

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26 July 2026



3.30pm Evensong

sung by Chester Cathedral Nave Choir

Preces and Responses: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Setting: *Evening Service in B flat*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

Prelude on Gibbons' 'Song 34', (Op. 105/1)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

With prayer and supplication, let your requests be known unto God.
and the peace of God which passeth all understanding
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord

Words: Philippians 4: 6b-7

Music: Amy Beach (1867-1944)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Very Revd Dr Stephen Evans, Dean of Southwell

OFFICE HYMN

Lucis Creator optime

O blest Creator of the light

(page 1 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 75

(page 440 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 6: 11–14, 23–end

(see page 337 in the Old Testament section of the bright red NRSV Pew Bibles)

MAGNIFICAT *(see page 5 of Evensong booklet)*

SECOND LESSON

Acts 12: 1–17

(see page 142 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in
heaven and earth;

We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things,
and to give us those things which be profitable for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Te lucis ante terminum
Rerum creator poscimus
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium phantasmata
Hostemque nostrum comprime
Ne polluantur corpora.

Praesta, Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

*Words: Office Hymn at Compline
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Music: EVENING HYMN
Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)*

HOMILY *given by the Dean*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

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

Thou art the Christ, O Lord

(NEH 172, tune 443 Gopsal)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

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