



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evensong for March 18, 2020: *Cyril of Jerusalem*

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

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. [Psalm 16:7,8]

Invitatory: *Preces*

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 seven Scottish Episcopal Cathedrals: <https://youtu.be/rvt8cv-e6FA>

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Phos Hilaron

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 *Phos Hilaron* as performed by the Cambridge Chorale (UK): https://youtu.be/Xlemfvr_GaY

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Psalm 122: *Lætatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’
sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD
our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

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: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 47:8-10

In all that he did he gave thanks
to the Holy One, the Most High, proclaiming his glory;
he sang praise with all his heart,
and he loved his Maker.

He placed singers before the altar,
to make sweet melody with their voices.

He gave beauty to the festivals,
and arranged their times throughout the year,
while they praised God’s holy name,
and the sanctuary resounded from early morning.

Magnificat

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*.

Second Lesson: Luke 24:44-48

Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 Cyril of Jerusalem

Strengthen, O Lord, the bishops of your Church in their special calling to be teachers and ministers of the Sacraments, so that they, like your servant Cyril of Jerusalem, may effectively instruct your people in Christian faith and practice; and that we, taught by them, may enter more fully into celebration of the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now Let Us All with One Accord

Hear the hymn as performed by the choir of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fullerton, CA:
<https://youtu.be/Qloswmies0U>

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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]

Cyril of Jerusalem, 386

Cyril was born in Jerusalem around 315, and became bishop of that city in about 349. The years between the Council of Nicaea (325) and the Council of Constantinople (381) were troubled years, in which the Church, having committed to the proposition that the Son is “one in being” (homo-ousios) with the Father, began to consider whether there was some other formula that would adequately express the Lordship of Christ but not be “divisive.” Cyril was among those who looked for a way of expressing the doctrine that would be acceptable to all parties. As a result, he was exiled from his bishopric three times, for a total of sixteen years. He eventually came to the conclusion, as did most other Christians of the time, that there was no alternative to the Nicene formula, and in 381 he attended the Council of Constantinople and voted for that position.

Cyril is author of the Catecheses, an important work of instruction for those preparing for baptism. These lectures were repeated often and have become a model, in both content and style, for Christian education ever since.

Every year, thousands of Christian pilgrims came to Jerusalem, especially for Holy Week. It was probably Cyril who instituted the liturgical forms for that week at the pilgrimage sites in Jerusalem: the procession on Palm Sunday, services on the following days and the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter. These practices were observed in the 4th century by the Spanish pilgrim Egeria, who wrote about them in her now-famous journal; they also spread to other churches by returning pilgrims throughout late antiquity.

Despite the controversies he faced, Cyril never lost his gentle spirit nor expressed any ill will to his enemies. His catechism stresses the love and help of God, and is more focused on encouraging faith than in proving the existence of God. His gently profundity has made him one of the most beloved teachers in the Church.

(adapted from http://satucket.com/lectionary/Cyril_Jerusalem.htm and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyril_of_Jerusalem)

