

After the Anthem there will be some prayers. Please **KNEEL**.

Please be prompt with **Amen** after set prayers.

Sometimes these Responses may be used:

Priest: Lord in thy mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer**

or

Priest: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

At the end of the prayers the Canon in Residence may invite everyone to say **THE GRACE** together (if there is no invitation to do this **DO NOT JOIN IN**)

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

After the Prayers:

On Weekdays **FINAL RESPONSES** may be sung. Please make sure that the Precentor knows this in advance!

or

On Saturdays, Sundays and Feast Days a **HYMN** ends Evensong.

On Sundays this is followed by the **BLESSING. REMAIN STANDING.**

If you are processing out, turn to face the altar and bow together. The **CLERGY** leave first, then the Choir Director leads out the choir. Our tradition is Seniors first. If you are not processing, once the clergy have left the Quire, please **SIT** until the **ORGAN VOLUNTARY** is finished or your Director asks you to leave.

Unless the hymn books are being used for another service, please return these to the vestry after the service.

Evensong Order of Service for Visiting Choirs

[If not processing stand when the Clergy enter the Quire.] Turn to face the altar and bow together as the Clergy reach their stalls.

On Fridays (except during Eastertide) and on some Sundays in Lent, this **PENITENTIAL INTRODUCTION** is used:

The Priest says a sentence and then introduces the confession:

“Dearly beloved.....unto the throne of heavenly grace, saying after me”

KNEEL

Priest: Almighty and most merciful Father,

All **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 follows.

“Almighty God...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**”

STAND

The **OPENING VERSICLES** and **RESPONSES** are sung.

The Canon in Residence will introduce the service. If it is a feast day, there may be a **HYMN**, otherwise the **PSALMS** are announced.

SIT after the psalms.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

After the reading a silence is kept. Please time 30secs before the director/choir stand

MAGNIFICAT

SIT

After the reading a silence is kept. Please time 30secs before the director/choir stand

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Remain standing, turn to face East for the **APOSTLES' CREED**. Note the pauses marked with this symbol [/]

NUNC DIMITTIS

Priest: I believe in God,

All: **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.

The Second set of **RESPONSES** are sung. The Precentor will find his own note.

The Lord be with you

The congregation will kneel, the **CHOIR** remain **STANDING**

And with thy spirit

Let us pray...etc.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for the Day followed by

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.**

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**

The Canon in Residence will announce the **ANTHEM**