

Choral Evensong

Thursday, 23rd July, 2026



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller,
Canon for Worship and Welcome.*

*Today we welcome Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, directed by Brett Weymark OAM.
The organist is Luke Mitchell.*

The responses are those by Bernard Rose (1916-1996).

*We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral,
but please no photography during the service.*

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From Psalm 18

1. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength;
the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence ♦
my saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler,
the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.
2. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised ♦
so shall I be safe from mine enemies.
3. The sorrows of death compassed me ♦
and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.
4. The pains of hell came about me ♦
the snares of death overtook me.
5. In my trouble I will call upon the Lord ♦
and complain unto my God.
6. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple ♦
and my complaint shall come before him,
it shall enter even into his ears.
16. He shall send down from on high to fetch me ♦
and shall take me out of many waters.
17. He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy,
and from them which hate me ♦
for they are too mighty for me.

18. They prevented me in the day of my trouble ♦
but the Lord was my upholder.

19. He brought me forth also into a place of liberty ♦
he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

20. The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing ♦
according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

21. Because I have kept the ways of the Lord ♦
and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

31. For who is God, but the Lord ♦
or who hath any strength, except our God?

32. It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war ♦
and maketh my way perfect.

33. He maketh my feet like harts' feet ♦
and setteth me up on high.

34. He teacheth mine hands to fight ♦
and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.

35. Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation ♦
thy right hand also shall hold me up,
and thy loving correction shall make me great.

36. Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go ♦
that my footsteps shall not slide.

37. I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them ♦
neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.

38. I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand ♦
but fall under my feet.

39. Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle ♦
thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

40. Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me ♦
and I shall destroy them that hate me.

49. It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies,
and setteth me up above mine adversaries ♦
thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

50. For this cause will I give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, among the Gentiles ♦
and sing praises unto thy Name.

51. Great prosperity giveth he unto his King ♦
and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, and unto his
seed for evermore.

The First Lesson

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. ³For the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors and they shall take possession of it. ⁴These are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah: ⁵Thus says the LORD: We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace. ⁶Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale? ⁷Alas! that day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be rescued from it. ⁸On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break the yoke from off his neck, and I will burst his bonds, and strangers shall no more make a servant of him. ⁹But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

¹⁰But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the LORD, and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for I am going to save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and no one shall make him afraid. ¹¹For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you; I will make an end of all the nations among which I scattered you, but of you I will not make an end. I will chastise you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished.

Jeremiah 30:1-11

The Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Joseph Twist (1982 -)

The Second Lesson

¹ This is the third time I am coming to you. ‘Any charge must be sustained by the evidence of two or three witnesses.’ ² I warned those who sinned previously and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again, I will not be lenient— ³ since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. ⁴ For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! ⁶ I hope you will find out that we have not failed. ⁷ But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. ⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. ⁹ For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. ¹⁰ So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13

The Nunc Dimittis

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The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

Te lucis ante terminum;
Rerum Creator, poscimus,
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne pollutantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that, with thy wonted favour, thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

*Office Hymn of Compline
Music by Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)*

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4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*