

## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: EVENING PRAYER



*The flowers for our worship are shared from the garden of Diane Schaming.*



# The Church of Saint Andrew

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5:00 PM

## THE PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision  
*arr. Brent Edstrom*

*Officiant:* If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"  
darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and  
light to you are both alike, *- Psalm 139: 10,11*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, p. 116

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us.

**ALL:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE PHOS HILARON

BCP, p. 117

**ALL:** O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## HYMN TUNE FOR *PHOS HILARON*

Le Cantique de Simeon  
*Louis Bourgeois, melody*  
*Claude Goudimel, harmony*

## THE PSALM: 24, 96

BCP, p. 613, 725

1  
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

2  
For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8

"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

1

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3

Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

4

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7  
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8  
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10  
Tell it out among the nations: The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.

11  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12  
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13  
He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **THE LESSONS**

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### **THE FIRST READING**

*Daniel 7: 9-14*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion

was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***ALL:*** Thanks be to God.

## THE CANTICLE

BCP, p. 119

*Luke 1: 46-55, Magnificat*

***ALL:*** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor 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 \*  
in every generation.  
**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
**The promise he made to our fathers, \***  
**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 will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2: 5-18*

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***ALL:* Thanks be to God.**

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

BCP, p. 120

***ALL:*** Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***  
**whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS

BCP, p. 121

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

***ALL:* And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray

***ALL:*** 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 SUFFRAGES

BCP, p. 122

- V: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- V: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- V: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- V: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- V: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- V: That we may be found together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of  
Andrew and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
R: **We entreat you, O Lord.**

## THE COLLECTS

### *The Collect of the Day*

BCP, p. 226

*Officiant:* Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *A Collect for Protection*

BCP, p. 124

*Officiant:* O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *A Collect for Mission*

BCP, p. 124

*Officiant:* Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

**ALL: Amen.**

**VOLUNTARY**

Fairest Lord Jesus  
*arr. Brent Edstrom*

*All are invited to add their prayers silently or aloud at this time.*

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

BCP, p. 126

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them; Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

***ALL:* Amen.**

**HYMN TUNE**

Llanfair  
*Charles Wesley*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

***ALL:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Officiant:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*- Ephesians 3: 20, 21*

***ALL:* Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

This Is My Father's World  
*arr. Brent Edstrom*