heart of the Christian story. Copies of the book are available from the Cathedral Shop. Please register your interest by emailing courses@elycathedral.org. Further information will be sent out the week before the course.

Lunchtime Recitals

Admission free with Cathedral entry ticket

Thursday 5 November 1pm - **Krystyna Farag (flute)**
Thursday 12 November 1pm - **Erina Ishiyama (piano)**