



SUNG EUCHARIST

Thursday 10 May 2018

Ascension Day

6.00 pm

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

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including cameras, are switched off*

MASS SETTING

Mass in g
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

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THE GATHERING

INTROIT

Cœlos ascendit hodie (1890)

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 right hand of the Father, ruling heaven and earth.
Now are fulfilled all the songs of our forefather David;
the Lord sits with his Lord, 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 when the choir and clergy enter

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart,
in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The choir sings the **GLORIA**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God the Father, O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

All sit

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

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.

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

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

HOMILY

The Revd Dana English, Temporary Chaplain

All stand for the APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Remain standing

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.

All may exchange the peace

A HYMN is sung by all as the altar is prepared

NEH 128 (ii)

GONFALON ROYAL

Words: c. 5th C. Latin, trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: Percy Buck (1871–1947)

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Remain standing

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**

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

All kneel or sit

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through 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.**

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us 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 the congregation
is invited to come forward. Those who receive Communion in their
own churches are welcome to do so here. Those who do not receive
Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

During the Communion the ANTHEM is sung

O clap your hands (1920)

O clap your hands, all ye people:
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible:
he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout:
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God: sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

Words: Psalm 47

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

At the end of the distribution, remain seated

PRAYER 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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 130 (i)

LLANFAIR

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823)

Music: Robert Williams of Anglesey (1781–1821)

Remain standing

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ our ascended King
pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*All remain standing as the clergy and choir process out;
please remain quiet until the end of the organ music*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

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www.singinside.org

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