Evening Liturgy

Programme note for the first performance, Iași, 1983

Andrei Văleanu wrote Evening Liturgy for the chamber choir of the Iași Conservatory between 1979 and 1981. The text follows the order of the evening service, but the music leaves the church modes for the irregular rhythms of the village songs he had been recording since 1958.

The work is in five parts, sung without a break. The opening chord, held by the lower voices, returns at the end of each part and closes the piece.

Performers: Chamber Choir of the Iaşi Conservatory, conducted by the composer.

Duration: about twenty-two minutes.