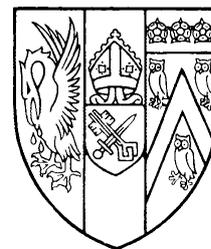


**Corpus Christi College Chapel**  
**Choral Eucharist**  
Thursday, 13 May 2021  
*Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



*Music:*

*Setting for the Eucharist: Jackson in G*

*Anthem: 'Ascendit Deus' – Peter Philips (1560-1628)*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

'Intrada'

Grayston Ives (b 1948)

**INTROIT**

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? alleluia: in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up: behold two men stood by them in white apparel which said unto them.

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.

Based on Acts 1.9-11

**THE GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Words of Welcome are given by the Chaplain.*

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father (Hebrews 4.14, 10.22).

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## KYRIE

*The Choir sing the Kyrie.*

*Deus creator omnium, tu theos ymon nostri pie eleyson,  
tibi laudes coniubilantes regum rex magne oramus te  
eleyson,  
laus, virtus, pax et imperium cui est semper sine fine  
eleyson,  
Christe, rex unice, patris almi nate coeterne eleyson,  
qui perditum hominem salvasti, de morte reddens vite  
eleyson  
ne pereant pascue oves tue Jesu, pastor bone, eleyson.  
Consolator spiritus supplices ymas te exoramus eleyson.  
Virtus nostra domine atque salus nostra in eternum  
eleyson,  
summe deus et une, vite dona nobis tribue misertus  
nostrique tu digneris eleyson.*

O God creator of all things, thou our merciful  
God eleyson,  
we pray to thee, O great king of kings, singing  
praises together to thee eleyson,  
to whom be praise, power, peace and dominion  
for ever without end eleyson,  
O Christ, sole king, O Son coeternal with the  
kind Father eleyson  
who saved mankind, being lost, giving life for  
death eleyson  
lest your pastured sheep should perish, O Jesus,  
good shepherd eleyson.  
Consoler of suppliant spirits below, we beseech  
thee eleyson,  
O Lord, our strength and our salvation for  
eternity eleyson,  
O highest God, grant to us the gifts of eternal  
life and have mercy upon us eleyson.

## *President*

The Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*The Choir sings the Gloria.*

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,  
heavenly King, God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest  
away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon  
us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of  
God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended to the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 7.9-14

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood  
attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened.  
I watched then because of the noise of the  
arrogant words that the horn was speaking.  
And as I watched, the beast was put to death,  
and its body destroyed and given over to be

burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts,  
their dominion was taken away, but their lives  
were prolonged for a season and a time. As I  
watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING 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 over the course of 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

*At the end each Reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia  
Christ to the highest heaven ascending led captivity captive: and gave gifts unto men. Alleluia.

Psalm 47.5; Ephesians 4.8

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia!

When Christ, who is our life is revealed,

**then we too shall be revealed with him in glory. Alleluia, alleluia!** (Colossians 3.4)

## THE GOSPEL Luke 24.44-end

*When it is announced*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, '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 worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON the President, Dr Helen Moore

THE CREED, *all stand.*

*All sing to the setting by John Merbecke.*

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**

**Begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,**

**Very God of very God,**

**Begotten, not made,**

**Being of one substance with the Father,**

**By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,**

**And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**

**And was made man,**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

#### INTERCESSIONS

*Leader*

Let us offer prayers to God through Jesus Christ, who was taken up to heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

For peace from on high and for our salvation.  
**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the newly baptized illumined by the light of Christ.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Justin our archbishop, Steven our bishop and the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travellers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord.**

*Silence is kept. The President concludes*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who exalted Christ into glory and granted all who have been baptized to share in his royal priesthood. Hear our prayers for all your creation and welcome us to the table of your eternal banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Stand*

Jesus says: Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace,  
such as the world cannot give.

Trust in God always; trust also in me.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

### ANTHEM

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia. Dominus in caelo paravit sedem suam. Alleluia.

*God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia.*

Psalm 47.5; 103.19a (tr Book of Common Prayer)

*The gifts of bread and wine are placed on the altar.*

*At the preparation of the gifts of bread and wine, this prayer is said*

Lord of all and source of our joy,

Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

**Keep us in the love of Christ**

**and bring us to the vision of his glory:**

**through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

Born of a woman,

he came to the rescue of our human race.

Dying for us,

he trampled death and conquered sin.  
By the glory of his resurrection  
he opened the way to life eternal  
and by his ascension,  
gave us the sure hope  
that where he is we may also be.  
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy  
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

*The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus*

*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.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through Christ, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts

in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### THE COMMUNION

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who 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 President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*  
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one Bread.**

*The choir sings the Agnus Dei*  
*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, have mercy upon us.*  
*O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended the heaven of heavens: to the sunrising, alleluia.

*An invitation to Communion is made.*  
I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia!  
The Lord our God has entered into his Kingdom.  
**Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia!**

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

*The president and people receive Communion. All baptized persons and communicant members of all churches are always welcome to receive the Sacrament in Corpus Chapel. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward at this time.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate when you come up for Communion.*

*Due to Covid safety protocols, for the time being Communion will be given only in one kind, the Bread. Also, during the pandemic, Communion is received in silence; no individual words of administration are used.*

## POST COMMUNION

HYMN: CP 281

Author of life divine,  
who hast a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine  
and everlasting bread,  
preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n,  
preserve the life Thyself hast given,  
and feed and train us up for heav'n.

Our needy souls sustain  
with fresh supplies of love,  
till all Thy life we gain  
and all Thy fullness prove,  
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,  
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,  
behold without a veil Thy face.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: John Edwards (1805-1885)

**God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing ...

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Ministers and People depart (for pizza).*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

‘Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn’, BWV 630

J. S. Bach (1685-1740)

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