

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

Evening Prayer

from the Book of Common Prayer
commonly called 'Evensong'

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Nunn". The letters are stylized and connected, with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Andrew Nunn
Dean of Southwark

Please stand as the Minister enters.

*The Minister says a sentence and then
are said*

Versicles & Responses

All O Lord, open thou our lips;
**And our mouth shall shew forth
thy praise.**

All O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

All 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 Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's name be praised.

Sit

Psalmody

The psalm(s) appointed for the service are sung.

First Lesson

Stand

Magnificat

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

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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 has sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel:
as he promised to our fore-fathers,
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

Second Lesson

Stand

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.

Please remain standing as we say

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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Responses

All The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray:

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **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.**

All O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

All O Lord, save the Queen;
**And mercifully hear us when we call
upon thee.**

All Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

All O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

All Give peace in our time, O Lord;
**Because there is none other that
fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

All O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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.

All

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.

All

Amen.

Anthem

Sermon

Prayers

Stand

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

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