Welcome

The Revd Dr Erica Longfellow,
Dean of Divinity

Hymn

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.

Yea, angels tremble when they see
how changed is our humanity;
that flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
and God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be thou our joy and strong defence,
who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

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.

Tune: Gonfalon Royal, P.C. Buck
Text: 5th cent. Trans. T.M. Neale
Recorded on 30th May 2019
Opening Sentence: John 14. 18-19  
read by the Dean of Divinity

The Opening Responses, sung to the setting by Thomas Tomkins (1572 – 1656)

Cantor:   O Lord, open thou our lips:
Choir:   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.

Recorded on 25th May 2019

Psalm 47

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people: O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.
The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

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.

Recorded 9th March 2019

First Reading: Acts 1. 1-11  
Read by Dr Katie McKeogh,  
Sir Christopher Cox Junior Fellow
The Magnificat from the Service in B-flat major by C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)

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.

Recorded on 14th May 2019

Second Reading: Luke 24. 44-53
Read by Mr Stephen Anderson,
Rodewald Lector in Classical Languages

The Nunc dimittis, from the Service in B-flat major by C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)

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.

Gloria as above.

Recorded on 14th May 2019

The Creed

Priest: I believe in God,
All: 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 catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Lesser Litany, Lord’s Prayer and Responses, sung to the setting by Thomas Tomkins (1572 – 1656)*

**Cantor:** The Lord be with you.  
**Choir:** And with thy spirit.  

Let us pray.  

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

Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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

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

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

O Lord, save they 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.

*Recorded on 26th May 2019*
The Collects, beginning with the Collect for Ascension.

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

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.

Recorded on 18th May 2020 in isolation, by Mr Theo Nisbett, Academical Clerk

The Anthem

God is gone up

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
the Lord with sounding trumpets’ melodies:
sing praise, 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.

Edward Taylor (c.1642-1729)
Recorded on 2nd June 2019
Meditation and prayers

Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee

Tune: Gwalchmai, J.D. Jones (1827-1870)
Text: George Herbert (1593 -1633)
Recorded on 26th May 2019

Blessing

Organ voluntary

Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 -1847)
Recorded on 26th May 2019

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