

TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE



THE EUCHARIST

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6.15 pm

Ascension Day

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*Welcome to this service sung by
The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge*

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including cameras, are switched off*

MASS SETTING

Communion Service: Collegium Regale
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)

*A retiring collection will be taken in aid of this term's charities:
Wintercomfort and WaterAid UK*

THE GATHERING

THE INTROIT

Cœlos ascendit hodie Jesus Christus Rex gloriæ.
Sedet ad Patris dexteram, gubernat cœlum et terram.
Iam finem habent omnia Patris Davidis carmina;
Iam Dominus cum Domino.
Sedet in Dei solio in hoc triumpho maximo.
Benedicamus Domino, laudatur Sancta Trinitas,
Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia! Amen.

*Today Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, has ascended into the heavens.
He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth.
Now are fulfilled all the songs of our father David;
now the Lord sits with his Lord.
He sits upon the royal throne of God in this his greatest triumph.
Let us bless the Lord; let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord. Alleluia! Amen.*

*Words: Anonymous, from the Cowley Carol Book
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

All stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

NEH 130 (i)

LLANFAIR

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823)
Music: Robert Williams of Anglesey (1781–1821)

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

All sit

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father of mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The choir sings the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly
King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb
of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

NRSV Acts 1: 1–11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] 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.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

NRSV Luke 24: 44–end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

At the end, all sing
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sit for a brief time of reflection

Remain seated as the choir sings the CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

The priest introduces the biddings with all responding

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

All stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A HYMN is sung by all as the altar is prepared

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769–1855)
Music: Henry Smart (1813–79)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us,
he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

The choir sings the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full
of thy glory; glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest.

All kneel or sit

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The choir sings the AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The clergy and choir receive communion, after which all who are baptised are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

During the communion the ANTHEM is sung
God is gone up (1951)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c. 1642–1729)
Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–56)

At the end of the distribution, remain seated for

THE PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.**

Amen.

All stand for the POST-COMMUNION HYMN

NEH 134

ST MAGNUS

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769–1854)
Music: Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673–1707)

Remain standing

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père
Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)