



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST ANDREW, EPSOM

A Service of Evensong for Mother's Day

Sunday May 10, 2020 – 5pm. Zoom ID: 881-5645-0285

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 world 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, though separated from so many of the ones we love, we respond with praise, penitence, and prayer. All the music is prerecorded and features the St Andrew's Parish Choir or RSCM Auckland Choral 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. As we gather, we give thanks particularly for mothers and those who have been as mothers to us throughout our lives. We pray for families around the world who are separated at this time, especially grandparents and grandchildren. We also hold before God the grief of our own separation.

Welcome

The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross, Vicar

Introit: O come, ye servants of the Lord,
and praise His holy name
from early morn to setting sun,
His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart:
He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too,
and bow before His throne.

Music: C. Tye; Words – from Latin 'Laudate nomen Domini'

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

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Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same as ever,
Slow to blame, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Tune: 'Praise, my soul' (J. Goss); Descant - M. Archer; Words - H. Lyte (based on Psalm 103) Brendon Packard (Trumpet); Nicholas Sutcliffe (Organ);
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– 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: Ayleward

Cantor: Ven. Howard Leigh – Precentor, Holy Trinity Cathedral

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Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Priest: O God, make speed to save us;
Choir: O Lord to haste to help us.
Priest: 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.
Priest: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 128: Blessed are all they that fear the Lord:
and walk in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands:
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.
Thy children like the olive-branches:
round about thy table.
Lo, thus shall the man be blessed:
that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee:
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children:
and peace upon 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.

Chant: J. Goss

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

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The First Lesson: Exodus 2: 1-10 *Sue Shroff*
After the Reading: Here ends the first lesson.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Tune: 'Down Ampney' (Vaughan Williams); Descant – C Gower; Words – B da Siena, tr. Littledale; Brendon Packard (Trumpet); Stanley Jackson (Organ)
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 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 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.

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The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 *Derek Ion*

After the Reading: Here ends the first lesson.

Thanks be to God.

The 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. *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.

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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.

Priest: The Lord be with you;
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Priest: Let us pray:
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest: O Lord, save thy people;
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

A Collect for the Day

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

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Anthem: Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand,
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Music – M. Archer; Words – C. Wesley. Timothy Noon (Organ); Choir of St Andrew's, Epsom (dir. Shroff) Video recorded live during fund raising concert for St Andrew's School, Tonga, St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Remuera, on 26 May 2013

The Prayers of Intercession

The Reverend Julian Morris

Hymn: Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Tune: 'Blaenwern' (W. Rowlands); Descant – J. Nixon; Words – C. Wesley
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The Grace and Blessing

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 blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham,
the blessing of the Son, born of Mary,
the blessing of the Spirit, who broods over us
as a mother over her children,
be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Responses

Priest: The Lord be with you
Choir: And with thy spirit
Priest: The Lord grant us his grace.
Choir: And peace eternal. Amen.

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Organ Postlude

*Träumerei ('Dreaming'), from 'Scenes from Childhood'
Music – R. Schumann (arr. C. Hand)
Stephen Hamilton (Organ) (2020)*

Mother's Day Tribute

Since I left your tender care,
though I've travelled ev'rywhere,
In this world I never knew a
mother as lovely as you.

You are still as sweet to me
as you always used to be,
God was kind in giving me a
mother as lovely as you.

Music: Māori folk melody 'Hoea rä te waka nei' (arr. P. Tomoana, T. Maskell)

Graduate Choir New Zealand (dir. Maskell)

Video recorded in Pitt St Methodist Church for 'Praise Be' (2011)

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