St Mary Magdalene
CHORAL EVENSONG

22th November 2026

Please stand as the choir and minister enter.

Welcome and Introduction

Office Hymn

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end!
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779-1838, Psalm 104 NEH 433/CP 546

Prayers of Penitence

Please be seated

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Responses

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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.

Please stand

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.

Psalmody

Psalm 93, 97

Psalm 93

1. *THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.*
2. *He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.*
3. *Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.*
4. *The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.*
5. *The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.*
6. *Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.*

Psalm 97

1. *THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.*
2. *Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.*
3. *There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.*
4. *His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.*
5. *The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.*
6. *The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.*
7. *Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.*
8. *Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.*
9. *For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.*
10. *O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.*
11. *There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.*
12. *Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.*

Please stand

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 be seated

First Reading

2 Samuel 23.1-7

Now these *be* the last words of David.
David the son of Jesse said,
and the man *who was* raised up on high,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,
2 The Spirit of the Lord spake by me,
and his word *was* in my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said,
the Rock of Israel spake to me,
He that ruleth over men *must be* just,
ruling in the fear of God.
4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds;
as the tender grass *springing* out of the earth
by clear shining after rain.
5 Although my house *be* not so with God;
yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all *things*, and sure:
for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire,
although he make *it* not to grow.
6 But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away,
because they cannot be taken with hands:
7 but the man *that* shall touch them must be fenced with iron
and the staff of a spear;
and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

Magnificat

Howells 'Gloucester' Service

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 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 Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

Please stand

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 be seated

Second Reading

Mathew 28.16-end

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Howells 'Gloucester' Service

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.

Please stand *Luke 2.29-32*

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.**

Reponses

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Please sit
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

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 Collect of the Day

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

The Collect 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 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. **Amen.**

Anthem *Handel* Lift up your heads

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in!

Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in!

Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Sermon

Prayers

Ending with: **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.**

Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

2 We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day nor night.

3 As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

4 The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826-93) NEH 252/CP 22

Benediction

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, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be with you and all those you love, this night and evermore. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Guilmant March on a theme of Handel

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church – there is a plate for cash or envelope gifts and a card machine for contactless giving.

Please join us at any of our regular services where you would be warmly welcomed.

Midweek Services
Morning Prayer - Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30am
Midweek Communion – Wednesday at 10am

Sunday Services
Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 8am
Parish Family Eucharist at 9.30am
Evensong at 6.30pm



Next Week is Advent Sunday and we will have a
Team Advent Procession at 6.30pm at St Matthias.



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