



The Second Sunday of Easter: Year C

27 April 2025 Evensong № 4:00 P.M. The Holy Communion № 5:00 P.M.

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The Cathedral Schola

One of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is the English Reformation's fusion of the ancient evening prayer services of Vespers and Compline. "In quires and places where they sing" the service is customarily offered according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose texts for the canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – and most of the prayers (Latin, "Preces") were first published in 1549 and are translations from the still more ancient Latin and Sarum rites for the Daily Offices. Over nearly five centuries, Evensong has both inspired worshippers and moved composers to create one of the largest corpuses of sacred music in the English language, music that enlightens our experience of God at the Cathedral of St. Philip week by week.

The congregation sings the hymns and joins in silently as the choir offers music to God in praise and prayer on behalf of the world and the Church universal. Following the formal close of Evensong, an intimate "liturgy of the table" is offered at the high altar for those who wish to stay to receive Holy Communion.

### The Procession

# The Opening Sentences

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### All stand as the Choir sings

# The Preces and Responses

setting: Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

### Candles are lit as all sing the

# Office Hymn: 184

music: Christ ist erstanden, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1533 words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.



Anglican chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) BCP, p. 807

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \* praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; \* praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \* praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; \* praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; \* praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath \* praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

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 Acts 5:27-32

Lector A Lesson from The Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us" But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Lector* Here ends the lesson.

music: : George Dyson (b. 1953) in D words: Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55; & Gloria Patri

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

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.

All sit for

The Second Lesson John 20:19-31

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if your retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Lector* Here ends the lesson.

### The Nunc Dimittis

music: : George Dyson (b. 1953) in D words: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32; & Gloria Patri

setting: Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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.

#### All sing

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

# THE PRAYERS

#### The Choir sings

# The Preces and Responses

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

All stand or kneel

V. Let us pray.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

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

### The Collects

### A Collect

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. 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.

All sit for

### The Anthem after the Third Collect

music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961), We walk by faith words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)

We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gracious words we hear From him who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod; But in his promise we rejoice And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound, To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.



All sit for

The Meditation Canon Maxwell

# The Offertory Sentence

# Anthem at the Offering

music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968), Awake, arise! words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771)

Awake, arise! Lift up thy voice, Which as a trumpet swell! Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, And on his praises dwell!

Let us not doubt, as doubted some, When first the Lord appeared; But full of faith and reverence come, What time his voice is heard.

And e'en as John, who ran so well, Confess upon our knees The prince who locks up death and hell, And has himself the keys.

And thus through gladness and surprise The saints their Saviour treat; Nor will they trust their ears and eyes But by his hands and feet.

Those hands of liberal love indeed In infinite degree, Those feet still frank to move and bleed For millions and for me.

O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand By seraphim adored! O Solitude, again command Thy host from heaven restored.

All stand or kneel for The Intercessions

All stand or kneel to pray

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Grace

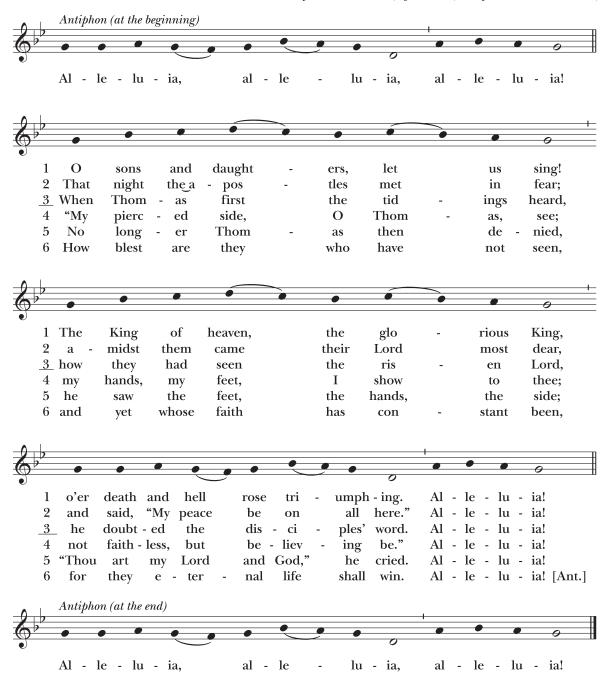
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All sit for

The Parish Notices

# The Closing Hymn: 206

music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623 words: att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)



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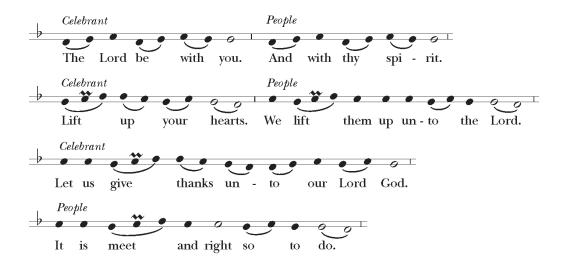
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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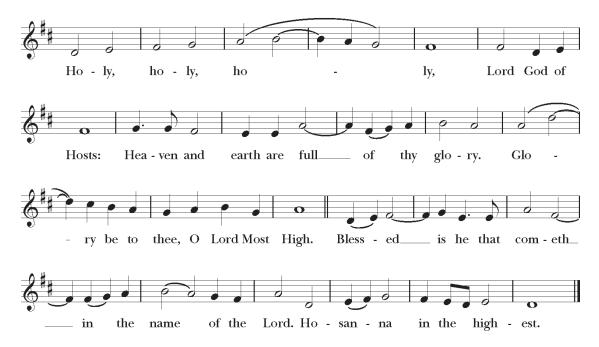
# The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 340



### The Sanctus: S 114

Service music (indicated by "S" numbers) is found at the front of the Hymnal. After the Sanctus, all may kneel or stand.



# The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. At the altar, stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. If you need the priest to bring Communion to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

### The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979) words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.



# The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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