

Royal School of Church Music (SA)

The Order of Service for

Evening Prayer

in celebration of the 400th Anniversary
of William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

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St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church
Moore Street, Adelaide

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When the bell rings, all stand, and the Priest and ministers enter, while the choir sings the Introit. All may sit or kneel.

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariæ.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!
O sweet, O holy,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

*13th Cent., attrib. Pope Innocent
Music: William Byrd*

The Priest begins the office, saying,

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the choir continues,

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.

*“Third” Preces & Responses
William Byrd (c1540-1623)*

All remain standing to sing the Office hymn.



**Behold and have regard,
ye servants of the Lord,
Which in his house by night do watch,
praise him with one accord.**

**2 Lift up your hands on high
unto his holy place:
And give the Lord his praises due,
his benefits embrace.**

**3 For why? The Lord, who did
both earth and heaven frame,
Doth Sion bless, and will conserve
for evermore the same.**

trans. and versified William Whittingham (d. 1579)

Music: John Dowland (c1563-1626)

on a Genevan psalter tune

Then shall be said or sung Psalm 119.105-128, as appointed.

- 105 Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.
106 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed, to keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.
108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O LORD;
and teach me thy judgments.
109 My soul is alway in my hand; yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me;
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever;
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, even unto the end.
113 I hate them that imagine evil things; but thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my defence and shield; and my trust is in thy word.
115 Away from me, ye wicked; I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live;
and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe;
yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes;
for they imagine but deceit.
119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross;
therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.
121 I deal with the thing that is lawful and right;
O give me not over unto mine oppressors.
122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good,
that the proud do me no wrong.
123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health,
and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy,
and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; O grant me understanding,
that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, LORD, to lay to thine hand;
for they have destroyed thy law.
127 For I love thy commandments above gold and precious stones.
128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments;
and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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.

*Chant by Richard Black
after John Dowland c1563-1626*

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.

The Lesson is written in the 34th Chapter of the Book of Job,
beginning and the 1st verse.

Elihu continued and said:

“Hear my words, you wise men,
and give ear to me, you who know,
for the ear tests words
as the palate tastes food.
Let us choose what is right;
let us determine among ourselves what is good.
For Job has said, ‘I am innocent,
and God has taken away my right;
in spite of being right I am counted a liar;
my wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.’
Who is there like Job,
who drinks up scoffing like water,
who goes in company with evildoers
and walks with the wicked?
For he has said, ‘It profits one nothing
to take delight in God.’
“Therefore, hear me, you who have sense;
far be it from God that he should do wickedness
and from the Almighty that he should do wrong.
For according to their deeds he will repay them,
and according to their ways he will make it befall them.
Of a truth, God will not do wickedly,
and the Almighty will not pervert justice.
Who gave him charge over the earth,
and who laid on him the whole world?

If he should take back his spirit to himself
and gather to himself his breath,
all flesh would perish together,
and all mortals return to dust.

Here endeth the Lesson.

And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.

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 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.

*Short Service
William Byrd (c1540-1623)*

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

The Lesson is written in the Letter of Paul to Philemon, beginning at the 15th verse.

Perhaps this is the reason Onesimus was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Here endeth the Lesson.

And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

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.

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Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

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, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

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 Priest standing up shall say,

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the King.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

“Third” Preces & Responses

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Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth.

The Collect of the Day

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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. *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. *Amen.*

Here followeth the Anthem.

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob! Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol. Blow the trumpet in the new moon, e'en in the time appointed, and at our feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Psalm 81.1-4 (Geneva Psalter)

William Byrd (c1540-1623)

All stand to sing the hymn, during which a Collection will be taken for the mission and ministry of the Parish.



**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

- 2 We are of thee, the children of thy love,
the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our Brother and our Friend.**
- 3 We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**
- 4 O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.**

*John White Chadwick (1840-1904)
"Song 1" by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
descant Richard Black*

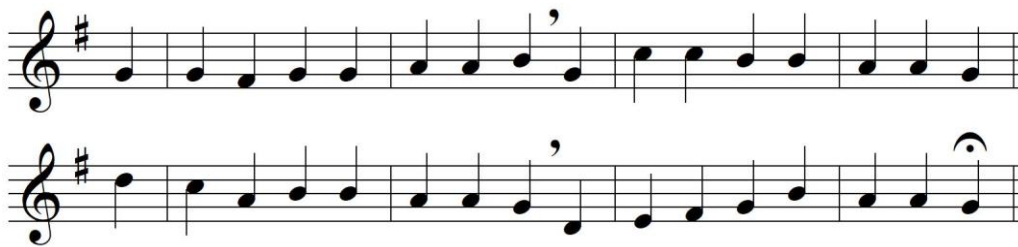
A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

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

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.

All stand to sing the hymn.



- All praise to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.**
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**
- 3 O may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.**
- 4 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.**
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
"Tallis's Canon", Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)*

Wm. Byrd