Evensong
from The Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Organ music will precede the service

Welcome

Opening responses

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord’s Name be praised.

The Psalm
is said or sung
Then shall be read
The First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament

Then shall be said or sung
Magnificat (the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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.
Then shall be read in like manner


Then shall be said or sung

Nunc Dimittis (the Song of Simeon)

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.

Then shall be said, softly

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

And after that these Prayers following.

Minister. The Lord be with you. 
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us. 
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us. 
Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Then the Minister shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. 
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the Queen.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

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

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

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day. In Advent and Lent a fourth, seasonal collect, is also said.

The Second Collect: A Prayer 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: A Prayer for Help

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.

The Anthem

may be sung

The Address

Then Prayers are to be read here, which may end with

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise
that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt
grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of
thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this
world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life
everlasting. Amen.

The Grace

2 Corinthians 13

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.

Organ music will follow the service You are invited to remain seated for the
organ postlude. If you wish to leave earlier, please do so quietly while
maintaining a 2m distance between yourself and others.