Evensong on the Third Sunday after Easter
26 April 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

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

Hymn: *O filii et filiae*

arr. Martin Baker (b. 1967)

Ye sons and daughters of the king
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing;
Today the grave hath lost its sting, Alleluia!  *Refrain*

On that first morning of the week
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their lord to seek, Alleluia!  *Refrain*

An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
Your lord is gone to Galilee!  Alleluia!  *Refrain*

On this most holy day of days,
To God our hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee and praise.  *Refrain*

And we with holy church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the king of light.  Alleluia!  *Refrain*

*Jean Tisserand (c. 1494)*
*Recorded on 28 April 2019*

Opening Sentence: *John 6. 39*

*read by the Dean of Divinity*
The Opening Responses, sung to the setting by Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

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 5 May 2019

Psalm 48

Great is the lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north-side lieth the city of the great king, God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth: are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow: as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea: through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad: because of thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Recorded on 9 March 2019
First Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 36-41
Read by Dr Anna Blomley,
Esmée Fairbairn Junior Research Fellow in Classics

The Magnificat from the Gloucester Service by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid.
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 12 May 2019

Read by Professor Michael Burden
Tutor in Music, Dean, & Professor of Opera Studies

The Nunc dimittis, from the Gloucester Service by Herbert 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.
Gloria as above.

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 Bernard Rose*

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 Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who livest and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 5 May 2019

The Anthem

Dum transisset Sabbatum  
John Taverner (c.1490-1545)

Dum transisset Sabbatum, Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome emerunt aromata, ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia. 
Et valde mane una Sabbatorum ut veniunt ad monumentum orto iam sole; ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia. 
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Alleluia.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Salome bought aromatic oils intending to go and anoint Jesus. Alleluia. 
And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, just after sunrise; they came intending to anoint Jesus. Alleluia. 
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

Mark 16. 1, 2; 
Third Responsory at Matins on Easter Day 
Recorded on 28 April 2019

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

Hymn

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain
His own ‘All hail!’ and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Music: Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833;
Words: St John Damascene (c.675-c.754); trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
Recorded on 27 April 2019

Blessing

Organ voluntary
Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139
Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

Erica Longfellow, Dean of Divinity
Susan Bridge, Associate Chaplain

Robert Quinney, Director
Hamish Fraser, Charles Maxtome-Smith & Timothy Wakerell, Organists
Choir of New College, Oxford