ELY CATHEDRAL

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

Choral Evensong

Christ the King

Sunday 22 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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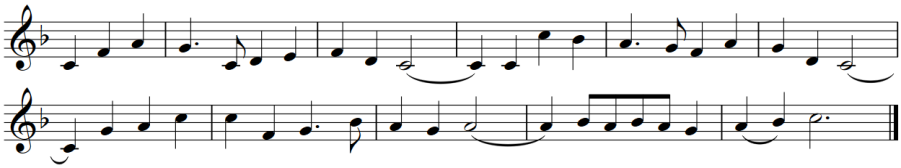
PROCESSIONAL HYMN



All praise to thee, for thou O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluya.

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluya.

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluya.

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluya.

Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord
In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluya.

Words: F. Bland Tucker 1895-1984 based on Philippians 2. 5-11
Music: *Engelberg* NEH 355 Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

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

Music: Sir William Henry Harris 1883-1973

Please sit

PSALM 93

1 The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
2 He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.
4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.
5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house 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.

1 The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
3 There shall go a fire before him :
and burn up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world :
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness :
and all the people have seen his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images,
and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.
8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were
glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.
9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth :
thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous :
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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*
2 Samuel 23.1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Here endeth the Lesson.

OFFICE HYMN 121 *Sung by the choir. Please stand*

1
O Jesus, mighty prince of peace,
take war from each rebellious heart;
unite within one common fold
all those whom sin still keeps apart.

2
It was for this you opened wide
Your arms in welcome on the tree,
revealing in Your patient heart
the kind of love that keeps us free.

3
We praise you mighty Lord of all,
O Jesus, come, O Christ, O King;
O Father, come, O Spirit, come:
receive the homage that we bring. Amen.

Words: Victor of Genoa 1892-1967
Translated Ralph Wright OSB b.1938 and editors of the New English Hymnal
Music: *Iesu Rex admirabilis* mode ii

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: *Gonfalon Royal Service* Harley Jones b.1992

Please sit

SECOND LESSON
Matthew 28.16-end

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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: *Gonfalon Royal Service* Harley Jones b.1992

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 Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

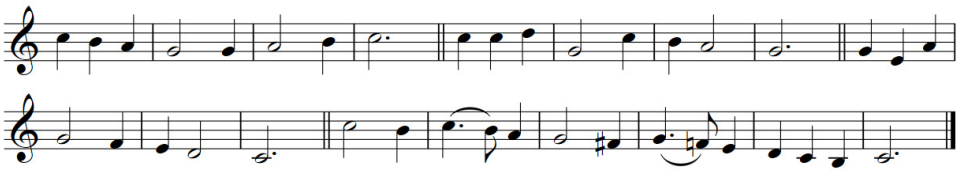
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music: Sir William Henry Harris 1883-1973

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
Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluia.

2
O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then:
Alleluia.

3
Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluia.

4
Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light:
Alleluia.

Words: George Bell 1883-1958
Music: *Vulpius* NEH 345 Melody from Vulpius's *Gesangbuch* 1909

BLESSING

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints :
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Music: Service in E flat Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Organ Flourish for an Occasion - Sir William Henry Harris 1883-1973

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Monday - Saturday	**7.30am**	**Morning Prayer**
	8.00am	**Holy Communion**
Monday 23 November	5.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 24 November	5.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 25 November	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 26 November	10.15am	Story and Song Time
	12.10pm	Holy Communion
	1.30pm	Funeral of Mavis Matthews
	5.30pm	Evensong
Friday 27 November	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Evensong
Saturday 28 November	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Diocesan Confirmation and Eucharist
Sunday 29 November	8.15am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	6.00pm	Advent Procession

Advent Procession

Sunday 29 November, 6pm

Join us to mark the beginning of Advent with a beautiful candlelit service of readings and music sung by the Cathedral Choir. As the choir processes from the west end of the Cathedral to the east, the building is gradually transformed from darkness into light, creating a moving and unforgettable experience.

The Advent Procession is one of the most atmospheric services in the Cathedral year. Whether you are attending for the first time or returning to experience it again, this service offers a truly memorable way to acknowledge the season of Advent.

NOTICES

We regret to inform you that two long-standing members of the cathedral congregation died recently. Sandy Wakely died on 3rd November and Mavis Matthews on 5th November.
We pray for their souls and for all who mourn them.
Mavis' Funeral will be on 26th November at 1.30pm;
Sandy's Funeral will be on 1st December at 11.30am.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Club 225 (for anyone between 20 and 50) will be meeting for a Christmas gathering on 11 December at 6.30. If you are interested in attending this (or future meetings) please send an email to courses@elycathedral.org to be added to the mailing list.

Choir Chaperones We are looking for reliable and compassionate people to join our team of choir chaperones here at Ely Cathedral. Further information on the role and how to apply can be found in the application pack at: www.elycathedral.org/about/careers. The closing date is midday, Monday 14 December 2026.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins on Wednesday 25th November until the 12th December. (Human Rights Day). There will be a display in the south transept, "The Souls of Your Shoes" arranged by the Mother's Union. This display is moving and emotional as it contains original quotes from abuse sufferers. There will be a Vigil in St Dunstan's Chapel at 12.15 on Saturday 28th, followed by a Silent Protest outside the West door, when a minute's silence will be kept at 1.03pm to remind us of the 1 in 3 women in the world, who will be abused in their lifetime. All are welcome to join us.

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.