

St Mary's, Sulhamstead



EVENSONG ON WHITSUNDAY

Sunday May 31st 2020

Hymn
with the choir of Sheffield Cathedral

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
and from thy celestial home
shed thy light and brilliancy.
Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here,
come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,
of the soul the sweetest guest,
come in toil refreshingly;
thou in labour rest most sweet,
thou art shadow from the heat,
comfort in adversity.

O thou Light most pure and blest,
shine within the inmost breast
of thy faithful company.
Where thou art not, man hath naught;
every holy deed and thought
comes from thy divinity.

Sinful hearts do thou make whole;
bring to life the arid soul;
guide the feet that go astray.
Make the stubborn heart unbend;
to the faint, new hope extend;
wounded souls, their hurt allay.

Fill the faithful, who confide
in thy power to guard and guide,
with thy sevenfold mystery.
Here thy grace and virtue send,
grant salvation in the end,
and in heaven felicity.

MUSIC: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, *Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816)*
WORDS: *Stephen Langton (d.1228)*, *tr Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

Sentence of Scripture

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Jeremiah 10.24; Psalm 6.1

Invitation to Confession

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

A General Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips
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.

Psalm 150
Laudate Dominum

- 1 O praise God in his holiness :
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.
- 4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2: 21-end
read by Anthea Burdess

²¹Do not fear, O earth; be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10: 44-47

read by John Steeds

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’

Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2: 29-32

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.

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 catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Minister Let us pray.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All 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.
All And grant us thy salvation.

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

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

Minister O Lord, save thy people.
All And bless thine inheritance.

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.
All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.
All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

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 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 Evening Collect

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

sung by the choir of New College, Oxford

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

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.

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)*

MUSIC: *Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

Prayers

led by Anthony Peabody

ending with all saying:

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

Hymn
with the choir of Salisbury Cathedral

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
 ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
 never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city
 I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
 none but Zion's children know.

WORDS: *John Newton (1725-1807)*

MUSIC: *Cyril Taylor (1907-91)*

The Blessing

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Organ Music after the Service

Komm, Heiliger Geist

J S Bach (1685-1750)

