



All Hallows  
Church  
Wellingborough

# Choral Evensong

for

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**6.00pm**

## Introit

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blessed,  
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we have come to the sun's hour of rest;  
the lights of evening round us shine;  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest are you at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life alone;  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*John Keble (1792~1866)*

## Opening Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing streams doth flow:  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside:  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee,

*William Williams (1717~1791)*

**The Psalm.      Psalm 1**

1. Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the council of the  
ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners:  
and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord:  
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside:  
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
4. His leaf also shall not wither:  
and look, whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper.
5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
but they are like chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face  
of the earth.
6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement:  
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
7. But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:  
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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.

**First Lesson.      Isaiah 60. verses 1~3, 17~20**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>17</sup>Instead of bronze I will bring gold,  
instead of iron I will bring silver;  
instead of wood, bronze,  
instead of stones, iron.

I will appoint Peace as your overseer  
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.

<sup>18</sup>Violence shall no more be heard in your land,  
devastation or destruction within your borders;  
you shall call your walls Salvation,  
and your gates Praise.

<sup>19</sup>The sun shall no longer be  
your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon  
give light to you by night;  
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.

<sup>20</sup>Your sun shall no more go down,  
or your moon withdraw itself;  
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,  
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

*Here endeth the First lesson*

### Office Hymn.

As now the sun's declining rays  
at eventide descend,  
so life's brief day is sinking down  
to its appointed end.

Lord, on the cross thine arms were stretched  
to draw thy people nigh:  
O grant us then that cross to love,  
and in those arms to die.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

*Charles Coffin (1676~1749)*

**The Magnificat.** Service in A major.

*Herbert Sumsion (1899~1995)*

**Second Lesson.** John 11. verses 17~27

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup>She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

*Here endeth the Second lesson*

**The Nunc Dimittis.** Service in A major.

*Herbert Sumsion (1899~1995)*

**Lesser Litany & Responses**

*Thomas Ebdon (1738~1811)*

## Anthem. Evening Hymn

Thee, Lord, before the close of day, Maker of all things,  
thee we pray for thy dear loving kindness' sake  
to guard and guide us in Thy Way.

banish the dreams that terrify, and night's fantastic company:  
keep us from Satan's tyranny: defend us from unchastity.

protect us, Father, God ador'd, Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,  
thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate, whose reign can know nor  
bound nor date. Amen

*H Balfour Gardiner (1877~1950)*

**Prayers.** *During which the new Votive Stand will be dedicated in memory of  
Jane Soames.*

## Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807~1892)*

## Sermon

## Hymn

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at Thy behest;  
to Thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.



So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away:  
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

*John Ellerton (1826~1893)*

*Descant by Christopher Robinson (b1936)*

**Organ Voluntary.** Poco allegro in D major. Opus 14. No 7

*Sir Edward Elgar (1857~1934)*

**Please do stay afterwards for wine /soft drinks and nibbles**





