

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



**SUNG EVENSONG for  
the Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm, 2022**

*The Service begins with a **welcome and a sentence from Scripture.***

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

*Please kneel or sit*

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

O God, make speed to save us.

**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.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Office Hymn: NEH 124**

***Chorus novae Jerusalem***

**Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), John Mason Neale (1818-1866),**

**Robert Campbell (1814-1868)**

**1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.**

- 2      **How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains  
the long-imprisoned dead.**
- 3      **From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he hath gone before.**
- 4      **Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
and at his footstool fall.**
- 5      **While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.**
- 6      **All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run.    Alleluya! Amen.**

**Psalm 126**

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*In convertendo*

**1 WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were  
we like unto them that dream.**

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with  
joy.**

**3 Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.**

**4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.**

**5 Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.**

**6 They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.**

**7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.**

**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.**

**Psalm 127**

*Nisi Dominus*

**1 EXCEPT the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.**

**2 Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.**

**3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.**

**4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.**

**5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.**

**6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.**

**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.**

*Please stand*

## **The Magnificat**

**MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

**For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

**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 shewed 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.**

*Please sit*

**The Second Lesson: Matthew 28. vv 1-10 and 16-20**  
*Read by Fr Jack Mulder*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and

worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Here ends the second lesson

*Please stand*

**Nunc dimittis**

**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

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Let us pray.

*Please kneel or sit*

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

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

God our redeemer,  
who hast delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son:  
grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Choir Anthem: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” arr.  
H.A.Chambers.*

**Hymn: NEH 102  
Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)**

- 1     **A brighter dawn is breaking,  
And earth with praise is waking;  
For thou, O king most highest,  
The power of death defiest;**
  
- 2     **And thou hast come victorious,  
With risen body glorious,  
Who now for ever livest,  
And life abundant givest.**
  
- 3     **O free the world from blindness,  
And fill the world with kindness;  
Give sinners resurrection,  
Bring striving to perfection;**
  
- 4     **In sickness give us healing,  
In doubt thy clear revealing,  
That praise to thee be given  
In earth as in thy heave**

## The Prayers

*The Prayers conclude with the Grace*

**THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen**



**HYMN: NEH 103**

**Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)**

- 1 Alleluia, Alleluia!  
hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the Cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**
  
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with thee.**

**4 Alleluia, Alleluia,  
glory be to God on high;  
to the Father and the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
to the Triune Majesty.**

*Please sit*

**The Sermon**

*Please stand*

Hymn: NEH 244  
Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

- 1 **Glory to thee, my God, this night  
for all the blessings of the light;  
keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.**
- 2 **Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done,  
that with the world, myself and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**
- 3 **Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.**
- 4 **O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vig'rous make  
to serve my God when I awake.**
- 5 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**The Blessing**

*Concluding Music: "Trumpet Tune in D" David Johnson.*

## RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection in aid of St. Mary's 800 Appeal this evening. Thank you for your support.



## THIS THURSDAY: ASCENSION DAY

*As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples.*

There will be a **Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm** to mark this very special day in the Churches' calendar. Do join us.

