

Ascension Day

May 21, 2020

7:00 pm Sung Eucharist



William Blake, *The Ascension*, c. 1805-6

Celebrant: Fr Brinton
Homilist: The Rev'd James Shire
Gospeller and Intercessor: The Rev'd James Shire
Cantors: Jennifer McCallum & David Campbell
Reader: Anneli Pekkonen

MUSIC OF THE MASS – *Missa de Angelis*

HYMN - Hail the day that sees him rise

ASCENSION. 77.77. with Alleluias. W. H. MONK, 1861.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

- 1 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!
- 2 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!

- 3 See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluya!
Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!
- 7 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!

LLANFAIR
Robert Williams of Angelsey 1781-1821

Charles Wesley 1707-88
and Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON

The cantor sings

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

Cantors: and in earth peace, good will 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 sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin 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.*

V / The Lord be with you;
R / *And with thy spirit.*

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 Spirit, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

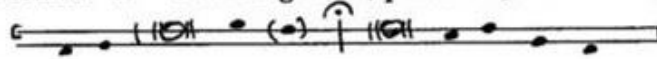
FIRST READING: Acts 1.1-11

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

PSALM: 47—*Omnes gentes, plaudite; Tone VIII, 1*



- 1 O CLAP your hands together, all ye **peo**-ples :
O sing unto God with the **voice** of me-lo-dy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be **fear**-ed :
he is a great King **o**-ver all the earth.
- 3 He subdu-ed the peoples under **us** :
and the nations **un**-der our feet.
- 4 He chose our heritage for **us** :
even the glorious land of Jacob, **whom** he lov-ed.
- 5 God is gone up with a merry **noise** :
the Lord with the sound **of** the trum-pet.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our **God** :
O sing praises, sing praises **un**-to our King.
- 7 For God is the King of all the **earth** :
sing ye praises with **un**-der-stand-ing.
- 8 God reigneth over the **na**-tions :
God sitteth up-**on** his ho-ly throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gatheréd to-**geth**-er :
with the people of the **God** of A-bra-ham;
- 10 For the rulers of the earth belong unto **God** :
he is very high-**ly** ex-alt-ed.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, saith the Lord; lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 24.44-53

R / *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Jesus said unto them: These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of Christ

R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

NICENE CREED - *Missa de Angelis*

Celebrant: I believe in one God

Cantor: **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 the 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; Through 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, The 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, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic 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.

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN 389 - Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious!

REGENT SQUARE 87 87 87

Henry Smart 1813-1879



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| <p>1 Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious!
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to him shall bow;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.</p> | <p>3 Sinners in derision crowned him,
Mocking thus Messiah's claim;
Saints and angels throng around him,
Own his title, praise his Name;
Crown him! Crown him!
Spread abroad the Victor's fame.</p> |
| <p>2 Crown the Saviour! Angels, crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone him,
While the vault of heaven rings;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crown the Saviour King of kings!</p> | <p>4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him!
King of kings and Lord of lords.</p> |

REGENT SQUARE
Henry Thomas Smart 1813-1879

Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: With great joy let us offer up our prayers and petitions to the Lord who ever-lives to make intercession for us. Let us pray.

Deacon: Lift up the hearts of the world, almighty God, to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve thee in thy love and reveal thy glory to all people

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew thy Church with power from on high. Be present with Andrew our bishop, and Jenny the bishop of this area, and all the clergy and laity of thy Holy Church and make them to be faithful ministers of thy word and sacraments.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Guide the leaders of this nation and all nations in the way of peace, and may justice abound and righteousness flourish throughout this land.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Grant mercy and protection to the poor, the orphan, the widow, the oppressed, the afflicted, and the distressed. We pray especially for the sick, including _____, and those suffering with the coronavirus, (and for those who have asked for our prayers including _____).

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Grant rest eternal for all who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone. For those who have died in recent days, including _____, and on their year's mind _____, and that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in thy mercy

R / We beseech thee, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SURSUM CORDA

V / The Lord be with you;

R / *And with thy spirit.*

V / Lift up your hearts;

R / *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

R / *It is meet and right so to do.*

The Celebrant sings the preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The cantor sings:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our saviour Christ hast commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

Cantor: **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 them that 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 consecrated Bread is broken.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

R / *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: We do not presume

All: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The cantor sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Silence before Act of Spiritual Communion

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come to thee,

That with thy saints I may praise thee,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. May the gifts we have received from thy altar, O Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly home land and cause us to press forward, following in our Saviour's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who liveth and reigneth for now and ever. *Amen*

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING HYMN 354 – All hail the power of Jesus' Name

354 MILES LANE. C.M. with Repeat.

W. SHRUBSOLE, 1779.

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him LORD of all. A - men.

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| 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all. | 4 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God Incarnate, Man Divine,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose blood-stained path
ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all. | 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all. | 6 Let every tribe and every tongue
Before him prostrate fall,
Join in the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all. |