



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Evensong for April 15, 2020: *Wednesday in Easter Week*

*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.*

*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 to 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*

David Jernigan (b. 1959)

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  
Choirs of St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
(New Haven, CT): <https://youtu.be/l76DLICyFUA>

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### *Phos Hilaron: Hail Gladdening Light*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail, gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured  
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;  
The lights of evening round us shine;  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art Thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, Giver of life, alone:  
Therefore in all the world Thy glories, Lord, they own.

Hear *Hail Gladdening Light* as performed by the  
Sixteen: <https://youtu.be/acGGSCZAjsg>

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**Psalm 115:** *Non nobis, Domine*

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say, \* “  
Where then is their God?”
- 3 Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, \*  
both small and great together.
- 14 May the LORD increase you more and more, \*  
you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blessed by the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD’S, \*  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.
- 17 The dead do not praise the LORD, \*  
nor all those who go down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless the LORD, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.  
Hallelujah!

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: 1 Corinthians 15:29-41

Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?

And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you—a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised,

‘Let us eat and drink,  
for tomorrow we die.’

Do not be deceived:

‘Bad company ruins good morals.’

Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

## *Magnificat*

Herbert Sumison (1899-1995)

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 Guildford Cathedral Choir:  
<https://youtu.be/PJgp3tE3bYQ>

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## Second Lesson: Matthew 28:1-16

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

### *Nunc Dimittis*

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

### Collect for Wednesday in Easter Week

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Collect for Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## Second Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *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: *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*

Hear the hymn as sung by the Guildford Cathedral Choir: <https://youtu.be/blRDdCzio30>

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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]

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