



Whitsun Carols

19th May 2024

6pm



ST MARGARET'S

PUTNEY

*Welcome to St Margaret's.
Please take a moment before our
service begins to pray.*

Easter Introit

Tone 6 - Kiev Caves

Arr. from Kiev-Pechersky Obikhod (1910)

*Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Saviour,
the angels in heaven sing.
Enable us on earth to glorify Thee
In purity of heart.*

Collect for Easter

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty
resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin
and death to make all things
new in him: grant that we,
being dead to sin and alive to
you in Jesus Christ, may reign
with him in glory; to whom
with you and the Holy Spirit be
praise and honour, glory and
might, now and in all eternity.

All **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the hymn.

**Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son.**

**Endless is the vict'ry,
thou o'er death hast won.
Lo, Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son.
Endless is the vict'ry,
thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life.
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.
Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son.
Endless is the vict'ry,
thou o'er death hast won.**

MACCABEUS

E Budry 1854-1932, Tr R Hoyle 1875-1939

G F Handel 1685-1759

We meet in the name of the
Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God
our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome may follow.

At Easter we celebrate with joy Christ's triumph over the powers of sin and death, and the promise of eternal life in which we now share. At this time Christ appeared to his disciples over the course of forty days, speaking to them about the kingdom of God. Following this he ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father, until he shall return in great glory at the last day. The disciples remained in Jerusalem in an upper room, together with certain women, devoting themselves to prayer. On the fiftieth day, while they were all gathered the Holy Spirit came upon them with tongues of fire, leading them to proclaim the Gospel in the languages of all the nations. Sent forth in the power of the Spirit, they went out continuing the ministry of Jesus in teaching, healing and building the Church throughout the world.

Today let us meditate on this story of our faith. As we hear again how Christ was raised from the dead let us, with the apostles, cast off our fear and doubt in the hope of the resurrection. As we hear of his ascension, let our spirits be raised. And as we hear of the gift of the Spirit let us pray for the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; and through them praise God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Father in the words our Saviour gave 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.

Easter Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a

young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

Please stand as you are able.

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread!**

**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.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**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.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering,
finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!**

ST HELEN

*G H Bourne 1840-1925
George Martin 1844-1916*

Collect for the Ascension

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading.

Reading for Ascension

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the disciples 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.'

Ascension Anthem

God is Gone Up by G. Finzi 1901-1956

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 seraphicwise! 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.

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make my sacrifice complete.

*HEREFORD REH 548
Charles Wesley 1707-88
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-76*

Please be seated.

Reading for Pentecost

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to the disciples:
'When the Advocate comes,
whom I will send to you from
the Father, the Spirit of truth
who comes from the Father,
he will testify on my
behalf. You also are to testify
because you have been with
me from the beginning.
I tell you the truth: it is to your
advantage that I go away,
for if I do not go away, the
Advocate will not come to
you; but if I go, I will send him

to you. And when he comes, he
will prove the world wrong
about sin and righteousness
and judgement: about sin,
because they do not believe in
me; about righteousness,
because I am going to the
Father and you will see me no
longer; about judgement,
because the ruler of this world
has been condemned. I still
have many things to say to
you, but you cannot bear
them now. When the Spirit of
truth comes, he will guide you
into all the truth; for he will
not speak on his own, but will
speak whatever he hears, and
he will declare to you the
things that are to come.

Pentecost Anthem

*Gail Randall b. 1955
George Herbert (1593-1633)*

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.*

The Homily

The Revd Dr Brutus Green

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Anthem for the Trinity

*Psalm 42, adpt Joseph Martin
Heather Sorenson*

As the deer pants for the water, so my spirit longs for you, O God. I am wounded, I am weary, and I long for you, O living God. My tears have been my portion day and night. Evening falls around me, enemies surround me. My heart recalls the times we walked together. You were my Shepherd! You were my Love, my Life, my All. Your song of love is like the ocean. Lord, do not forget me! Lord, do not forsake me! I thirst, I wait, I listen for your gentle voice, for you alone are my creator. I lift my praise to You again. You are my salvation. You are my Redeemer. You are peace. You are grace. You are hope.

Reading for the Trinity

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

**How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?**

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

COE FEN
John Mason c 1645-1694
Kenneth Naylor 1931-1991

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose
love Christ was raised from
the dead, open to you who
believe the gates of
everlasting life.

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.**

Voluntary – Lead with Love

Melanie de More

*You gotta put one foot
in front of the other
And lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love!*

*Don't give up hope
You're not alone
Don't you give up
Keep movin' on*

*Lift up your eyes
Don't you despair
Look up ahead
The path is there*

*I know you're scared
And I'm scared, too
But here I am
Right next to you!*

Please join us for drinks after the service.

