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C A M B R I D G E



Andrea Mantegna *The Ascension of Christ* (1460-64)
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SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 16th May 2021 at 11.00am
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Music before the Service

JS Bach *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639*

¶ Please stand

Welcome – Fr Stephen

THE INTROIT PROPER

CONSIDER O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord; have I sought; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thouthy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? 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. Consider, O Lord

¶ Please kneel or sit

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.

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIES from the *Missa de Angelis*

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine 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, one God, world without end. Amen.

Amen.

THE EPISTLE (read by Leonore Hibou)

The Epistle is written in the fourth chapter of the first letter of St Peter, beginning at the seventh verse.

BUT the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even sominister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Here endeth the reading.

¶ Please stand

THE GRADUAL PROPER

ALLELUIA. Alleluia. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

BUT when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Priest *All*



I be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther al - migh - ty, ma - ker of heav'n and earth,
and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten
Son of God, be - got - ten of his Fa - ther be - fore all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, ve - ry God of
ve - ry God be - got - ten, not made, be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther, by whom all
things were made: who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from heav'n,
and was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man, and was cru - ci -
fied al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He suf - fered and was bu - ried, and the
third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the scrip - tures, and as - cen - ded in - to heav'n, and sit - teth on the
right hand of the Fa - ther, And he shall come a - gain with glo - ry to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, the Gi - ver
of life, who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther and the
Son to - ge - ther is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied, who spake by the pro - phets. And I be - lieve one ca -
tho - lic and ap - o - sto - lic Church. I ack - now - ledge one bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins,
And I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men.

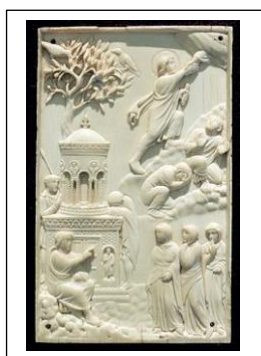
¶ *Please sit*

THE SERMON

Will Lyon Tupman
Ordinand, Westcott House

THE OFFERTORY PROPER

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul, while I live will I praise the Lord: as long as I have any being I will sing praises unto my God, alleluia.



The Women at Christ's Tomb and the Ascension, Rome, circa 400. Ivory plaque Bayerisches Nationalmuseum This ivory plaque is possibly the earliest Ascension image depicting Christ climbing a mountain to reach heaven. The hand of His father stretches out to help Him.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 332 *All hail the power of Jesu's name*



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| 1 All hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all. | 4 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. |
| 2 Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all. | 5 Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 3 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. | 6 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. |
- 7 Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

THE INTENTIONS

. . . Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

ALMIGHTY God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTIO

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMFORTABLE WORDS

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. *Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believin him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Hear also what Saint Paul saith. *This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* Hear also what Saint John saith, *If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.*

¶ Please stand

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be_ with you. And with thy_ spi - rit. Lift__ up your hearts. We lift them up un-to__ the Lord._
Let us give thanks un - to__ the Lord_ our God. It is meet and right so__ to do.__

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Through thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (sung by the choir to the setting by Charles Wood)

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.
+ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Please kneel or sit

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume
to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and

sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (setting by Charles Wood)

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION PROPER

FATHER, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee. I pray thee not that thou shouldest take them out of the world: but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

¶ In accordance with the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion is administered in both kinds i.e. the consecrated Bread and Wine. During the current pandemic, this can only be offered by intinction i.e. the consecrated wafer dipped in the consecrated wine, as the sharing of the Common Cup (Chalice) by sipping the consecrated wine is not permitted.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

COMMUNION HYMN NEH 296 *Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour*



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| <p>1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!</p> | <p>3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.</p> |
| <p>2 Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.</p> | <p>4 Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,</p> |

Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

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 PRAYER OF OBLATION

THEE O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

Please stand

THE GLORIA

Gloria Cantor All

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will to-wards men.

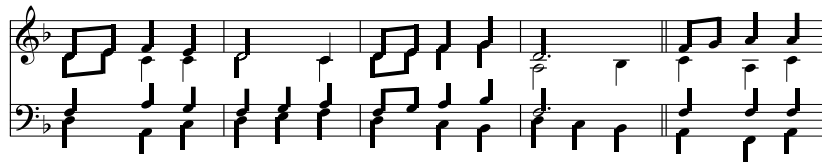
We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glor-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-su Christ;
O Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us,
Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;
thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

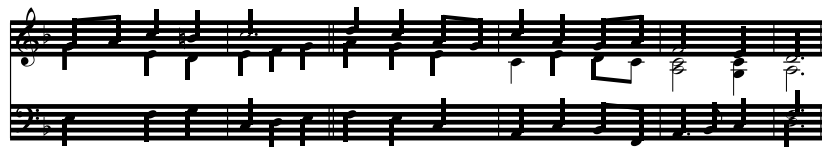
RECESSIONAL HYMN NEH 338 *At the name of Jesus*



1. At the Name of Je - sus eve - ry knee shall bow, eve - ry tongue con -
2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight, all the an - gel
3. Hum bled for a sea - son, to re ceive a Name from the lips of
4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due all that is not
5. Know that this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain, with his Fa - ther's



fess — him King of glo - ry now; 'tis the Fa - ther's pleas - ure
fac - es, all the hosts of light, Thrones and Dom - i - na - tions,
sin - ners, un - to whom he came, faith - ful - ly he bore — it
ho - ly, all that is not true; crown him as your Cap - tain
glo - ry with his an - gel train; for all wreaths of em - pire



we should call him Lord, who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
stars up - on their way, all the heav'n - ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.
spot - less to the last, brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
in temp - ta - tion's hour; let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
meet up - on his brow, and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Organ Voluntary

JS Bach *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn*, BWV 630

Music for personal reflection

Peter Philips Ascendit Deus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJMc3jgiXc>



In this panel Jesus ascends into heaven on a cloud surrounded by a mandorla and host of seraphim. The Virgin and the twelve apostles encircling the sepulchre gaze upwards with gestures of surprise. The *Ascension* scene is divided into two horizontal bands enhancing its mystical sense. Christ makes the gesture of blessing whilst holding the Crusader flag, a sign of triumph. Mary, standing immediately below Him, occupies a special place in the lower section, the only figure facing forwards and slightly raised on a ledge of rock.

The ascension of Christ is described explicitly in the New Testament only twice despite the early Church's belief in its great importance and influence. Acts 1:9 states “... while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight”. Mark also said "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." ¹

Christ's ascension also demonstrated His divinity but through the church's prophetic interpretation of the Jewish scriptures, it also proclaimed the beginning of a messianic kingdom and the empowerment of Christ's followers by virtue of their identification with Him through the rite of baptism. ²

¹ Mark 16:19 KJV.

² G. Shaw, (1993). *Ascension of Christ*; in *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* (OUP).

