

St George's Anglican Church
A Service of Light by Zoom
18 April 2021 | Easter 3

Musical prelude

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

You laid the foundation of the earth
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As evening falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
May your word be a lantern to our feet
and a light upon our path
that we may behold your coming among us.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The day is almost over, and the evening has come; let us pray
with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

You may wish to light a candle at home:

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.
**Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.**
Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to evening-tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.
**At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou art Lord and King alone.**
To thee, O holy One, we pray
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray
with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy
come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing
your praise now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalms 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
**you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
**how long will you love vain things and seek after
falsehood?**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous
kindness;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;

**commune with your own heart upon your bed,
and be still.**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 3. 12 - 19

¹²Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and

know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

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he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

He has become my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

Second Reading: Luke 24. 36b - 48

³⁶While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
**From this day all generations will call me
blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

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has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Sermon

Musical reflection

Prayers of intercession

The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

The Collect for Light

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 the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Anglican Daily Office:

Monday Alphege martyr	Psalm 96 Deuteronomy 5.1-22	Ephesians 1.1-14
Tuesday Anselm, abbot	Psalm 98 Deuteronomy 5.22-end	Ephesians 1.15-end
Wednesday	Psalm 105 Deuteronomy 6	Ephesians 2.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 136 Deuteronomy 7.1-11	Ephesians 2.11-end
Friday George, patron of England	Psalm 5 Joshua 1.1-9	Ephesians 6.10-20
Saturday	Psalm 110 Deuteronomy 8	Ephesians 3.14-end

Anglican Daily Prayer can be found at:
www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer

Next Sunday's readings: Acts 4. 5 – 12, 1 John 3. 16 – end
and John 10. 11 – 18.

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