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# ST JOHN'S N4

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## Evensong

with prayers for  
HRH The Duke of Edinburgh



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
6pm

Welcome to St John's! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. Evensong this evening will be sung from the Book of Common Prayer. As congregational singing is not allowed under current restrictions, please just listen. Please join in with the said parts in bold type.

*Please stand with the Officiant.*

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls: you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life.

As you give light to those in darkness, who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servant PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, that death may be for him the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Office Hymn

The Lamb's high banquet we await  
In snow-white robes of royal state;  
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,  
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the Altar of the Cross  
His Body hath redeemed our loss;  
And tasting of his roseate Blood  
Our life is hid with him in God.

That Paschal Eve God's arm was bared;  
The devastating Angel spared:  
By strength of hand our hosts went free  
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Paschal Lamb is slain,  
The Lamb of God that knows no stain;  
The true Oblation offered here,  
Our own unleavened Bread sincere.

O thou from whom hell's monarch flies,  
O great, O very Sacrifice,  
Thy captive people are set free,  
And endless life restored in thee.

For Christ, arising from the dead,  
From conquered hell victorious sped;  
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,  
And Paradise for man regains.

Maker of all, to thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us thy joy today;  
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we  
May share thy Paschal victory.

To thee who, dead, again dost live,  
All glory, Lord, thy people give;  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

*Attributed to St Nicetas of Remesiana, Fifth Century Translation by J.M. Neale*

*Please be seated.*

## The Psalmody

### *Psalm 82*

God standeth in the council of heaven :  
in the midst of the gods he giveth judgement.

'How long will ye judge unrighteously :  
and respect the persons of the ungodly?

'Defend the poor and fatherless :  
see that such as are in need and necessity have right.

'Deliver the afflicted and poor :  
save them from the hand of the ungodly.'

They know not neither do they understand,\* but go about in darkness :  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

'I say unto you "Though ye be gods :  
and all of you sons of the Most Highest,

"Nevertheless ye shall die like men :  
and fall like one of the princes."

Arise O God and judge thou the earth :  
for thou shalt take all nations for thy possession.

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.

### *Psalm 84*

How lovely are thy dwellings :  
O God thou Lord of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord :  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow findeth her an house :  
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;

Even so have the singers a home at thine altars :  
who stand ever praising thee, my King and my God.

O Lord God of hosts :  
blessèd are they that dwell in thy house.

Blessèd are they whose strength is in thee :  
whose heart is set upon the high-ways to Zion.

Who, going through the dry valley,\* find a well whereof to drink :  
yea the early rain shall cover it with pools of water.

They will go from strength to strength :  
and the God of gods shall be seen of them in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts hear my prayer :  
give ear O God of Jacob.

Shew favour O God unto our defender :  
and look upon the face of thine anointed king.

Truly one day in thy courts :  
is better than a thousand in mine own dwelling.

It were better to be a door-keeper in the house of my God :  
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a defence and shield :  
the Lord will give grace and honour,\*  
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts :  
blessèd is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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.

### The First Reading

*Please remain seated.*

*Exodus 18:1-12*

When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt; Then Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh: And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God: And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. And Moses told his father in law all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.

### The Magnificat

*Please stand.*

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 blessèd.

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 Israël.

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.

## The Second Reading

*Please be seated.*

*Colossians 3:12-4:1*

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

## The Nunc Dimittis

*Please stand.*

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 Israël.

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.

## 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 Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Responses

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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 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 Collects

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to  
rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may  
always serve thee in pureness of living and truth.  
Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth  
and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.  
Amen.

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the  
raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day  
and night come to an end: be pleased, most merciful Father, to receive  
into thy almighty and most gracious protection the soul of our brother  
PHILIP; and grant that, with him and all the faithful departed, we may  
at the last enter into the haven of thine unending joy and felicity; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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.  
Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy,  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
through the love of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Hymn to Our Lady.*  
Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

*The final prayer is said, to which we respond:*  
**Amen.**

