



# Choral Evensong

5.00PM 12 MAY 2024

ASCENSION DAY

Te Rā Kakenga

This service from the Book of Common Prayer dates back to the 16th century. The Choir and Minister sing the whole service, except for the Confession and Apostles' Creed which are said together.

## The Introit: Viri Galilaei

*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. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Translation:

You men of Galilee, why stand you looking into heaven? Alleluia! He shall so come as you have seen him going into heaven. Alleluia! All nations, clap your hands. Make a joyful sound to God with the sound of rejoicing. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, and now, and always, and into ages of ages. Amen.

Words: Acts 1:11 Music: Heinrich Isaac (c.1450-1517)

Please stand for the Hymn:



**All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthrall,  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792) Music: William Shrubsole (1760-1806)*

**Sentence of the Day:**

Jesus said to them: 'Go and make disciples of all nations; and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Matthew 28:19-20*

**Bidding Prayer:**

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us sit or kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

¶ *Please stay seated or kneel for a period of silence*

**The Confession:**

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**O God, our Father,**

**we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed:**

**we have not loved thee with all our heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;**

**cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution:**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Responses:** *William Smith (1603-1645)*

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips;  
Response: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
Minister: O God, make speed to save us;  
Response: O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Please stand*

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
Minister: Praise ye the Lord:  
Response: The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Please sit for the Psalm: 65 – Chants: Vann, Elvey*

1. *Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.*
2. *Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.*
3. *My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.*
4. *Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.*
5. *Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.*
6. *Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.*
7. *Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.*
8. *They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.*
9. *Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.*
10. *The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.*
11. *Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.*
12. *Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.*
13. *They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.*
14. *The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.*

¶ *Please stand for the Gloria:*

*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.*

¶ Please sit for the **Old Testament Lesson**: 2 Kings 2:1-15 read by Timo Niehausmeier

**Magnificat:**

*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 showed 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.*

¶ Please stand for the **Gloria**:

*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.*

*Words: Luke 1:46-53 Music: Second Service, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

Please sit for the **New Testament Lesson**: Revelation 5 read by Sally Mountfort

**Nunc Dimittis:**

*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.*

¶ Please stand for the **Gloria**:

*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.*

*Words: Luke 2:29-32 Music: Music: Second Service, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

¶ Please remain standing for **The Apostles' Creed**:

**I believe in God 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 Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body;  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord be with you;  
Response: And with thy Spirit.  
Minister: Let us pray.

¶ *Please sit or kneel*

Response: 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.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;  
Response: And grant us thy salvation.  
Minister: O Lord, save the King;  
Response: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Minister: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
Response: And make thy chosen people joyful.  
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;  
Response: And bless thine inheritance.  
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Response: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
Response: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The 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 Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

### The Collect for Peace:

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.

### The Collect for Aid Against all Perils:

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.

### Anthem: O God, the King of glory

*O God, the King of glory, which hast exalted thy only son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and evermore. Amen.*

*Words: Collect for Sunday after Ascension Day Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

### The Sermon: Dean Ben Truman

### Offertory Hymn:

*During the hymn a collection will be taken to support the ministry of the Cathedral*

*Hyfrydol*



**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**  
**his the sceptre, his the throne;**  
**alleluia, his the triumph,**  
**his the victory alone:**  
**hark, the songs of peaceful Sion**  
**thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus out of every nation**  
**hath redeemed us by his blood.**

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: R. H. Pritchard (1811-1887)*

**The Prayers** *led by Rev'd Matt Maslin*

**The Blessing** *[Choral Amen]*

## Hymn:



**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!  
*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs', for Jesus is Lord!***

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal  
in flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,  
yet gave His life, a ransom, thus setting us free.  
*Jesus is Lord...***

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
from death He rose and all His foes shall own His name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.  
*Jesus is Lord...***

*Words and Music: David Mansell (b. 1936)*

## Organ Postlude:



*Thank you for joining us for this evening's service.  
You are invited to sit and pray through the organ postlude.*



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