



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evensong for June 16, 2021 George Berkeley & Joseph Butler

Evensong is a service in the Daily Office of the Church, finding its origins in ancient monastic communities. Evensong is regularly offered at St. Andrew's on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and available electronically on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

This participatory service consists of prayers, hymns, scripture readings and

canticles. At the time of the General Intercession you are invited to add your own personal intercessions. You will find links within the service to musical settings.

We hope that you find this to be a way to remain spiritually connected the St. Andrew's community and the larger Church as we continue to remain physically apart.

-- Fr. Alan



Opening Sentence

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Invitatory: *Preces & Responses*

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Hear *Preces and Responses* as performed by the Combined Choirs of the 7 Scottish Episcopal Cathedrals: <https://youtu.be/baPOlwVEMc4>

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Phos Hilaron: O Radiant Light

Owain Park (b.1993)

Hear *Phos Hilaron* by the Cambridge Chorale: https://youtu.be/Xlemfvr_GaY

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Psalm 119:89-96

89 O LORD, your word is everlasting; *
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.

- 92 If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.
- 94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.
- 95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
- 96 I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

The Psalm ends with *Gloria Patri*:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:6-10

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Magnificat: *Magnificat in D*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 showed 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*.

Hear the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* as performed by the Choir of Somerville College, Oxford: <https://youtu.be/8gCtyCsFma4>

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Second Lesson: John 3:11-16

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Nunc Dimittis: Nunc Dimittis in D

Charles Wood

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.*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Prayers

Bidding

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Suffrages

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good will,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion
of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collects

A Collect for George Berkeley & Joseph Butler

Holy God, source of all wisdom: We give thanks for your servants George Berkeley and Joseph Butler, who by their life and work strengthened your Church and illumined your world. Help us, following their examples, to place our hearts and minds in your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Hymnal, no. 218

Hear the hymn as performed by Giles Brightwell for All Saints', Atlanta [begins at 1:50]:
<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsATL/videos/304964420539969/>

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Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Responsory

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* [Romans 15:13]

Evensong Schedule

Evensong is available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
The next service of Evensong is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JULY 7.**

GEORGE BERKELEY AND JOSEPH BUTLER

BISHOPS AND THEOLOGIANS, 1753 AND 1752

Today we commemorate two important thinkers in the church who are largely unknown today. Both were bishops in the Church: George Berkeley was Bishop of Cloyne in Ireland, and Joseph Butler was Bishop of Bristol before being translated to Durham. More importantly, both were major philosophers who defended the faith and engaged in intellectual endeavors in the pursuit of knowing God more deeply and proclaiming the Good News more truthfully.

George Berkeley was born in Ireland in 1684 and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He went to the New World, but money for a planned college in Bermuda fell through, so he returned home, where he was named Bishop of Cloyne in 1734. He gave his library and land to Yale, where his name lives on in a residential college and the Episcopal seminary there; Berkeley, California is also named for him. His theory of immaterialism pioneered the philosophy of vision and spurred discussion among Hume, Kant, and Schopenhauer; you can see its influence in Owen Barfield's *Saving the Appearances*.

Joseph Butler was born a Presbyterian in 1692 to family, becoming an Anglican when he entered Oriel College in 1715. He came to public attention by preaching in the Rolls Chapel, Chancery as a young priest. At a time when sermons were popular spectator events, Butler preached about human nature and the meaning of divine revelation in ways that were accessible and intellectually serious. Both his published sermons and his substantial work, *The Analogy of Religion*, had enormous influence for more than 100 years. His approach still echoes in the work of C. S. Lewis. Bishop Butler died on 16 June 1752.

Both men answered the call of God, "who will go for us?" with a "here am I, send me" in pastoral ministry and in the intellectual life. Both addressed the questions of their time with profound ideas, refuting Deism and rationalism. What if the questions they met are no longer ours, if their answers no longer speak to us? They show us how to be faithful thinkers in our own time and with our own gifts. They show how to love God with our minds; as my husband Jim likes to say, "to study IS to glorify God!" --DWW

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