

EVENING CANTICLES

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MAGNIFICAT (St. Luke 1, 46-55)

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.

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS (St. Luke 2, 29-32)

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.

ANTHEM

'HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN'

(Robert Ramsey, c.1590-1644)

How are the mighty fallen
in the midst of the battle,
O Jonathan.

Thou wast slain in thy high places.
O Jonathan, woe is me for thee,
O Jonathan, my brother,

Very kind hast thou been to me.
Thy love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

How are the mighty fallen,
and the weapons of war destroyed,
How are the mighty fallen!

(2 Samuel - 1:25 - 27)