

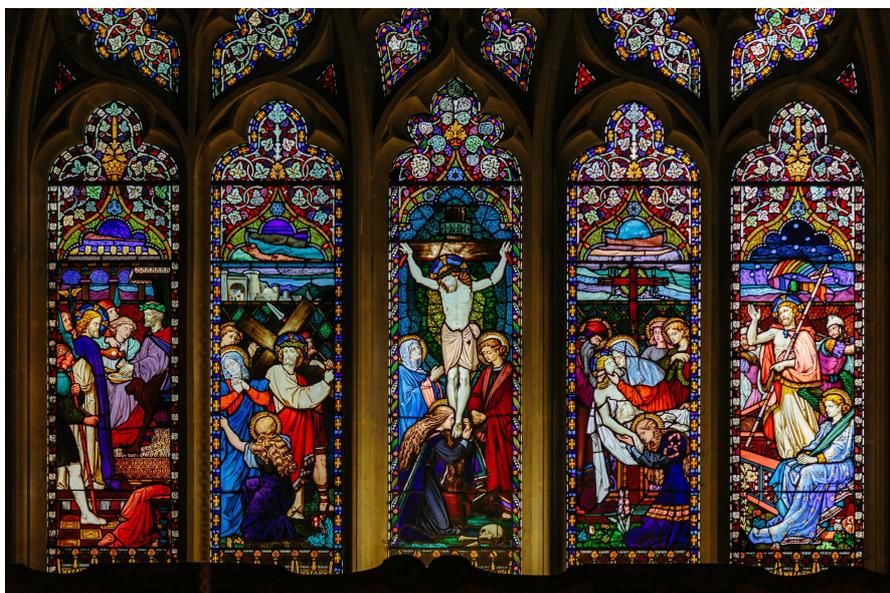


Sunday 31 May 2020
Pentecost
Online Evensong from University College, Oxford

A warm welcome to our service this week.
Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.

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Our preacher this week is the Chaplain.



WELCOME



Good evening, and welcome to this online Evensong from University College, Oxford.

Even if we listen by ourselves, let us remember that we join with others whom we may not see, for we know that they are listening too.

INTRODUCTION

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.

Therefore let us continue in a moment of shared silence,
and remember God's presence with us now.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who 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 those 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.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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 23

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650
Music: 'Crimond', melody by Jessie Irvine (1836-87)

THE FIRST LESSON
From the Old Testament
Numbers 11.24-30



So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

MAGNIFICAT
The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1.46-55

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.

THE SECOND LESSON
From the New Testament
Acts 2.1-21



When the day of Pentecost had come, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see

visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon
Luke 2.29-32

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.

THE SUNG PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
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 thy 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 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.**

THE ANTHEM **'O ignis Spiritus paracliti'** **(Sequence for the Holy Spirit)**

Words and Music: Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

O ignis Spiritus paracliti,
vita vite omnis creature,
sanctus es vivificando formas.

*O fire of the Spirit and Defender,
the life of every life created: Holy are
you—giving life to every form.*

Sanctus es unguendo periculose
fractos, sanctus es tergendō
fetida vulnera.

*Holy are you—anointing the critically
broken. Holy are you—cleansing
the festering wounds.*

O spiraculum sanctitatis,
o ignis caritatis,
o dulcis gustus in pectoribus
et infusio cordium in bono odore
virtutum.

*O breath of holiness,
O fire of love,
O taste so sweet within the breast,
that floods the heart with virtues'
fragrant good.*

O fons purissime,
in quo consideratur
quod Deus alienos
colligit et perditos requirit.

*O clearest fountain,
in which is seen the mirrored work of
God: to gather the estranged
and seek again the lost.*

O lorica vite et spes compaginis
membrorum omnium et o cingulum
honestatis: salva beatos.

*O living armour, hope that binds
the every limb,
O belt of honour: save the blessed.*

Custodi eos qui carcerati sunt ab
inimico, et solve ligatos
quos divina vis salvare vult.

*Guard those enchained in evil's
prison, and loose the bonds of those
whose saving freedom is the forceful
will of God.*

O iter fortissimum, quod penetravit
omnia in altissimis et in terrenis
et in omnibus abyssis,
tu omnes componis et colligis.

*O mighty course that runs within and
through the all—up in the heights,
upon the earth, and in the every
depth— you bind and gather all
together.*

De te nubes fluunt, ether volat,
lapides humorem habent,
aque rivulos educunt,
et terra viriditatem sudat.

*From you the clouds flow forth, the
wind takes flight, the stones their
moisture hold, the waters rivers
spring, and earth viridity exudes.*

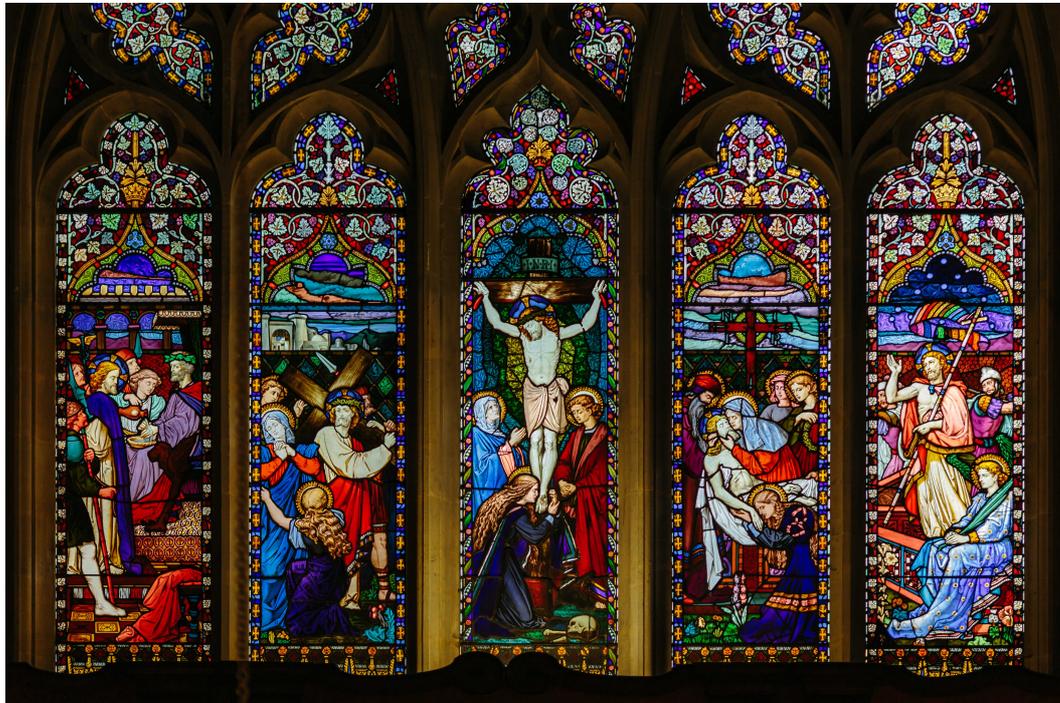
Tu etiam semper educis doctos
per inspirationem Sapientie
letificatos.

*You are the teacher of the truly
learned, whose joy you grant
through Wisdom's inspiration.*

Unde laus tibi sit,
qui es sonus laudis
et gaudium vite, spes et honor
fortissimus,
dans premia lucis.

*And so may you be praised, who are
the sound of praise,
the joy of life, the hope and potent
honour,
and the giver of the gifts of light.*

THE SERMON
Preacher: The Chaplain



HYMN
'Rejoice, the year upon its way'

Rejoice, the year upon its way
has brought again that blessed day
when on the church by Christ our Lord
the Holy Spirit was outpoured.

From out from heav'n a rushing noise
came like the tempest's sudden voice,
and mingled with the apostle's prayer
proclaiming loud that God was there.

Like quivering tongues of light and flame,
upon each one the Spirit came.
Tongues, that the earth might hear their call,
and fire, that love might burn in all.

And so to all were spread abroad
the wonders of the works of God.
They knew the prophet's word fulfilled,
and owned the gift which God had willed.

Look down, most gracious God, this day
upon thy people as they pray,
and Christ the Lord upon us pour
the Spirit's gift for evermore.

Words: Hilary of Poitiers (c.315-c.367),
translated by R. Ellis Roberts (1879-1953)
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), Song 44,
arranged by William H. Harris (1883-1973)

THE INTERCESSIONS

As we continue together, let us pray



God of compassion,
in this time of pandemic,
disruption and uncertainty,
we pray for your world, and for all people,
that by your Spirit
you would invigorate, inspire, guide and enlighten us.

Give courage and understanding
to local, national and international leaders,
and all those in positions of authority and influence,
that they may speak, lead and act
in ways that are wise and fair,
and that they may work with integrity
and for the common good.

Strengthen and sustain
all those who are ill, afraid or in isolation,
or those whose livelihoods and income are under threat,
and comfort and uphold all those who mourn.

We thank you for all who care
for the sick and for the dying
and for all who perform other vital roles,
both in this country and elsewhere.
For those who provide food and essential services,
And for clinicians, researchers and all engaged in public health.

Let us pray also for all who teach and all who learn,
and for all those taking exams this year:
for clarity of mind,
for stamina and strength,
and for hope for the future.

And let us pray for the College,
that love of neighbour and all good learning
may here for ever flourish;

All this we ask through him who suffered on the cross,
and whom you raised
to reign with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for Pentecost, from the Book of Common Prayer

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 judgment 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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
Give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach (1685-1750), Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627



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Nunc Dimittis (Amaryllis Hill)
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