ST JAMES CHURCH MALDEN

EVENSONG SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2020 PENTECOST



WELCOME

Please take a moment to ensure your device's microphone is muted and enjoy the organ voluntary as we allow time for others to join the service.

HYMN – Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Please enjoy singing along (you will not be heard!)

1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

2 Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

3 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Priest: DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; that we should not dissemble nor cloak 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 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 after me;

(Please join in saying...)

All: 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, who 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.

The Confession

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

(Please join in with The Lord's Prayer...)

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

(The musicians now sing The Preces...)

The Preces – set to music by Disraeli Brown

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musicians: 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.

(Please join in singing the responsorial psalm...)

PSALM 133

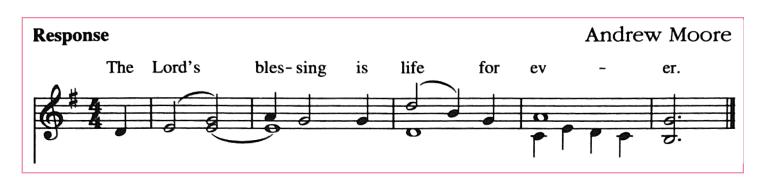
Feel free to sing the response: The Lord's blessing is life for ever

The Response is sung by everyone

– both at the start

and also after each of the verses.

The musicians will sing the verses shown below.



- 1. How very good and plea sant it is when kindred live toge ther in unity!
- It is like the precious oil on the head, running down up | on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar | of his robes.
- 3. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the moun tains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

Reader:

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2: 21-32

(The musicians now sing 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:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

and to the Holy Ghost;

world without end. Amen.

The musicians sing the 'Durham Service' setting of **The Magnificat** by Christopher Totney

Reader:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 2: 14-21

(The musicians now sing The 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 musicians sing the 'Durham Service' setting of **The Nunc Dimittis** by Christopher Totney

All:

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 Apostles' Creed

(The musicians now sing The Responses...)

The Responses – music by Disraeli Brown

The musicians:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

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.

(Three collects follow)

In the hour of my distress, When temptations me oppress, And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head, And with doubts discomforted, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd in sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Anthem

This evening's anthem, sung by the musicians, is:

"Litany to the Holy Spirit"

by Peter Hurford

(Words by Robert Herrick)

The Prayers

HYMN - Shine, Jesus, shine

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let there be light.

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine...

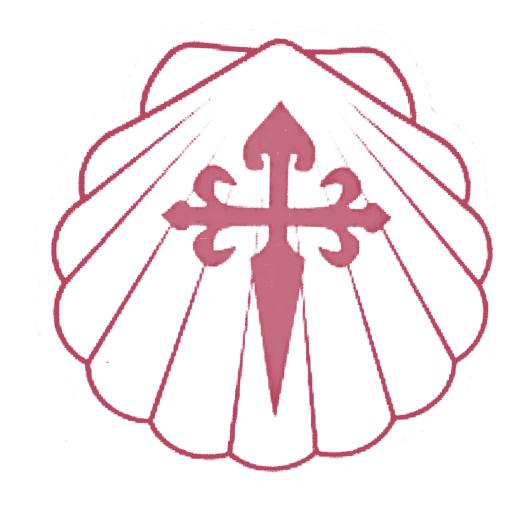
3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine...

> Words and Music by Graham Kendrick Arrangement by Stuart Nicholson

The Blessing

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