

The Sermon *(please sit)*

Hymn *(please stand)*

Prayers *(please sit or kneel)*

Offertory Hymn *(please stand)* and Blessing

*The following prayers are sometimes said together by those present:*

*The Grace*

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.

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*A General Thanksgiving*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Ch for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*JOYFULLY SERVING JESUS*



## EVENSONG

ACCORDING TO THE  
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Hymn *(announced - please stand)*

**Sentences of Scripture may be read to introduce the service, following which the minister introduces the invitation to confession.**

DEARLY beloved brethren, 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:

**A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister, all sitting or kneeling.**

**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.**

**Then the Priest shall say or sing:**

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.  
Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**  
Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
Priest. O Lord, save thy people.  
Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**  
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**  
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

**Then shall follow three Collects: the first of the day to which all respond: Amen.** *A fourth collect is said or sung during Advent and Lent*

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer for Peace*

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.**

A Hymn or Choir Anthem is announced

## 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.**

*These Prayers follow:*

Minister. The Lord be with you.  
Answer. **And with thy spirit.**  
Minister. Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then shall all say or sing 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.**

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest  
alone, standing: the people still sitting or kneeling.*

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.

*If no priest is present the person saying the Service shall read the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, that person and the people still sitting.*

*Then the Minister and people say the Lord's Prayer together*

**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.**

*Then likewise the Minister shall say or sing:*

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Answer. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**  
Priest. O God, make speed to save us.  
Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All standing up, the Priest shall say or sing:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Answer. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**  
Priest. Praise ye the Lord.  
Answer. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

**THE PSALM(S)** *shall be said or sung as announced.*  
*The Psalms are found towards the back of the maroon Book of Common Prayer*

*Sit for:*

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Please stand for the Magnificat unless the choir sing a special setting, in which case you are invited to stand for the Gloria only.*

**MAGNIFICAT** *The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**MY SOUL** doth 'magnify the 'Lord :  
and my spirit hath re 'joiced in 'God my 'Saviour.

For he 'hath re'garded :  
the ' lowliness ' of his 'handmaiden.

For be'hold, 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 :  
Through'out all ' gene'rations.

He hath shew-ed ' strength with his ' arm :  
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi'nation ' of their ' hearts.

He hath put down the mighty ' from their ' seat :  
and hath ex'alted the ' humble and ' meek.

He hath fill-ed the hungry with ' good ' things :  
and the rich he ' hath sent ' empty a'way.

He re'membering his ' mercy:  
hath ' holpen his ' servant ' Israel.

As he promised ' to our ' forefathers:  
Abraham ' and his ' seed for ' ever.

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.' A'men.

*Sit for:*

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Please stand for the Nunc Dimittis unless the choir sing a special setting, in which case you are invited to stand for the Gloria only.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *The Song of Simeon*

**LORD** now lettest thou thy servant de'part in ' peace :  
ac'cording ' to thy ' word.

For mine eyes have ' seen thy sal'vation;  
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.' A'men.

*Remain standing as we say:*