



# Ascension Day

May 30, 2019

6:00 PM

Evening Prayer, Rite I *Choral Evensong*

Officiant - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

Preacher - The Reverend Susan Gaumer

The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral

Organist - Mr. Jarrett R. Follette, *Canon Precentor*

Choir Director - Mr. Anthony Sears

Guest Organist - Dr. Paul Weber

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## Order of Worship

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** - *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père from L'Ascension* ..... Olivier Messiaen  
("The majesty of Christ demanding its glory of the Father")

*All Stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #215** - See the Conqueror mounts in triumph ..... *In Babilone*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### OPENING PRECES

Setting: William Smith

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* 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.

**HYMN #36** - O gladsome Light ..... *Le Cantique de Simeon*

*Please be seated.*

*The choir sings*

**PSALM 47** *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

Setting: George Garrett

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit:*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.*

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**THE FIRST LESSON ~ Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*All Stand. The choir sings*

**CANTICLE ~ The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

Service in C, C.V. Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
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.  
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 ~ Luke 24:44-53**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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*The choir sings*

CANTICLE - The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Service in C, C.V. Stanford

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 APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE LESSER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

*All intone the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

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**THE SUFFRAGES**

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

**THE COLLECTS**

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.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

**ORISON**

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.  
 And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

Music: Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)  
 Text: John 14

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SERMON HYMN #221 - O Lord Most High, eternal King** ..... *Gonfalon Royal*

**THE SERMON**

**THE ANTHEM**

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:	Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:	In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
Sing praise, sing praises out,	And hear heart-cramping notes of melody
Sing praises unto our King seraphicwise!	Surround his chariot as it did ascend;
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors,	Mixing their music,
And let the King of Glory enter in.	Making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c.1646-1729) *from* Sacramental Meditations  
 Music: Gerald Raphael Finzi (1901-1956)

**CLOSING PRAYERS**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Cantor or Officiant*



Let us bless the Lord, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE GRACE

HYMN ~ How shall I sing the Majesty ..... *Coe Fen*

1 How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels  
2 Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears, while I thy  
3 En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it  
4 How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all

do — ad - mire? Let dust in dust — and si - lence  
foot - steps trace; a sound of God comes to my  
with — love's fire, then shall I sing and take my  
be - ings keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly

lie; — sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir. Thou - sands of  
ears, but they be - hold — thy face: I shall, I  
part with that ce - les - tial choir. They sing, be -  
line to sound so vast — a deep: thou art a

thou - sands stand a - round thy throne, — O God most  
fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and  
cause thou are their sun; Lord, send a beam on  
sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a

high; \_\_\_\_\_ ten thous - and times — ten thou - sand  
 light; \_\_\_\_\_ yet when thou dost ac - cept — their  
 me; \_\_\_\_\_ for where heav'n is but once — be -  
 sphere; \_\_\_\_\_ thy time is now and ev - er

sound thy praise; \_\_\_\_\_ but who am I?  
 gold, Lord, trea - - - sure up — my mite.  
 gun, there al - - - le - lu - ias be.  
 more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Toccata..... Joseph Jongen

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