

The Parish Church of St Anne, Kew

ASCENSION DAY

20.00 Sung Eucharist

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise	Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies;	Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,	Alleluya!
Enters now the highest heaven!	Alleluya!

There the glorious triumph waits;	Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates!	Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;	Alleluya!
Take the King of glory in.	Alleluya!

Lord, though parted from our sight,	Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height,	Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise,	Alleluya!
Seeking thee beyond the skies.	Alleluya!

There we shall with thee remain,	Alleluya!
Partners of thine endless reign;	Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see,	Alleluya!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee.	Alleluya!

Charles Wesley 1707 - 88 and
Thomas Cotterill 1779 - 1823

Priest: God has gone up with a shout,
All: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

The Greeting

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

The Ascension Reading
Acts of the Apostles 1:4-11

While staying with the disciples, Jesus 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.'

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into 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.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**The eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are opened wide,
The King of glory is gone up,
Unto his Father's side.**

**And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils thee from our eyes.**

**Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
And let thy grace be given,
That, while we live on earth below,
Our treasure be in heaven.**

**That, where thou art at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be,
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
For evermore in thee.**

Mrs C. F. Alexander 1818 - 95

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-end

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow.
Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your
service.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation of the Altar

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed
upon it. If you pay income tax, and are not a member of our
planned giving scheme, please use the white envelope in your
pew and complete the declaration on the front.*

Offertory Hymn

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;**

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769 - 1854

Priest: Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All: 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and
according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and
wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ; 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:

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the
whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in
glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne our patron, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Agnus Dei

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

*The people receive communion as guided
by the sidesmen.*

*Communicant members of other denominations are
welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service, or
to come forward to receive a blessing.*

After all have received Corporate silence is kept.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

All: **Amen.**

All: We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thy iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime,
Shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.

O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.

Lewis Hensley 1824 – 1905

Reading

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

No responses are used at the end of the reading.

Silence is kept

Responsory

As we wait in silence,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
All: Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
All: Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
All: Amen.

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

The Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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