inter quos lucetis sicut luminaria in mundo in which you shine like lights in the world.

Philippians 2:15

The congregation and choir are asked to sit quietly before the Service begins.

All stand as the Chaplain enters the Chapel in silence.

The Chaplain says the Opening prayer.
Blessèd art thou, Sovereign God, creator of light and darkness!
As evening falls, thou dost renew thy promise
to reveal among us the light of thy presence.
May thy word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path,
that we may behold thy glory coming among us.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing thy praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All respond:
Blessèd be God for ever!

The Gospel Candle is lighted; the Choir sings Phos Hilaron, the Hymn to the Light
GREEK HYMN TO THE LIGHT
Phos Hilaron

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης
ἄθανάτου Πατρός, οὐρανίου,
ἀγίου, μάκαρος,
Ἅγιον Χριστὲ,
ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἥλιον δύσιν,
ιδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν,
ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα,
Γιόν, καὶ ἁγίον Πνεύμα, Θεόν.
αξίον σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς
ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις,
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζωὴν ὁ διδούς·
διὸ ὁ κόσμος
σὲ δοξάζει.

O joyful Light of the holy glory
of the immortal, heavenly,
holy, blessed Father,
O Jesus Christ,
having come to the setting of the sun,
having beheld the evening light,
we hymn the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, God.
Meet it is at all times
that thou be hymned with auspicious voices,
O Son of God, giver of life,
wherefore the whole world doth glorify thee.

The Officiant says:
Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

All repeat:
Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to thee, come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry unto thee.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.
But my eyes are turned unto thee, Lord God,
in thee do I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Words from Psalm 141
The Officiant says:
As thy word, O Lord, gives light to our path,
may we behold the glory of thy presence
and so rejoice to sing thy praise, now and for ever. Amen.

All remain standing

THE OPENING RESPONSES

Officiant    O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir        And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant    O God, make speed to save us.
Choir        O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant    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.

Officiant    Praise ye the Lord.
Choir        The Lord’s name be praised.

All remain standing for the hymn.

THE HYMN
Sung by the Choir

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and life receiveth.

When the storms are o’er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee.

After the hymn, please sit as the choir sings the Psalm.
Veritas de terra orta est, et iustitia de caelo prospexit.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth, and righteousness
hath looked down from heaven.

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land *
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people *
and covered all their sins.
Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure *
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour *
and let thine anger cease from us.
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever *
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us *
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
Shew us thy mercy, O Lord *
and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him *
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth *
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness *
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him *
and he shall direct his going in the way.

The Antiphon is repeated

After the psalm, please sit for the Reading.
THE READING


This term we are reading the parables of Jesus
beginning with those in the Gospel according to St Luke

Reader: Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT SILENCE

Two minutes of silence is kept for reflection and private prayer.

Please stand for the Canticle (Byram-Wigfield ‘Edinburgh Service - Magnificat)

THE CANTICLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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.
The Canticle concludes with the doxology:

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.

After the Canticle, please kneel or sit for the Prayers of Intercession

THE PRayers of INTERCESSION

At the end of each petition:
Minister Lord, in thy mercy
All hear our prayer.

At the end of the Prayers, all say together:
All 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.

Please sit while the choir sings the Anthem

THE ANTHEM
Litany to the Holy Spirit
Music: Peter Hurford
Words: Robert Herrick

In the hour of my distress,
when temptations me oppress,
and when I my sins confess,
sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When I lie within my bed,
sick in heart, and sick in head,
and with doubts discomforted,
sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep,
and the world is drowned in sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep,
sweet Spirit, comfort me.

After the Anthem, all stand as a sign of the resurrection
The Lord’s Prayer

Chaplain As our Saviour Jesus Christ taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Final Responses

Officiant Vouchsafe, O Lord:
Choir To keep us this night without sin.

Officiant O Lord, have mercy upon us:
Choir Have mercy upon us.

Officiant O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us:
Choir As our trust is in thee.

Officiant Turn us again, thou Lord of hosts:
Choir Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer:
Choir And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant The Lord be with you:
Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.
Give us light in the night season, we beseech thee, O Lord, And grant that our rest may be without sin, And our waking to thy service; That we may come in peace and safety To the waking of the great day Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.
Choir      Thanks be to God.

Officiant  The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Choir      Amen.

All remain standing.
The Choir and Officiant move to gather around the Gospel Candle.

GREEK HYMN

...σιγάτω
μηδ’ ἄστρα φαεσφόρα λαμπέσθων,
[ἀπολειπόντων όπαι πνοιών, πηγαί]
ποταμών ὄθιων πᾶσαι.

υμνοῦντων δ’ ἡμῶν Πατέρα χ’Υιόν χ’Ἁγιον Πνεύμα,
πᾶσαι δυνάμεις ἑπιφωνοῦντων, ἀμήν, ἀμήν·
κράτος, αἶνος ἀεὶ καὶ δόξα Θεῷ
δωτήρι μόνῳ πάντων ἀγαθῶν· ἀμήν, ἀμήν.

...Let [everyone] be silent
and let the luminous stars not shine,
[let the rushing of the winds and] all [the sources]
of the noisy rivers [die down].
And as we hymn Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
let all the powers add: ‘Amen, Amen;
might, praise forever, and glory to God
the sole giver of good things; Amen, Amen.’

3rd Century AD

Fragment from papyrus discovered at Oxyrhynchus, Egypt

This ancient text is incomplete. Where there are gaps, phrases that would fit the
grammar and the sense have been added to the text in square brackets.
These phrases are not sung, but are included in the translation.

The Gospel Candle is extinguished.
The Choir and Officiant leave the Chapel in silence.
After a few moments, the congregation depart quietly.