

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
(The Sunday after Ascension Day)
Sunday 17 May 2026



3.30pm Evensong
sung by the Boy Choristers

Preces and Responses: Timothy Noon (b. 1974)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in D minor*, Rory Boyle (b. 1951)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon.

It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet, the purple Office Hymn booklet and the green New English Hymnal you will find available in the stalls. In addition, you may wish to refer to the burgundy Book of Common Prayer (for the Psalms) and the bright red NRSV Bibles (for the First and Second Lessons).

ORGAN PRELUDE

De Profundis

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

The Lord ascendeth up on high,
the Lord hath triumphed gloriously,
in power and might excelling;
the grave and hell are captive led,
see him return, our glorious Head,
to his eternal dwelling.

Words: Arthur Russell (1806-74)

Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

PRECES *(see page 4 of Evensong booklet)*

The congregation is welcomed by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor.

OFFICE HYMN

Aeterne Rex altissime

Eternal Monarch, King most high

(page 14 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 47

(page 404 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-56)

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 23: 1–5

(see page 326 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

MAGNIFICAT *(see page 5 of Evensong booklet)*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 15–end

(see page 210 in the New Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

NUNC DIMITTIS *(see page 6 of Evensong booklet)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(see page 6 of Evensong booklet)*

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES *(see page 7 of Evensong booklet)*

including COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven;
We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless;
but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the
same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Music Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Amanda Lees, Canon Missioner*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

The head that once was crowned with thorns

(NEH 134)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro vivace (from Symphony No 5)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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