



Choral Evensong

GONVILLE & CAIUS COLLEGE CHAPEL

Be still, and know that I am GOD. (*Psalm 46.10*)

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scolavsate kaiV gnw'te of{ti ejgwv eijmi oJ qeov"

cessate et cognoscite quoniam ego sum Deus.

In Choral Evensong we draw near to God in the stillness, joining our prayers with the angels and saints as the music unfolds around us; and we deepen our faith through reflection on the scriptures, letting his word speak to our hearts.

As the day draws to a close we offer to God our needs and hopes, our failures and doubts, our thanks and joy. And we pray 'as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love': in the full assurance of hope, that his service is perfect freedom.

This Chapel is a house of prayer, where worship has been offered to God since the late 14th century. It is dedicated to the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The front cover shows a detail from the Caius Choir Book, a music manuscript of the early 16th century acquired by the College in the late 17th century (MS 667). It shows the opening of one voice part from a polyphonic setting of the Magnificat: 'Et exulta[-vit spiritus meus]' ('and my spirit hath rejoiced'). The Magnificat initial is on p. 131, and is from the setting by Henry Prentyce (d. 1514), his only extant composition.

The Order for Choral Evensong

according to the Book of Common Prayer 1662 (& 1928)

The Order on weekdays

The music, readings and – where appropriate – Office hymn for this service are noted on the buff coloured music lists in the stalls.

Before the service, an ORGAN VOLUNTARY is played.

All stand at the entrance of the Choir, Precentor and Dean.

An introit may be sung.

The Dean & Choir call the congregation to prayer with

THE PRECES

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.

THE PSALM (S)

*The Psalm is announced. It may be followed in the green 'Shorter Prayer Book'.
The congregation sits for the singing of the Psalm.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

The readings may be followed in the pew Bibles.

*If an Office hymn is appointed for the day, it follows here.
The hymn is taken from the green 'New English Hymnal'.*

THE OFFICE HYMN

*After the First Lesson [or Office hymn], all stand:
the Choir sings the first Gospel Canticle, the Song of Mary.*

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1.46-55

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 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.*

Sit

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*All stand:
the Choir sings the second Gospel Canticle, the Song of Simeon.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2.29-32

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 turn east to say the Apostles' Creed together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Dean 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.**

All turn back from the east:

the Dean and Choir sing **THE LESSER LITANY**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel (the Dean and Choir remain standing)

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 Dean sings the **COLLECTS**, normally three, but four in Advent & Lent.*

The first Collect, of the day.

The second Collect, for Peace

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.

The third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

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.

*All sit for the **ANTHEM**, announced by the Dean.*

After the Anthem, all kneel

THE PRAYERS

The prayers end with the Grace, prayed by all

**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.**

Remain kneeling: the Dean & Choir sing

THE FINAL RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand: the Choir, Precentor & Dean recess from the Chapel.

An Organ Voluntary is played to end the service.

If you wish to leave before the end of the voluntary, please do so quietly.

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