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The Minister may say words of welcome

Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation I)

(Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth)

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!***

***Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when
fainting sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy shall
daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.***

***Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.***

The Minister may now read one or more sentences from the Scriptures, and then say

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:

All join with the Minister in saying the General Confession—(microphone muted!!)

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.

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The Absolution is pronounced by the Minister alone.

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 Choir now sing Tallis Preces

(The Choir join with the Choir of St John's Episcopal Church Greenock)

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.

(Here, all standing up, the Cantor shall sing,)

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.

Cantor. Praise ye the Lord.

Choir. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Choir now sing Psalm 128

(The Choir join with the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral Johannesburg)

1 Blessed are all they that 'fear the' Lord: and 'walk in 'his ' ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours 'of thine ' hands: O well is thee, and ' happy ' shalt thou ' be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the 'fruitful - vine: up ' on the ' walls of thine ' house.

4 Thy children ' like the ' olive-branches: 'round a ' bout thy ' table.

5 Lo, thus shall the ' man be ' blessed: that ' fear ' eth the ' Lord.

6 The Lord from out of ' Sion shall ' so ' bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity ' all thy ' life ' long.

7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy ' children's ' children: and ' peace up ' on ' Israel.

Genesis 14 17-20

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

¹And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

The Choir now sing the Magnificat (Shepherd)

(The Choir join with the Choir of Wakefield Cathedral – Shepherd's anthem is a versification of the Magnificat, the King James translation is given below)

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

For he hath regarded :the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :all generations 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 shewed 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 filled 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, for ever.

Doxology

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The Second Reading John 2 1-11

⁰ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

² And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

³ And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

⁵ His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

⁶ And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

⁷ Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

⁹ When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

¹⁰ And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

¹¹ This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The Choir now sing the Nunc Dimittis (Farrant)

(The Choir join with the Choir of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio)

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 is said by 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.

The Choir now sing Tallis Responses

(The Choir join with the Choir of St John's Episcopal Church Greenock)

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir. And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

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

The Lord's prayer is Chanted by all on a single note.

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.

Cantor. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir. And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor. O Lord, save the Queen.

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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Collect for the day pronounced by the Minister alone.

Almighty God whose son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence, renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unit of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer (all may join in)

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 (all may join in)

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 Choir now sing the Anthem "If ye love me" (Tallis)

(The Choir join with the Cambridge Singers under the direction of John Rutter)

Second Hymn – Jerusalem

(We join with the Choir and congregation of Liverpool Roman Anglican Cathedral words on screen)

The Minister or Preacher will now deliver a Homily

Third Hymn – Through all the changing scenes of life

(Metropolitan Tabernacle Choir London) - The words for the hymn appear on the screen and below

*Through all the changing scenes of life
In trouble and in joy
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ*

*Of His deliverance I will boast
Till all that are distressed
From my example comfort take
And charm their griefs to rest*

*O Magnify the Lord with me
With me exalt His name
When in distress to Him I called
He to my rescue came*

*The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just
Deliverance HE affords to all
Who in His mercy trust*

*O make but trial of His love
Experience will decide
How lessed are they and only they
Who in His truth confide*

*Fear Him ye saints and you will then
Have nothing else to fear
Come, make His service your delight
Your wants shall be His care.*

Prayers for the Queen, the Church, the Government and other matters.

Closing Hymn – Abide With Me *(we sing with the Choir of Kings College Cambridge)*

*Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

*.I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me*