



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evensong for October 21, 2020

Pentecost 20

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*

William Smith (1603-1645)

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 Seraphic Fire: <https://youtu.be/l2r2bnlKh84>

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Phos Hilaron: O Gladsome Light

Hear *Phos Hilaron* as performed by the Valaam Monastery Choir:
<https://youtu.be/39Fcxx03rd4>

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Psalm 119

Daleth *Adhæsit pavimento*

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; *
give me life according to your word.
- 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; *
instruct me in your statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, *
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; *
strengthen me according to your word.

- 29 Take from me the way of lying; *
let me find grace through your law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; *
I have set your judgments before me.
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; *
O LORD, let me not be put to shame.
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, *
for you have set my heart at liberty.

He *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw *Et veniat super me*

- 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, *
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law; *
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings *
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.
- 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

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: Ecclesiasticus 7:4-14

Do not seek from the Lord high office,
or the seat of honour from the king.
Do not assert your righteousness before the Lord,
or display your wisdom before the king.
Do not seek to become a judge,
or you may be unable to root out injustice;
you may be partial to the powerful,
and so mar your integrity.
Commit no offence against the public,
and do not disgrace yourself among the people.
Do not commit a sin twice;
not even for one will you go unpunished.
Do not say, 'He will consider the great number of my gifts,
and when I make an offering to the Most High God, he will accept it.'
Do not grow weary when you pray;
do not neglect to give alms.
Do not ridicule a person who is embittered in spirit,
for there is One who humbles and exalts.
Do not devise a lie against your brother,
or do the same to a friend.
Refuse to utter any lie,
for it is a habit that results in no good.
Do not babble in the assembly of the elders,
and do not repeat yourself when you pray.

Magnificat

Neil Cox (b. 1955)

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 Gloucester Cathedral Choir:
<https://youtu.be/ZwjruQyrr38>

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Second Lesson: Luke 10:17-24

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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 in D

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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 Gloucester Cathedral Choir:
https://youtu.be/xzIYIqYL_9Y

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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 week of Pentecost 20, Proper 24

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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

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: *Blest are the Pure in Heart*

Hear the hymn: <https://youtu.be/tOO3Y538dJ0>

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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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next service of Evensong is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.