St. James Episcopal Church

College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 PM, SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2026

Choral Evensong

The page numbers in bold below will guide through the participatory portions of tonight's liturgy. Additionally, if you would like to more or less follow the whole liturgy through the prayer book, start on BCP 117 - Evening Prayer Rite II.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book in pew)
Other numbers are in the Hymnal (blue book in pew)

Psalm 141	Choir
Preces	Setting by Richard Webster
Phos Hilaron	Setting by Richard Prolux
Psalm 95, 23, 100	Anglican Chant & setting by Howard Goodall
First Reading	**Ezekiel 34:1-31**
Magnificat	Setting by George Dyson
Second Reading	**John 10:1-16**
Nunc Dimittis	Setting by George Dyson
Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer	**BCP 120**
Suffrages and Collect	Setting by Richard Webster
Choral Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"	Arr. By Mack Wilberg
General Thanksgiving and Blessing	**BCP 125**
Hymn #39	**Sung By All**
Postlude	

EVENSONG

The term Evensong derives from the Anglo Saxon word 'oefen-sang'. Before the Reformation, it was the English name for 'Vespers', one of eight daily services sung in monasteries and cathedrals.

Following the Reformation, the eight services were reduced, and the last two services of the day, Vespers and Compline, were combined to create Evensong. The first Book of Common Prayer was published in 1549, and the service has remained remarkably similar in structure ever since.

If you've never heard Anglican Chant before, it can be one of the most striking parts of Evensong. The psalms are sung in four-part harmony, with the words fitted to a repeated musical pattern. The two sides of the choir may even take turns singing alternate verses. It's a tradition that developed in the seventeenth century and remains an important part of worship today. (From Catherdral Music Trust https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/)

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant: Fr. Andrew O'Connor

Music Director: Dakota Bennett

St. James Vocal Choir

Oboe: Jeanne Kroeker

1st reader: John Robison

2nd reader: Rev. Audrey Miskelley

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