INTROIT:  Under the shadow of the Almighty  
words: from Psalm 91  
music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)  
Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High  
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
He shall defend thee under his wings,  
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers  
There shall no evil happen unto thee  
extremely shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee  
to keep thee in all thy ways.

Minister  The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
All  Amen.  
Minister  Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,  
as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:  
whom resist, steadfast in the faith.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us;  
All  Thanks be to God.  
Minister  Our help is in the name of the Lord  
All  who hath made heaven and earth.  
Minister  O God, make speed to save us;  
Choir  O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Minister  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir  As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
Minister  Praise ye the Lord;  
Choir  The Lord’s Name be praised.

PSALM 31:1-6 (Tone VIII.2, sung by the choir)  
Have mercy upon me O God, and hearken unto my prayer.  
1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust:  
let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.  
2. Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.  
3. And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me.  
4. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle:  
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name’s sake.  
5. Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.  
6. Into thy hands I commend my spirit:  
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.  
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  
Have mercy upon me O God and hearken unto my prayer
THE LESSON: A short scripture lesson is read.

After the lesson:

All Thanks be to God.

Choir Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
I commend my spirit
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

The Choir sings the hymn

1. Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That with thy wonted favour thou, Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
2. From all ill dreams defend our eyes, From nightly fears and fantasies; Tread under foot our ghostly foe, That no pollution we may know.
3. O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, Who with the Holy Ghost and thee, doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Keep me as the apple of an eye; Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

NUNC DIMITTIS in B flat (choir)

words: Luke 2: 29-32
music: Charles Wood (1866-1926; SE 1888)

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace

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.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace


THE CREED

Minister I believe in God
All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
Minister And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
All Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Minister Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
All He descended into hell;
Minister The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven,
All And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
Minister From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
All I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;
Minister The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
All The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Minister Our Father,
All which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Minister Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.
All Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
Minister As we forgive them that trespass against us.
All And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers;
Choir To be praised and glorified above all for ever;
Minister Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
Choir Let us praise and magnify him for ever.
Minister Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
Choir To be praised and glorified above all for ever.
Minister The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
Choir Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Minister We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
All That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
Minister Through our own grievous fault.
All Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.
Minister Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and
deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
All and bring us to life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you
All pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life,
Minister and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.
Minister: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;
Choir: That thy people may rejoice in thee?
Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;
Choir: O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
Minister: O Lord, hear our prayer;
Choir: And let our cry come unto thee.
Minister: Let us pray.

Then follow the Collects, to which the Choir respond Amen.

ANTHEM: Upon your heart
music: Eleanor Daley b.1955
words: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7; John 15: 9-12

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.
If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love
Love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete

Choir: We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister: Abide with us O Lord;
All: for it is toward evening and the day is far spent
Minister: As the watchmen look for the morning;
All: so do we look for thee, O Christ.
Minister: Come with the dawning of the day
All: and make thyself known in the breaking of bread.
Minister: The Lord be with you;
All: and with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us bless the Lord;
All: Thanks be to God.
Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost, bless and preserve us this night and for evermore.
All: Amen.
Minister: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace,
and rise in glory.
All: Amen.