



# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Evensong for July 1, 2020**

*Pauli Murray*

*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*

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 & Responses* as performed by the  
Choirs of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church:  
<https://youtu.be/I76DLICyFUA>

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## *Phos Hilaron: O Radiant Light*

Mark Templeton (b.1974)

Hear *O Radiant Light*:  
<https://youtu.be/UombztaR55o>

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## **Psalm 119:17-24** *Cantate Domino*

- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
that I may live and keep your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
the wonders of your law.
- 19 I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
do not hide your commandments from me.

- 20 My soul is consumed at all times \*  
with longing for your judgments.
- 21 You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- 22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
for I have kept your decrees.
- 23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
I will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 For your decrees are my delight, \*  
and they are my counselors.

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:** Galatians 3:26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

***Magnificat:*** *Magnificat in E flat*

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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/n0aJ3m6-iz4>

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## Second Lesson: Mark 12:1-12

Then he began to speak to them in parables. ‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But those tenants said to one another, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

*Nunc Dimittis: Nunc Dimittis in E flat*

Edward Bairstow

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 Pauli Murray

Liberating God, we thank you for the steadfast courage of your servant Pauli Murray, who fought long and well. Unshackle us from the chains of prejudice and fear, so that we may show forth your reconciling love and true freedom, which you revealed through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A 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.*

## First 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.*

## 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: *The First One Ever*

Hear the hymn: <https://youtu.be/sGyEP9IWkk0>

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
The next service of Evensong is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

## PAULI MURRAY, PRIEST, 1985

Pauli Murray was a pioneer and path-breaker in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights, and for full inclusion of women in the ministry of the Episcopal Church. She deserves to be better known and honored for her ground-breaking intellectual and social work, and for the quiet dignity of her life.

Pauli Murray was born in 1910 in Baltimore and raised by two aunts after her mother died and her father was committed to a mental institution. The aunts instilled in her a deep sense of pride in her family legacy, with high standards and high expectations. Murray was educated at Hunter College; when she was rejected on account of race by UNC for graduate school she made headlines with her public letter of appeal; that began her life-long campaign of letter-writing in a wide range of causes, which she called "confrontation by typewriter." She held a variety of positions in a dizzyingly wide range of fields, questioning in her early life whether to pursue writing or law as a career. She chose law but was rejected by Harvard on account of her sex; these two admissions decisions set the terms of her work for the rest of her life. She attended law school at Howard, where she suffered from such strong sex discrimination that she called the system there "Jane Crow." Her senior thesis later served as the basis for Thurgood Marshall's case in *Brown*. After graduation she compiled an encyclopedia of states' color and race laws that would become a vital resource in challenging them. She earned her Ph.D. at Yale. A published poet and gifted writer, Murray also made friends in the highest circles, including Eleanor Roosevelt and James Baldwin. With Betty Friedan she co-founded the National Organization for Women (NOW), seeing it as a feminist counterpart to the NAACP, but she became estranged from it for its failure to recognize and serve the needs of women of color. Her work on the use of the 14th Amendment for women's rights was used by Ruth Bader Ginsberg in 1971.

Pauli Murray was an activist, too. As a student in 1940 she was jailed for refusing to sit in the "colored" section of a bus in Virginia; at Howard she organized a lunch-counter boycott in the mid 1940s.

The death of her close friend and companion in 1973 caused a crisis of meaning in her life and deepened her sense of mission. She went to General Seminary and in 1977 she became the first black woman ordained priest in the Church. The priesthood gave her joy and yet another opportunity to seek justice and equity. Her own sense of being transgender, revealed after her death though she never discussed it publicly, has made her a hero to the trans community and its allies. In 2017 Yale named a new residential college in her honor. In 2018 the General Convention added her name to the Episcopal calendar of saints.



*Donna Wessel Walker, with material from Pauli Murray, Song in a Weary Throat, and Drew Gilpin Faust, "Catching up to Pauli Murray," NYRB, 10/25/2018.*