

# Choral Evensong: Epiphany 2

## THE OFFICE

STAND

*The Introit: Agnus Dei (Batten)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.  
mortem autem crucis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world  
Grant us thy peace.

*The Minister may read a sentence of Scripture.*

Beloved in Christ, we are here in the presence of the living God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; that we may know more truly the greatness of his love, and that his grace may bear fruit in our lives. We have come to hear and receive God's holy Word, to seek the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit, and to pray for ourselves and all mankind that we may be given those things which are necessary for our true well-being. But first let us confess our sins, and seek our Father's pardon and peace:

**We confess to God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

*SIT or KNEEL*

**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.**

*The Minister (if a Priest) says:*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STAND

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.**

## Psalm 96

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a / new / song:  
sing unto the Lord, / all the / whole / earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord and / praise his / name:  
tell the glad tidings of his sal-/vation • from / day to / day.
- 3 Declare his honour / unto • the / nations:  
and his wonders / unto / all / peoples.
- 4 For the Lord is great and / highly • to be / praised:  
he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations / are but / idols:  
but it is the / Lord that / made the / heavens.
- 6 Glory and majesty / are be-/fore him:  
power and / honour • are / in his / sanctuary.

- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye families / of the / peoples:  
ascribe unto the / Lord / honour • and / power.**
- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due / unto • his / name:  
bring offerings and / come / into • his / courts.**
- 9 O worship the Lord in / raiment • of / holiness:  
let the / whole earth / stand in / awe of him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations \* ‘The / Lord is / King: it is he who  
hath made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; \* he shall /  
judge the / peoples / righteously.’**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the / earth be / glad:  
let the sea roar and / all that / therein / is.**
- 12 Let the fields be joyful and / all • that is / in them:  
yea let all the trees of the wood re-/joice be-/fore the / Lord;**
- †13 For he cometh to / judge the / earth: in righteousness shall he  
judge the world, \* and the /peoples/ in his / faithfulness.**

*The first lesson:*  
**1 Samuel 3. 1-20**

Office Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
**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!**

MAGNIFICAT (*Luke 1.46*)

STAND

- 1 My soul doth / magnify • the / Lord: and my spirit hath re- / joiced in / God  
my / Saviour.
- 2 For he / hath re- / garded: the / lowli • ness / of his / handmaiden.
- 3 For be-/hold, from /henceforth: all gener- / ations • shall / call me /blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath / magni- • fied / me: and / holy / is his / name.
- 5 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him: through-/out all / gener- /ations,
- 6 He hath showed / strength • with his / arm: he hath scattered the proud \*  
in the imagin- / ation / of their / hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty / from their / seat: and hath ex- / alted • the /  
humble • and / meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with / good / things: and the rich he hath / sent /  
empty • a- / way.
- 9 He re- /membering • his / mercy: hath / helped his / servant / Israel;
- 10 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 / Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, \* is now, and / ever / shall be: world without /  
end. / A- / men.

*The second lesson is read from the New Testament.*

*SIT*

## **Ephesians 4. 1-16**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Luke 2.29*)

*STAND*

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in / peace: ac- /  
cording / to thy / word.**
  - 2 For mine eyes have / seen • thy sal- / vation: which thou hast  
prepared before the / face of / all / peoples.**
  - 3 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 / Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, \* is now, and / ever / shall be:  
world without / end. / A- / men.**

## 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 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.**

*SIT or KNEEL*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

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 Queen;  
**And give her 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 Collect of the day.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect, for Peace*

Almighty 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**



*The Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God (Handel)*

**Behold the Lamb of God,  
that taketh away the sin of the world.**

*The Intercessions*

*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.**

## Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

**The Church's one foundation,  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came  
and sought her  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own Blood  
he bought her,  
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With every grace endued.**

**Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore:  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church  
    victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.**