

New College Chapel



Eucharist

for the feast of Christ's Ascension

with Procession to the Mound

13 May 2021

6.15 pm

Organ music before the service:

L'Ascension: 1. Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père, Oliver
Messiaen (1908-1992)

Mass setting:

Mass for 3 voices, by William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE OPENING RITES

THE ASCENSION READING

Please stand.

The President reads the story of the Ascension, saying at the end:

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

President Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

The choir sings the introit:

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.

Men of Galilee, why do you look up to heaven in astonishment? Alleluia.

In like manner as you have seen him ascending into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia.

All people, clap your hands: rejoice in God with a voice of exultation.

Acts 1.11, Psalm 47.1

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The President introduces the service.

Please remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria.

Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus bonae
voluntátis.
Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
adorámus te, glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam
glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis,
Deus Pater omnípotens.
Dómine Fili unigénite, Iesu Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe
deprecatióem nostram.
Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserére
nobis.
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus,
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória
Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will show us the way
to everlasting life.

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

Please sit.

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1.15-end, *read by Mr. Robert Gullifer.*

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

The choir sings the gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, Dominus in Sina in sancto; ascendens in altum, captivam duxit
captivitatem. Alleluia.

*Alleluia. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place; ascending on high, he has led
captivity captive.*

Psalm 68.17-18

Please stand as the President introduces the gospel, Luke 24.44-end:

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end, the President says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel, and join in the response:

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end of the prayers, this response is used:

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ**

THE PEACE

Please stand.

President 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

All and with your spirit.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please sit as the choir sings Ascendit Deus, by G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525-94)

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.

*God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Alleluia.*

Psalm 46. 5

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

President Blessed be God
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

***All* Blessed be God forever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand.

President The Lord be with you.

Choir And with your spirit.

President Lift up your hearts.

Choir We lift them up unto the Lord.

President Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Choir It is meet and right so to do.

President 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 the 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.*

Please sit or kneel as the prayer continues:

President 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.

***All* Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

President 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary
and 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President As our saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

Choir Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done in 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

President We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.*

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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, grant us peace.*

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

President The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

President The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. Please come forward at the direction of the vergers.

In accordance with the coronavirus guidelines, communion is in one kind. Please use the hand sanitizer provided. The priest will place the wafer into your outstretched hands. Please keep silence, remove your face covering to consume the host and then replace your face covering. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer there will be a sign for you to indicate this by pointing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

During communion the choir will sing:

Data est mihi omnis potestas in caelo et in terra, alleluia: euntes, docete omnes gentes, baptizantes eos in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, alleluia, alleluia.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, alleluia. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

Matthew 28.18-19

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please sit or kneel.

President 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.

***All* To him be glory both now and for ever.**

Amen.

THE PROCESSION TO THE MOUND

*Please follow the choir as they leave the chapel, taking your belongings with you.
Once outside, please join the choir in the hymn:*

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

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

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

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
see! he shows the prints of love; Alleluia!
hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

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

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

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

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)

Llanfair, R. Williams, 1817

The ushers will pass the light for the sparklers, and the choir will sing:

Robert Quinney (b. 1976)

Eternal monarch, king most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of death was wrought,
And conquering grace's battle fought:

Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

That so, in nature's triple frame,
Each heavenly and each earthly name,
And things in hell's abyss abhorred,
May bend the knee and own him Lord.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With father and with spirit one.
Amen.

*Aeterne rex altissime (5th century);
transl. by J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

President A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.12, 13a, 14):

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

President May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire on the day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive
with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

***All* Amen.**

Deacon Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia:

***All* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**