

St Giles



IN THE FIELDS

A Church of Blessing, Encouragement & Praise

Order for Evening Prayer



Services at Saint Giles-in-the-Fields are drawn from the Book of Common Prayer. The present version dates from 1662, and draws heavily on the first English Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552, under King Edward VI. In common with most churches, the order includes variations which date from the first books, the proposed reforms of 1928, and other times in the Church of England's history since 1662. The order is consistent with the Church of England's Common Worship 2000.



❖ Evening Prayer ❖

*This order of service has been created for St. Philip & St. James's Day. Instructions are printed in italics and congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

❖ Introduction ❖

Dearly beloved, 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:

Please sit or kneel

❖ The General Confession ❖

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** ❖

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. Amen.

❖ **The Versicles and Responses** ❖

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

❖The Psalm❖

The psalm appointed from the Book of Common Prayer is sung by the Choir.

Psalm 147, verses 1-12

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and great is his power : yea and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him : and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord O Jerusalem : praise thy God O Sion.

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.

❖ **The First Lesson** ❖

The first lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.

Isaiah 60, verses 1-14

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending

unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Please stand

❖ **The Magnificat** ❖

The Magnificat is the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 1, verses 46-55. The Magnificat is sung by the Choir.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth: all gene rations 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 shew-ed 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 fill-ed 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 forever.

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.

Please sit

❖The Second Lesson❖

The second lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.

Revelation 3, verses 1-13

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my

new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Please stand

❖ **The Nunc Dimittis** ❖

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon, to whom it had been revealed by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ, as recalled in the Gospel according to Luke Chapter 2, verses 29-32. The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the choir.

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.

❖ **The Apostles' Creed** ❖

**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.**

Please sit

❖ Prayers and Intercessions ❖

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

❖ The Lord's Prayer ❖

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.

Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

❖ **The Collect of the Day** ❖

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

❖ **The Second Collect for 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.**

❖ **Anthem** ❖

The Day Draws On With Golden Light

Edward C Bairstow (1874-1946)

❖ Sermon ❖

The officiant now offers prayers of intercession on behalf of the congregation. These are prayers for ourselves and the world, seeking God's mercy for those in need, and giving thanks for blessings received. The intercessions end with this prayer from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians in the New Testament, in which we join together.

❖ The Grace ❖

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.

❖ The Organ Voluntary ❖

Tiento de 1º tono de mano derecha

Pablo Bruna (1611-1679)

If you wish, please remain seated until the conclusion of the voluntary.



Please take this booklet home with you.

La Peste

REFLECTIONS ON GOD, FAITH AND CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

This week we are looking forward to the start of our sermon series. Each of our speakers will join us for Evensong at 6:30pm and will share their ideas on where we have been and where we are going. I hope it will be a time for provoking thoughts and stirring up courage and confidence for the future.

Please do spread the word.

Services will be accessible in church and online through Zoom.

'La Peste'

May 2nd - *The Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie (Author & Assistant Priest, Holy Trinity Slone Square)*

June 6th - *The Revd Dr Paula Gooder (Canon Theologian, St. Paul's Cathedral)*

July 4th - *The Revd Canon Dr Giles Fraser (Writer, Broadcaster & Rector, St Mary's Newington)*

August 1st - *The Revd Rachel Mann (Anglican Priest, Poet, Writer & Broadcaster)*

September 5th - *The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE (The Bishop of London)*