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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand as the procession enters.*



The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride,  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore opprest,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distrest,  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*NEH 484*  
*Samuel Stone (1839-1900)*

*Aurelia*  
*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## WELCOME

*The Dean*

*The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler*

*The cantor and choir sing*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ 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 Book of Common Prayer*

*Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

*Please sit. The choir sings*

## PSALM 22: 1-24

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and  
art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?  
O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not: and in the  
night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver  
them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee,  
and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and  
the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and  
shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if  
he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: thou wast  
my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God,  
even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to  
help me.

Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on  
every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a  
roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart  
also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to  
my gums: and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: and the council of the wicked  
layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

*Please stand as the choir sings the 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.



*Please sit.*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped. He said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

*Exodus 34: 1-10*

*Please stand. The choir sings the canticle*

## MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat anima mea Dominum:  
et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.  
*My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:  
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.  
*For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:  
for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est:  
et sanctum nomen eius.  
*For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.*

Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies:  
timentibus eum.  
*And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.*

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:  
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.  
*He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

Deposuit potentes de sede:  
et exaltavit humiles.  
*He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

Esurientes implevit bonis:  
et divites dimisit inanes.

*He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

Suscepit Israel puerum suum:  
recordatus misericordiae suae;

*He remembering his mercy:  
hath holpen his servant Israel;*

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros:  
Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

*As he promised to our forefathers:  
Abraham and his seed for ever.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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 sit.*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Colossians 1: 15-20*

*Please stand. The choir sings the canticle*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

*Luke 2: 29-32*

*Amy Beach (1867-1944)*

*Remain standing to say together*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All*     **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.**

*The cantor and choir sing*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel.*

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

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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 King.  
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 COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity:  
we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith,  
and evermore defend us from all adversities,  
who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.  
*Choir: 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.  
*Choir: 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.  
*Choir: Amen.*

*Please sit. The choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

Alleluia.

I heard a voice as of strong thunderings, saying: Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and honour and power

be unto the Lord our God

and to the Lamb for evermore.

Alleluia.

*Revelation 19: 1, 6*

*Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*

## THE HOMILY

*The Archbishop of Birmingham*

*The Most Reverend Bernard Longley*

## THE PRAYERS

*Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:*

*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.**



*Please stand.*

## HYMN



Christ is our corner-stone,  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled:  
on his great love  
our hopes we place  
of present grace  
and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three in One to sing;  
and thus proclaim  
in joyful song,  
both loud and long,  
that glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
until that day  
when all the blest  
to endless rest  
are called away.

*NEH 206*  
*c. 7<sup>th</sup>-century Latin*  
*tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)*

*Harewood*  
*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*     **Amen.**

# SALVE REGINA

*All sing*

Sal - ve Re - gi - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cor - di - ae,  
Vi - ta, dul - ce - do, et spes nos - tra, sal - ve.  
Ad te cla - ma - mus, ex - su - les, fi - li - i He - vae.  
Ad te su - spi - ra - mus, ge - men - tes et flen - tes in hac la - cri -  
ma - rum val - le. E - ia er - go, Ad - vo - ca - ta no - stra,  
il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cor - des o - cu - los ad nos con - ver - te.  
Et Je - sum, be - ne - dic - tum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,  
no - bis post hoc ex - si - li - um o - sten - de.  
O cle - mens: O pi - a:  
O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - ri - a.

## CLOSING MUSIC

SALVE REGINA

*Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)*

*Please remain standing as the procession departs, and then sit for a period of quiet contemplation as the organ voluntary is played.*

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