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Evensong for May 19, 2021

St. Dunstan

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 57:6-11

- 6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.
- 7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and make melody.
- 8 Wake up, my spirit;
awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will waken the dawn.

- 9 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; *
I will sing praise to you among the nations.
- 10 For your loving kindness is greater than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
and your glory over all the earth.

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: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-7

Let us now sing the praises of famous men,
our ancestors in their generations.
The Lord apportioned to them great glory,
his majesty from the beginning.
There were those who ruled in their kingdoms,
and made a name for themselves by their valour;
those who gave counsel because they were intelligent;
those who spoke in prophetic oracles;
those who led the people by their counsels
and by their knowledge of the people's lore;
they were wise in their words of instruction;
those who composed musical tunes,
or put verses in writing;
rich men endowed with resources,
living peacefully in their homes—
all these were honoured in their generations,
and were the pride of their times.

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: Matthew 24:42-47

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day* your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

‘Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves* their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

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 Dunstan

O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, JUNE 2.**

DUNSTAN

MONK AND ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 988

Dunstan was born in the southwest of England about 909. Dunstan set out to restore monasteries after the Viking destruction and to reform monasticism. He became a monk and a priest, and devoted himself to study, music, metal working (especially casting church bells), and painting. A manuscript he illuminated is in the British Museum. He served as bishop of Worcester and London before being elevated to the archbishopric of Canterbury in 959.

Dunstan was deeply involved with the politics of his day, teaching kings and princes to be wise and good monarchs. He wrote the coronation service that is still used today, and our prayers for government leaders reflect his teaching that the church should pray for the king. He did not see a conflict between being religious and politics or the arts: he thought every part of our lives should be brought to the feet of Christ (see picture below, which may be a self-portrait).



St. Dunstan's window in the Vestry at St. Andrew's



Saint Dunstan kneeling at the feet of Christ: detail from a 10th century manuscript.

On Ascension Day in 988, he told the congregation that he was near to death, and died two days later. Dunstan became one of the most beloved saints in English culture and literature, renowned for his wit, kindness, and generosity of character.

--DWW, adapted from <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/160.html> and *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*.

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