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Evensong for May 27, 2020 Queen Bertha and King Ethelbert

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 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 and 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 *O Radiant Light* as performed by the Cam-
bridge Chorale: https://youtu.be/Xlemfvr_GaY

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Psalm 144:9-16 *Benedictus Dominus*

- 9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; *
I will play to you on a ten stringed lyre.
- 10 You give victory to kings *
and have rescued David your servant.
- 11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword *
and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

- 12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.
- 13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, *
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.
- 14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; *
may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands;
may our cattle be fat and sleek.
- 15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, *
no wailing in the public squares.
- 16 Happy are the people of whom this is so! *
happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

The Psalm ends with *Gloria Patri*:

Glorify 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: Wisdom 9:7-12

You have chosen me to be king of your people
and to be judge over your sons and daughters.

You have given command to build a temple on your holy mountain,
and an altar in the city of your habitation,
a copy of the holy tent that you prepared from the beginning.

With you is wisdom, she who knows your works
and was present when you made the world;
she understands what is pleasing in your sight
and what is right according to your commandments.

Send her forth from the holy heavens,
and from the throne of your glory send her,
that she may labor at my side,
and that I may learn what is pleasing to you.

For she knows and understands all things,
and she will guide me wisely in my actions
and guard me with her glory.

Then my works will be acceptable,
and I shall judge your people justly,
and shall be worthy of the throne of my father.

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: Luke 10:21-24

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

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

Collect for Bertha and Ethelbert

God our ruler and guide, we honor you for Queen Bertha and King Ethelbert of Kent who, gently persuaded by the truth of your Gospel, encouraged others by their godly example to follow freely the path of discipleship; and we pray that we, like them, may show the goodness of your Word not only by our words but in our lives; through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *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.*

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: Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hear the hymn as performed by Dr. Deborah Friauff: <https://youtu.be/LqI5iD5L2hs>

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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]

QUEEN BERTHA AND KING ETHELBERT OF KENT (616)

During the fifth century, Anglo-Saxons invaded southeastern England, driving the Celts north and west into Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and eradicating the practice of Christianity



which had existed for at least two hundred years by then. Ethelbert was the third Saxon king of southeastern England, succeeding his father ca. 560; he instituted a code of law (the first written in a Germanic language) and, as rich trade developed with France, introduced coinage. In about 580 he married a Frankish princess, Bertha, who set the condition that she be allowed to bring her chaplain with her and continue to practice her Christian faith.

Ethelbert, not himself a Christian, gave to Bertha and her community an old Roman building for a chapel. She dedicated it to St. Martin of Tours, and it is now the oldest church in England and the oldest parish church in continuous use: there are still Sunday and weekday services there. It may have been Bertha's presence and practice of Christianity that encouraged Augustine to begin his mission to England in Canterbury rather than London when he arrived in 597. She certainly knew he was coming and encouraged the mission. Ethelbert gave Augustine a royal welcome, hospitality, and protection; he allowed Augustine to preach, teach and baptize. Ethelbert also gave him a fair hearing, and at Pentecost, probably around 601, was himself baptized, thus becoming the first Christian king in England. Wide-spread conversion resulted, but it is said that no one was ever coerced into baptism during Bertha's and Ethelbert's reign.

For Bertha's kind and charitable nature, and for Ethelbert's respect for law and individual conscience, these two early Christian monarchs represent some of the best of the English Christian spirit.

--Donna Wessel Walker, adapted from *Holy Women, Holy Men*

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