

St George's Anglican Church
A Service of Light by Zoom
13 June 2021 Trinity 2

Organ 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.

The Blessing of Light

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.

As candles are lit:

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips;

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,

the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

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 20

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble,
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his sanctuary
and strengthen you out of Zion;
Remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart's desire
and fulfil all your mind.

May we rejoice in your salvation
and triumph in the name of our God;
may the Lord perform all your petitions.
Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed;
**he will answer him from his holy heaven,
with the mighty strength of his right hand.**
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought down and fallen,
but we are risen and stand upright.
O Lord, save the king
and answer us when we call upon you.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5. 6 – 10, 14 - 17

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know
that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord –
⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and
we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please
him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so
that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil. ¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are
convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he
died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on,

therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we
know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**
The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

Second Reading: Mark 4. 26 - 34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a
boat and began to teach them using many parables. ²⁶Jesus
said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed
on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and
the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The
earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the
full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he
goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' ³⁰Jesus
also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or
what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed,
which, when sown upon the ground, is the
smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it
grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth
large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its
shade.' ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them,
as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except
in parables, but he explained everything in private to his
disciples.

Magnificat

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

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.**

*You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.*

Sermon

Musical reflection

Prayers of intercession

The Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our
faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ
our Lord. **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 Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Postlude

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The Anglican Daily Office:

Monday	Psalm 44 Job 19	Romans 9.1-18
Tuesday	Psalm 48 Job 21	Romans 9.19-end
Wednesday Richard, bishop	Psalm 119.57-80 Job 22	Romans 10.1-10
Thursday	Psalm 57 Job 23	Romans 10.11-end
Friday	Psalm 51 Job 24	Romans 11.1-12
Saturday	Psalm 68 Job 25-26	Romans 11.13-24

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

Next Sunday's readings: 1 Samuel 17. 32 – 49, 2 Corinthians 6. 1 – 13 and Mark 4. 35 – 41.

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