

TAFF WENALLT

MINISTRY AREA



Choral Evensong

Welcome and opening sentence of Scripture

Hymn

The minister gives an invitation to confession, to which the people respond, either:

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. 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. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Or

**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 sinners;
spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
restore thou them that are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus 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 gives the absolution

Stand

Versicles and Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy Praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's Name be praised.

The Choir sings the psalm for the day.

Old Testament Reading



The Magnificat may be sung by the choir, or by the congregation using a hymn or the following words:

Great is the Lord my soul proclaims,
In him my spirit sings for joy;
For he who saves has looked on me
With boundless love to raise me high.
Ages to come shall know that I
Am blessed and favoured by the Lord
His name is Holy, mighty God
His wondrous power on me is poured
All those who fear him find his love
In every age in every land.
His strong right arm puts down the proud
Dispersed them like grains of sand.
Down from their thrones he casts the strong,
And raised up the meek of heart.
He gives the hungry choicest food;
In emptiness the rich depart.
Israel his servant knows his help,
In keeping with the promise sworn
To Abraham and all his race;
God's love will never be withdrawn.
Glory to God: the Father, Son,
And Spirit - Trinity sublime.
All honour, thanks and praise be theirs
Across the spans of endless time.

New Testament Reading



The Nunc Dimittis may be sung by the choir, or by the congregation using a hymn or the following words:

Now let your servant go in peace
For praise and blessing here increase;
For in our midst your word is done
And you have sent your promised one.
Before the peoples you prepare
Your way of life which all may share,
Your saving power is now made known;
Among the nations love is shown.
Child you are chosen as a sign
To test the human heart and mind;
For secrets hiding in the night
Shall be revealed in piercing light.
Now let us sing our Saviour's praise
And tell God's goodness all our days,
While breath is ours let praise be heard
For God's own faithful, saving word.

The Apostles' Creed

Stand

**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 Spirit,
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 is seated at 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 Spirit;
the Holy Catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *Kneel*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

And bless thine inheritance.

O Lord, save the King;

And give his counsellors wisdom.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And evermore mightily defend us.

Make clean our hearts, O God;

And renew a right spirit within us.

The three collects are sung.

The choir sing an anthem, or there may be a hymn instead.

The sermon and prayers.

Hymn

The minister gives a blessing

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 Christ,
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 ourselves 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.**