



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024 5:00 pm

The Order for Evensong

The Præces and Responses are by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Prelude

Mode of C and Mode of D

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

All stand as the Officiant and other Ministers enter

Introit

Cheer up, friends and neighbors, Now its Eastertide;
Stop from endless labours, Worries put aside:
Men should rise from sadness, evil, folly, strife,
When God's mighty gladness Brings the earth to life.
Out from snowdrifts chilly, Roused from drowsy hours,
Bluebell wakes, and lily: God calls up the flowers!
Into life he raises All the sleeping buds:
Meadows weave his praises And the spangled woods.

Words: Nahum Tate
Music: French Carol

Opening Sentences

Officiant

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

All stand

The Invitatory

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant 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.

All are then seated as the Choir sings the Psalm appointed for the day

The Psalmody

Psalm 111

Anglican Chant: Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people; * he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.

Then the Gloria Patri is sung

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:5-22

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, and took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the people of Israel as they went forth defiantly. The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-ha-hi’roth, in front of Ba’al-ze’phon.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord; and they said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still.” The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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 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.

Music: Service in C - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

John 14:1-7

Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Following the Lesson, all stand

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.

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

Sung on a monotone by the Officiant and People together

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Officiant and Choir sing the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel

Officiant Lord have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord have mercy upon us.

Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is sung by the Choir

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then follow these Suffrages, sung by the Officiant and Choir

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance. —7—

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The following Collects are sung; the Choir sings "Amen."

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ People Amen.

A Collect for Peace

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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

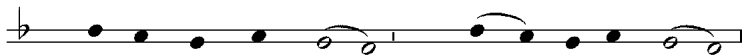
A Collect for Aid against Perils

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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant

People



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant

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

Then the Congregation is seated

Greeting

Anthem

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live for ever in felicity:
And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May like-wise love Thee for the same again;
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Words: Edmund Spenser (1522-1599)

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

All kneel while the Officiant offers prayers from the High Altar

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *People Amen.*

All stand and join in the singing of the Hymn

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Postlude

Mode of G

Jean Langlais

This Evening's Liturgy

The Office of Evensong is sung at the close of each day in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, monastic communities, and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion. Derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, it is a service of rare beauty offered through the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of scripture, and prayer. This liturgy of sung prayer has been offered daily throughout the Christian era and it enables us to join with all those who have gone before, those today who offer their evening prayers, and those who will continue their sung praise, petitions, and thanksgivings in times to come.

The worshipper offers praise through association with the choir and sits awash in sung prayer as it resonates throughout this sacred space. Natural time is suspended as word and music combine to capture the holy rhythms of the spheres and the worshipper is transported beyond chronological time to a place where creation and eternity coalesce into one.

Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. Mary's Chapel immediately following this service

All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for a light reception

Week of April 7-13

Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:30 am Coffee Hour - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Adult Confirmation- Sverdrup Room
- 9:00 am Diocesan Rule of Life Discussion - Taylor Room
- 9:00 am Confirmation-J202
- 9:00 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
- 10:00 am Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist - Main Church
- 5:00 pm Evensong - Church
- 6:30 pm Youth Group - Armstrong Room

Tuesday, April 9

- 10:30 am CSL Bible Study
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm Church Service League
- 6:00 pm Steak & Stories

Thursday, April 11

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm
- 6:30 pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Sverdrup Room

Friday, April 12

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
- 8:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library
- 6:30 pm Bingo Night Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13

- 12:00 pm Knitting Ministry - Library
- 4:00 pm AA Meeting - Taylor Room

Our Community Listens - Listening with Love Top Up - will be held today after the 10 am service in the LIBRARY. Grab a cup of coffee and a donut then head to the LIBRARY!

The Ten Commandments: Learning to Love God's Law: Fr. Stewart Clem, will teach the last class today in St. George's Chapel at 9:00 AM.

Centering Prayer Group - Sunday in St. George's Chapel following the 10 AM service at 11:15-11:30 AM in St. George's Chapel. Beginning Sunday, April 14 Centering Prayer will be held from 9 - 9:45 AM in St. George's Chapel.

EVENSONG today at 5 PM we will celebrate Eastertide with music by Stanford, Harris, and a French Easter Carol. The music is selected to reflect the joy and cheer of the Easter season. Plan to join us and the light reception which follows Evensong.

The **Racial Reconciliation Ministry** is in the spotlight this Sunday. Stop by their table in the Great Hall to learn about two upcoming programs you won't want to miss!

Church Service League Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm. Join CSL as John Tyler completes his Lenten Series program: "1957: That Was the Year That Was". Noon lunch reservations (\$12) due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314.974.3386).

Virtual Book Study for April:

NEVER ENOUGH: *When Achievement Culture Becomes Toxic-and What We Can Do About It* Join Krista Jarvis, LPC, MBA, and Marty Chapman to discuss this book by Jennifer Breheny Wallace. Four Thursday evenings, 8 - 9 PM, on Zoom beginning April 11th.

BINGO NIGHT -Join us for a parish-wide Bingo Night fundraiser as we raise funds for high schoolers High School Mission Trip! The event will take place in the Great Hall on Friday, April 12th. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the first round will start around 6:45 PM.

Hunger Ministry When grocery shopping, please consider adding one or two non-perishable items to your cart. Place items in either Hunger Ministry closet outside of the Taylor Room.

Casseroles Needed: Support Trinity Food Ministry. Help them feed those in need. Pans, lids, recipes and directions are in the closet next to the Taylor Room.

The **Thursday 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist** will no longer be offered.



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