



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

**SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
(ALSO KNOWN AS WHITSUNDAY)**



May 28, 2023

6:00 p.m.

All stand as the Ministers enter.

A sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day is read, or an Introit is sung.

The Minister then says:

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

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.

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1629–1669)

Then shall be sung the Psalms as be appointed, by the choir. The people sit.

PSALM 67

Deus misereatur

1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.

Chant: Edward Hopkins (1818–1901)

PSALM 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

All stand for the final singing of the Gloria Patri

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.

Chant: Vincent Novello (1781–1861)

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.

Here begins the 22nd verse of the 36th chapter of the prophecy of Ezekiel:

Speak, mortal, and say to the house of Israel,

Thus says the LORD God:

It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act,
but for the sake of my holy name,

which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned

among the nations, and which you have profaned among them;
and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the LORD God,
when through you I display my holiness before their eyes.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries,
and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,

and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;

and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you,
and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my
ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors;
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.
I will save you from all your uncleannesses,
and I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine
upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field
abundant, so that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine
among the nations. Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your
dealings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves for your
iniquities and your abominable deeds. It is not for your sake that I will
act, says the LORD God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and
dismayed for your ways, O house of Israel.

Thus says the LORD God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your
iniquities, I will cause the towns to be inhabited, and the waste places
shall be rebuilt. The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being
the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will
say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and
the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and
fortified.' Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I,
the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was
desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

Ezekiel 36: 22–36

Here ends the first lesson.

The people stand for the Office Hymn:

Veni Creator Spiritus

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who doest thy sev'nfold gifts impart:
2. Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee of both to be but One,
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Words: John Cosin (1594–1672)

based on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Music: *Veni Creator* (Mechlin), Mode vii

And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is sung by the choir in English, as followeth, all still standing.

[This Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her response when she learns that she is to become the ‘Godbearer’ (the ‘Theotokos’), the one in and through whom the Son of God first comes to earth. As we repeat her joyful words, we cense the altar, recognising that the Risen Son of God continues to come to and meet with us in the most holy sacrament of the altar at each eucharist. We then cense the clergy and people – as we, now, by the power of the Spirit, become ‘Godbearers to the world.’]

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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.

Setting: Orlando Gibbons (1505–1585)

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

Here begins the 13th verse of the 5th chapter of the letter of
the blessed Apostle Paul to the Church in Galatia:

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:13–end

Here ends the second lesson.

And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth, all standing.

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.

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.

Setting: Orlando Gibbons (1505–1585)

Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.

**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.**

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:

**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.**

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

The Collect for the Feast of Pentecost

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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 Third 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.**

In Quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem

*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise:
for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.
Hallelujah!*

Words: Psalm 115:1
Music: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)

Minister: Let us pray.

All kneel

A Prayer for the King's Majesty.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [*specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese*] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All stand

Hymn

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
Loving Spirit stand beside us,
grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
Make us holy through your presence,
holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, fulfill us,
you the love of Three in One;
Bring our lives to full completion
through your work in us begun.

Words: Brian Foley (1919–2000)

Music: All for Jesus, John Stainer (1840–1901)

The Sermon

*After the Sermon, all stand to sing the following hymn,
during which the priest receives the offerings of the people and blesses them.*

Offertory Hymn

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Words: R.R. Peacy (1896–1971)

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

Following the hymn, the priest moves to the Easter Candle

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

My sisters and brothers,
for fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ
over the powers of sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts
and we have prayed that the power that was at work
when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.
As part of God's Church here in *Malvern*,
I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting the Spirit to be your guide?

All By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the
longings of God?

All We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All We will.

The Paschal Candle is then ceremonially extinguished.

*Given that, by the power of the Spirit we now carry the Light of the Risen Christ
to the world within us, the Paschal Candle will only be relit for baptisms and funerals.*

The Priest says

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power
on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out
into the wild places of the world.

The people are then blessed:

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers depart.

Postlude: Postludio Festivo Opus 142 No 12
Sigfred Karg-Elert(1877–1933)

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.



Pentecost, Painting (1732) Jean Restout
Louvre Museum