

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST ANDREW, EPSOM

A Service of Evensong for Anzac Day

This Choral Evensong Order of Service comes from the Book of Common Prayer. It has been in use for well over 400 years, in Cathedrals, Parish Churches, and Collegiate Chapels. As these places of worship lie empty across the globe during the COVID-19 global pandemic, we gather in a new way, to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history, and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we do, on this Anzac weekend, we respond with praise, penitence, and prayer. All the music, except the Last Post, is prerecorded and features the St Andrew's Parish Choir recorded over the years. Members of the congregation will be muted throughout the service. You are invited to join in the words in bold and hymns from home.

Welcome

Organ music:

'St Anne' Fugue, BWV 552 (Bach) (excerpt) Stephen Hamilton (Organ) (2020)

Hymn:

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

Tune and Descant – 'St Anne' (W Croft); Words – I Watts Nicholas Sutcliffe (Organ), Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff) Recorded in St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Remuera, for CD recording 'King of glory – Great hymns for the seasons of the Church – Volume 2' (2009)

The Preparation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others, as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore in silence we remember God's presence with us now.

Silence

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

O God, our Father,
We have sinned against thee
in thought word and deed:
We have not loved thee with all our heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;
Cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

Preces: McPhee. Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff) Cantor: Richard Lamb Recorded live in All Saints, Matatmata, on Sunday 8 October, 2017

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us;

Choir: O Lord to haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 84:

O how amiable are thy dwellings:

thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:

in whose heart are thy ways.

Who, going through the vale of misery use it for a well:

and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength:

and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender:

And look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts:

is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:

than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence:

the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts:

blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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.

Chant: Parry

RSCM Auckland Choir, including members from St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Archer)

Philip Smith (Organ)

Recorded live in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, on Sunday 14 April, 2013

The First Lesson: John 11: 17-27 Graeme Johansen

Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at thy behest; To thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, While earth rolls onward into light, Through all the world her watch is keeping, And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day, The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking Our brethren 'neath the western sky, And hour by hour fresh lips are making Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away; Thy kingdom stands, and rules forever, Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Tune – St Clement (C Scholefield); Descant – C Gower; Words – J Fullerton Nicholas Sutcliffe (Organ), Brendon Packard (Trumpet), Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff) Recorded in St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Remuera, for CD recording 'King of glory

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The Magnificat

From Evening service in G (V Galway)

Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff)
Philip Smith (Organ)
Recorded live in St Andrew's Church, Epsom, on Sunday 8 September, 2013

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 imaginations 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 forever.

Luke 1:46

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.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21: 1-4 Roberta Stuart

The Nunc Dimittis

From Evening service in G (V Galway)

Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff)

Philip Smith (Organ)

Recorded live in St Andrew's Church, Epsom, on Sunday 8 September, 2013

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.

Luke 2:29

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.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholick Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you; Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray:

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,

but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

A Collect for Anzac Day

God, our help in the past and our hope for the future, we commend to your care those who have died from war, and those who yet struggle for health and peace.

As the sounds of battle die away, may the comradeship live on, and the memories of sacrifice strengthen our resolve to strive for peace with justice, these things we pray for your love's sake. Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: Agnus Dei - Pie Jesu (P Ledger)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest;

Grant them eternal rest.

Emily Hamilton (Soprano), Ben Jackson (Baritone), Philip Smith (Organ), Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff)

Recorded live in St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Remuera, on Sunday 14 May 2017

The Prayers of Intercession

The Reverend Julian Morris

Hymn: Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see;

O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies: Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Tune – 'Eventide' (W Monk); Descant – N Shroff; Words – H Lyte Stanley Jackson (Organ), Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff) Recorded in St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Remuera, for CD recording 'Tell out my soul - Great hymns for the seasons of the Church' (2003)

The Last Post

performed live by Bryce Turner

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude for Easter 'Christ lag in Todesbanden' ('In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay') BWV 625 (Bach) Stephen Hamilton (2020)