

Three *COLLECTS* are sung:

The First Collect, of the Day.

The Second Collect, for Peace:

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation sits for the ANTHEM, sung by the choir.

All kneel or sit for the PRAYERS which conclude by all saying 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.

All stand to sing a HYMN - see notice sheet or hymn board for number.

There then follows the SERMON and a closing HYMN (during which a collection is taken). Following the hymn, all remain standing for the BLESSING.

THE DISMISSAL:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

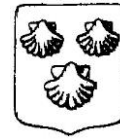
ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart.

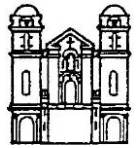
It is customary to then sit and listen to the organ voluntary.

If you wish to leave before it has finished, please do so quietly.

Please return this order of service to one of the Sidespeople.



The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



The Order for Choral Mattins

(Anyone who needs to remain seated should feel free to do so at any time during the service.)

The Minister introduces the service and an opening HYMN is sung - see notice sheet or hymn board for number.

After a call to repent,

all kneel or sit and say together the GENERAL CONFSSION:

**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 Minister says the ABSOLUTION, to which all respond Amen.

All say 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The PRECES (opening prayers in versicle and response) are sung either by the choir or by the whole congregation (see weekly notice sheet for details):

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

The congregation stands.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
World without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. **The Lord's name be praised.**

Remain standing to sing VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Psalm 95) (please see the separate music sheet.)

All remain standing to sing the PSALM (see music sheet.)

All sit for the FIRST LESSON, from the Old Testament.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS or BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA is sung either by the choir (please sit) or by the whole congregation (please stand) (see weekly notice sheet for details.)

All sit for the SECOND LESSON, from the New Testament.

BENEDICTUS (Luke 1.68-79) or JUBILATE DEO (Psalm 100) is sung either by the choir (please sit, and then stand for the Gloria) or by the whole congregation (please stand) (see weekly notice sheet for details.)

Remaining standing, all say 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 catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The LESSER LITANY and VERSICLES and RESPONSES are sung either by the choir or by the whole congregation (see weekly notice sheet for details):

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

The congregation kneels or sits.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the Queen.

R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**