



CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 18 May 2023

Ascension Day

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

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including cameras, are switched off.*

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and available to watch again. You may be identifiable as
in attendance at the service.*

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Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui desire
le ciel from 'L'Ascension' Messiaen

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Viri Galilaei

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum?
Alleluia. Quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem
in caelum, ita veniet. Alleluia. Omnes gentes plaudite
manibus: jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.

*Ye men of Galilee, why wonder you, looking up to heaven?
Alleluia. He shall so come as you have seen him going
up into heaven. Alleluia. O clap your hands, all ye
nations; shout unto God, with the voice of exultation.*

Words: Acts 1 v. 11; Psalm 47 v. 1
Music: plainsong

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES

Mäntyjärvi

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sit for PSALM 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded
himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up
their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The FIRST LESSON is read

Daniel 7: 13–14
(NRSV p. 760)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of
his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified
me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that
fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength
with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their
seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled
the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent
empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham
and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

Mark 16: 14–end
(NRSV p. 53)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

Howells

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according
to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which
thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a
light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy
people Israel. Glory be to the Father...

All turn East and say the APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the Holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit for the ANTHEM

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)

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 130 (i)

LLANFAIR

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!
take the King of glory in. Alleluya!**

**See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!
yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya!
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!**

**See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluya!
see! he shows the prints of love: Alleluya!
hark! his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!**

**Still for us he intercedes; Alleluya!
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluya!
near himself prepares our place,
harbinger of human race. Alleluya!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!
partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!**

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

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

*All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess;
please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Laudes

Pott