



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evensong for April 29, 2020: *Catherine of Siena*

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*

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

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 & Responses* as performed by the
Cathedral Choir of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
(Edinburgh): <https://youtu.be/ucQD2g6laLU>

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Phos Hilaron: *Evening Service*

Stephen Sturk (b.1950)

Hear *Evening Service* as performed by the Cathedral Singers: <https://youtu.be/iMxvz2GT6OE>

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Psalm 119:73-80 *Yodh Manus tuæ fecerunt me*

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your loving kindness be my comfort, *
as you have promised to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.

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 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Magnificat

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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:
<https://youtu.be/ORIQ0sDQM6w>

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Second Lesson: Luke 12:22-31

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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 Catherine of Siena

Everlasting God, who so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of His Glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Aid Against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Third Collect for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Intercession

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.*

Please add your own personal Intercessions.

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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hear the hymn as sung by the Mt. Pleasant
Chorale and Iowa Wesleyan College Choir:
https://youtu.be/7dL91txxk_M

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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]

CATHERINE OF SIENA, 1380

One tends to think of medieval women as silent and passive dwellers in homes and convents. This was far from the case with Catherine of Siena. She exercised great influence in matters of church and state, and hers was one of the keenest minds of her day.

Her father was a merchant in the flourishing Italian town of Siena. In her youth she had some extraordinary religious experiences which caused concern among her family and friends. At sixteen she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and gave herself entirely to contemplation and the service of the sick and poor. Her reputation as a counselor and mystic soon spread far and wide. In 1376 she made a journey to Avignon and boldly confronted Pope Gregory XI, who heeded her advice and thus averted schism and bloodshed.

Catherine's famous book, the Dialogue, is most unusual and highly symbolic. We have four hundred letters written by her, addressed to bishops, kings, scholars, merchants, and obscure peasants. They are excellent literature and reflect a wide range of interests.

Catherine spent countless months caring for the victims of plague. Again and again she was to be found in the courts of state, interceding for justice, mercy, and peace.

http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/the_calendar_response.php?id=400429



Announcements

The May-July edition of the "Forward Day by Day" devotional booklets are now available.



If you would like one sent to you, please send an email with your mailing address to: agibson@standrewsaa.org, or leave a message on the church voicemail at 734-663-0518, ext. 201.

The Bishop's Fund for COVID-19 Relief

We can make a difference.

Our Diocese has partnered with All Saints', Pontiac and Christ Church Cranbrook to create a dollar for dollar matching fund of up to \$100,000 that will be donated to food bank distributors throughout our diocese, so that they may buy more food to feed all of us who are hungry. Every dollar you share counts, and every donation you offer is a blessing to the families who will be helped.

You can contribute to this fund at edomi.org/COVID19relief.

Update your phone number!

Using our current 2019-2020 parish phone directory, Fr. Alan has been calling parishioners to check on them during this unusual time. Unfortunately, he is finding that many of the land-line phone numbers are no longer in service.



If you have disconnected your landline please be sure to give the office your cell phone number so that we can reach you!

If you need to update your phone numbers - or any other part of your directory listing - please send an email to Kathy at kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org.

Deadline for the summer issue of *The Network*

The deadline for the June-July-August issue of *The Network* is Wednesday, May 20. Please send articles to communications@standrewsaa.org.

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