



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evensong for May 6, 2020: *Fourth Week of Easter*

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*

Janet Wheeler (b. 1957)

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
Gloucester Cathedral Choir:
<https://youtu.be/qAHPzMuBtYc>

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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 49 *Audite hæc, omnes*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the
world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and
poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days,*
when the wickedness of those at my
heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put
their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great,*
that we should never have enough to
pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who
come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes
for ever,
their dwelling places from
generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their
own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot
live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.
- 12 Such is the way of those who
foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in
their own words.
- 13 Like a flock of sheep they are
destined to die;
Death is their shepherd; *
they go down straightway to
the grave.
- 14 Their form shall waste away, *
and the land of the dead shall be
their home.
- 15 But God will ransom my life; *
he will snatch me from the grasp of
death.
- 16 Do not be envious when some
become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house
increases;
- 17 For they will carry nothing away at
their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- 18 Though they thought highly of
themselves while they lived, *
and were praised for their success,
- 19 They shall join the company of their
forebears, *
who will never see the light again.
- 20 Those who are honored, but have no
understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

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 Thessalonians 2:1-12

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Magnificat: *Magnificat in Bb* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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* as performed by
the Choir of Winchester Cathedral:
<https://youtu.be/qsbWHMfQXzE>

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Second Lesson: Matthew 5:17-20

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Nunc Dimittis: Nunc Dimittis in Bb

C. V. Stanford

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.*

Hear the *Nunc Dimittis* as performed by
the Choir of Winchester Cathedral:
<https://youtu.be/dyje6Sh-xeM>

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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 the Fourth Week of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Protection

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *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: *The King of Love My Shepherd is*

Hear the hymn as sung by the congregation of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (New York City): <https://youtu.be/n0TGpDE2FJo>

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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

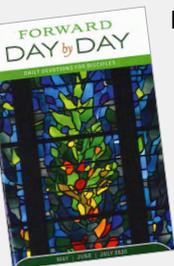
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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]

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.

REMINDER: The Church building remains CLOSED

While many of you have keys to the church, we must reemphasize that the church is closed. *Please do not let yourself into any part of the church for any reason unless you are coming to serve Breakfast or have received permission directly from Fr. Alan.*

A few staff members are coming in on a very infrequent basis to maintain basic operations of the church. It is vital that we limit access to our buildings in order to keep everyone well and as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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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Are you on our email list?

To be added to the church's email list, please contact Kathy McPherson at kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org.

Please know that your privacy is important to us. We do not add anyone to our email list until they have specifically requested it. If you know someone who isn't getting our emails, have them email Kathy.

