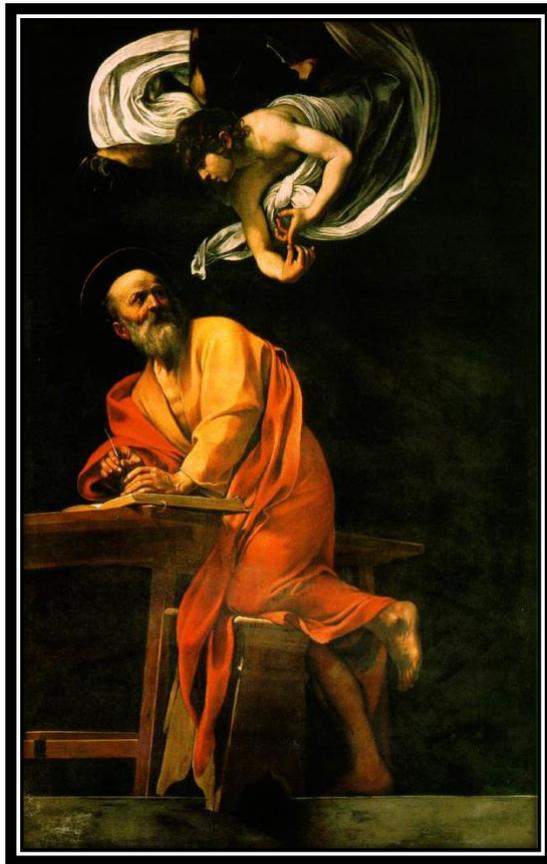


THE ORDER FOR

**MATINS**

FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sung by

**FESTINA**

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ST JOHN'S, GLOUCESTER  
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## WELCOME

WELCOME to liturgy at St John's, Gloucester. Everything you need is included in this leaflet. There is more information on the back cover.

*All STAND as the Officiant and choir process to their places.*

## INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES & CONFESSION

*The Officiant declares an opening sentence from Scripture followed by an invitation to confession.*

Officiant      Seeing as we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an 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:

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Officiant, all KNEELING.*

All              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.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Officiant alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

*Then the Officiant shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.*

All 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.

***All STAND.***

## THE PRECES

Setting: William Smith (1603-45)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
Cantor + O God, make speed to save us.  
Choir 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.

***All SIT.*** Then shall be sung this Psalm following:

## VENITE

- 1 Come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hands.
- 8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
- 9 When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said : It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;  
11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.  
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.

Music: *The First 'Great' Service*, Robert Parsons (c. 1530-72)  
Text: *Book of Common Prayer 1662*, cf. Psalm 95

*Then shall follow the Psalms in order as they be appointed.*

## PSALMODY

**Psalm 145:1-8**

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

Chant: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.  
4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.  
5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;  
6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.  
7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.  
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.  
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.

*Then shall be read the First Lesson. And after that shall be sung the Hymn called Te Deum Laudamus.*

## FIRST LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; that your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

***All STAND.***

## TE DEUM

We praise thee, O God : we [ac]knowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee : which art the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are replenished with the Majesty : of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth [ac]knowledge thee;  
The be the Father : of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.  
When thou took[est] upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day : we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Music: *The First 'Great' Service*, Robert Parsons  
Text: *Book of Common Prayer 1662*

*All SIT. Then shall be read in like manner the Second Lesson. And after that the Hymn following.*

## SECOND LESSON

St Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers,

and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

***All STAND.***

## **BENEDICTUS**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our [fore]fathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our [fore]father Abraham : that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

Music: *The Short Service*, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)  
Text: *Book of Common Prayer 1662*, cf. Luke 1:68

*Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the Officiant and the people **STANDING.***

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All**            **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:*

### THE LESSER LITANY, RESPONSES, & COLLECTS

Setting: William Smith

Cantor      The Lord be with you.  
Choir        And with thy spirit.  
Cantor      Let us pray.

#### ***ALL KNEEL.***

Choir        Lord, have mercy upon us.  
              Christ, have mercy upon us.  
              Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir        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.

Setting: Robert Stone (1516-1613)

Cantor      O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
Choir        And grant us thy salvation.  
Cantor      O Lord, save the State.  
Choir        And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Cantor      Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
Choir        And make thy chosen people joyful.  
Cantor      O Lord, save thy people.  
Choir        And bless thine inheritance.  
Cantor      Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Choir        Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
Cantor      O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Choir        And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



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The Order for Morning Prayer and Psalmody from the *Book of Common Prayer 1662*  
Lectionary texts from the *Authorised Version (1611) Bible*  
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