

PUSEY HOUSE OXFORD

HIGH MASS



The Eve of Ascension

Preacher

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Music of the Mass

Missa Ascendens Christus – T L da Victoria (1548-1611)

Viri Gallilei – G P da Palestrina (1524-1594)

God is gone up, Op. 27 No. 2 – Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

¶ Introit - *Sung by the Choir*

Viri Galilaei, quid statis aspicientes in
coelum? Hic Jesus, qui assumptus est
a vobis in coelum, sic veniet,
quemadmodum vidistis eum euntem
in coelum. Alleluja.

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand you
looking up to heaven? This Jesus who
is taken up from you into heaven, shall
so come as you have seen him going
into heavens.*

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et
Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluja.
Dominus in coelo paravit sedem
suam. Alleluja.

*God is ascended with jubilee, and the
Lord with the sound of trumpet.
Alleluia. The Lord hath prepared his
throne in heaven. Alleluia.*

Words: Acts 1: 11; Ps. 46: 2. [Introit for the Feast of the Ascension]
Music: G P da Palestrina (1524-1594)

¶ Introit Hymn - *Sung by All*

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluja!

Hymnal - 130i

THE ORDER OF MASS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

All **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.**

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.

All **Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.**

¶ **Kyrie Eleison** - *Sung by the Choir*

Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christe Eleison	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie Eleison	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

¶ **Gloria in Excelsis** - *Sung by All*

Priest: | *All:*

Glo - ry be to God on high: and in earth peace good -
will t'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 glo - ry,
O Lord God, hea - ven - 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
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way

the sin of the world, re-cieve 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 the Most High in
the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

¶ Collect for Ascension

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 min thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

¶ Old Testament Lesson

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his

dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Daniel 7 v. 13-14

¶ Gradual Psalm



LET God arise, and let his enemies be *scattered* : let them also that hate him *flee* before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before *God* : let them also be *merry* and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his *Name* : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse;* praise him in his Name **YAH and rejoice before him.**

He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the *widows* : even God in his holy *habitation*.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of *captivity* : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

Psalm 68 v. 1-6

¶ New Testament Lesson

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs; being seen of them forty days, and

speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

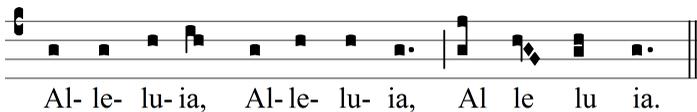
All **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 1 v. 1-11

¶ Gradual

Alleluia. God is gone up with a merry noise and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

¶ Gospel Acclamation



God is gone up with a merry *noise*: And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

¶The Gospel

The Lord be with you:

All **And with thy spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

JESUS appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Mark 16 v. 14-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Easter Candle is extinguished. During the forty days after Easter, the Easter Candle symbolises the presence of the Risen Christ who appeared to the disciples to teach them about the kingdom of God. The nails in the candle speak of the humanity of Christ, the marks of the nails and the spear, while the Alpha and Omega evoke his divinity, the Beginning and the End of all things. Extinguishing the candle symbolises the withdrawal of the physical presence of Christ, and His return to the Father, and announces the period of waiting for the fulfilment of the promise of the pouring out of Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

¶Sermon

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¶Nicene Creed - *Sung by 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-
cor-ding 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-ceedeth from the Fa-ther and the son, who
with the Fa-ther and the Son to-gea-ther is wor-shipped and glo-ri-
fied. Who spake by the Pro-phets, and I be-lieve one Ho-ly, Ca-tho-
lick, and A-pos-to-lick Church, I ac-know-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.

¶ Intercessions

*The Sub-deacon leads the congregation in the intercessions for the Church and the world. The response to each bidding is **Hear our prayer.***

¶ Confession

The Celebrant invites the people to confess their sins, kneeling:

All **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.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution to which all respond: **Amen.***

¶ The Peace

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

¶ Offertory Sentence - *Sung by the Choir*

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

¶ Offertory Hymn - *Sung by All*

Eternal Monarch, King most high

¶Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father almighty:

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Celebrant prays a Collect. All reply: Amen

¶The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Proper Preface follows, which leads into the Sanctus and Benedictus:

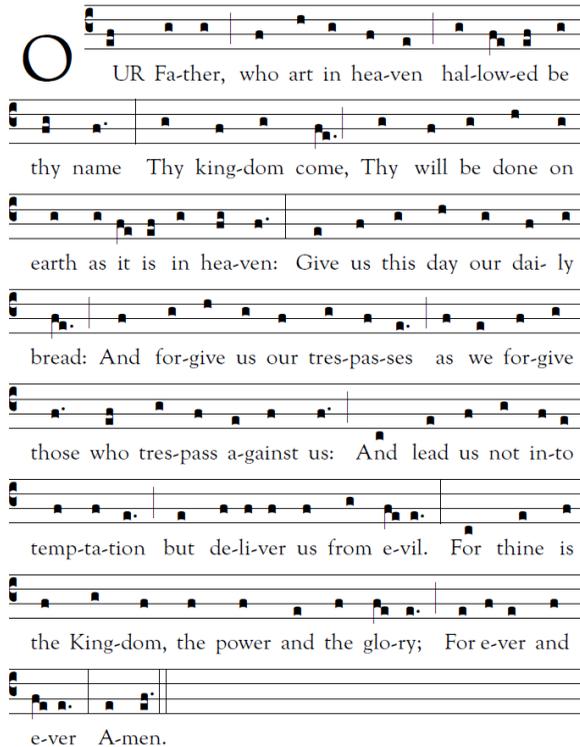
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni
sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in Excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini: Hosanna in Excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of
Hosts, Heaven and earth are full
of thy glory. Glory be to thee O
Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord: Hosanna in the
highest.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer all sing: Amen.

¶The Lord's Prayer - *Sung by All*

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:



O UR Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven hal-low-ed be
thy name Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on
earth as it is in hea-ven: Give us this day our dai-ly
bread: And for-give us our tres-pas-ses as we for-give
those who tres-pass a-gainst us: And lead us not in-to
temp-ta-tion but de-li-ver us from e-vil. For thine is
the King-dom, the power and the glo-ry; For e-ver and
e-ver A-men.

¶Agnus Dei - *Sung by the Choir*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi:
Dona nobis pacem.

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

¶Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

All **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

¶ Communion Sentence - *Sung by the Choir*

Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended to the heaven of heavens to the sun rising. Alleluia.

¶ Distribution of Communion

Please come forward to kneel or stand if you are unable. The Church of England welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity. If you would like to receive a blessing, please fold your arms when approached or carry your order of service with you. If you would like to make enquiries about baptism or confirmation, or preparation to receive communion, please contact one of the clergy.

During the Distribution of Communion, the Choir sing a motet

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly In flakes of glory down, him to attend, And hear heart-cramping notes of melody Surround his chariot as it did ascend: Mixing their music, making ev'ry string More to enravish, as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor Sr. (1642-1729)

Music: Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

¶ Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal - 295

The Celebrant prays the Post-Communion Prayer, to which all reply: Amen

All **Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

¶ Blessing and Dismissal

**The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.**

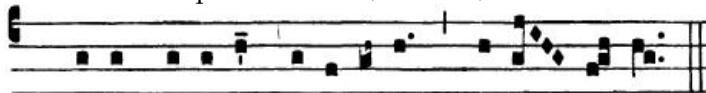
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The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!



All

Thanks be to God. Al-lelu-ia, Al-le lu - ia.

¶Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal - 271

¶Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

v. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

r. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world; Grant we beseech thee, that with his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen

¶Organ Voluntary