

Visiting Choirs: Information for Services

3a 5.30 pm Weekday Evensong and 4pm Saturday Evensong

Book of Common Prayer

Music required:

- Responses
- Psalm (words from the BCP, sung to Anglican chant)
- Evening Canticles
- An appropriate anthem

Details of the appointed psalm will be sent well before your visit.

The choir lines up at 5.25pm (3.55pm Saturdays) in the vestry and one of the Canons says a vestry prayer. They then process up to the south choir aisle where silence is kept; when the Canon indicates, the Crucifer sets out followed by the choir across the crossing and into the choir stalls. There is reflective organ music for a few minutes before the service and as the choir processes in.

Order of Service

Responses (unannounced; a note is given by the organist who finishes playing in the key of the responses)

Psalm (announced by the officiant)

First Lesson, followed by one minute's silence (timed by the conductor)

Magnificat

Second Lesson followed by one minute's silence (timed by the conductor)

Nunc Dimittis

Creed (said; the choir does **not** turn to face East)

The organist gives the appropriate note for the
Lesser Litany, Our Father, Responses, Collects (all sung)

Anthem (announced)

Intercessions (normally closing with the Grace, said by all)

Blessing from the Altar (followed by said Amen)

The voluntary starts; the choir turns east, bows, and processes to the crypt by the same route it used to enter. A closing prayer is said in the vestry.