Evensong on the Sixth Sunday of Easter
17th May 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

*The Revd Dr Erica Longfellow,*
*Dean of Divinity*

Hymn

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away
captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
may live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,
may likewise love thee for the same again;
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
with love may one another entertain;

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

*Tune: Farley Castle, Henry Lawes (1596-1662)*
*Words: Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)*
*Recorded on 11th May 2019*

Opening Sentence: Ephesians 2. 4-5

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 119. 81-96

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word.
Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes.
How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.
All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments.
O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.
O LORD, thy word: endureth for ever in heaven.
Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.
They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.
If my delight had not been in thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.
I will never forget thy commandments: for with them thou hast quickened me.
I am thine, O save me: for I have sought thy commandments.
The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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 25th May 2019
First Reading: Acts 17. 22-31
Read by Mr Hugh Campbell, undergraduate.

The Magnificat from the Second Service by Orlando Gibbons

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 24th May 2019

Second Reading: John 14. 15-21
Read by Ms Elsa Bell, Advisor to the Welfare Team

The Nunc dimittis, from the Second Service by Orlando Gibbons

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 25th 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, in the setting by Thomas Tomkins

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.

*The Collects, beginning with the Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son: grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 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.

*The Anthem*

*Christe Jesu, pastor bone*  
John Taverner (c.1490 - 1545)

Christe Jesu, pastor bone,  
mediator et patrone,  
mundi nobis in agone,  
confer opem et depone  
vitae sordes et coronae  
celestis da gloriam.  

O Jesus Christ, good shepherd,  
mediator and patron,  
to us in the trials of the world  
grant help and remove  
life’s baseness, and give us  
the joy of a heavenly crown.

Et Elizabetham nostram  
angliae reginae serva  
et ecclesiam piorum  
tueare custos horum,  
et utrisque concedatur  
eternae vitae premium.  

Save our Elizabeth,  
queen of England,  
and watch over the Church  
o protector of these the devout;  
and allow both  
the reward of eternal life.

adapted from a 16th-century text in honour of St William of York

Recorded on 26th May 2019
The Sermon

Rev. Canon Rosie Harper, Vicar of Great Missenden; Chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham

Prayers led by the Dean of Divinity, concluding with the Grace.

Hymn

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluya!

Tune: St Albinus, H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)
Words: Christian Gellert (1715–1769)
Trans: Frances Cox (1812 – 1897)
Recorded on 5th May 2019

Blessing

Organ voluntary

Fantasia

William Byrd (1539/40 – 1623)
Recorded on 25th May 2019

Erica Longfellow, Dean of Divinity
Susan Bridge, Associate Chaplain
Rosie Harper, Preacher

Robert Quinney, Director
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& Timothy Wakerell, Organists
Choir of New College, Oxford