



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

The Sunday after Ascension
May 16, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Michael Perry
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Organist: Robin Davis / Cantor: Ian Speck

Mass Setting: *Collegium Regale* – Agnus Dei – Herbert Howells
Gloria & Sanctus – Merbecke



Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*
or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of
her husband Derrick from Joyce Brighty.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Ascension Suite – Serene Alleluias*

OLIVIER MESSIAEN

Opening Hymn 247 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

LLANFAIR

(SPSS choir with the St Simon's choir of Gentlemen and Boys recorded in 1958)

*Choir Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!*

*There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!*

*Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!*

*Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant 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 and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Gloria (CP 679)

JOHN MERBECKE

Cantor *Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for Ascension

Celebrant 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 mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Acts 1.1-11

Reader The first lesson is written in the 1st chapter of the Book of Acts, beginning at the 1st verse.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he 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.’

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite Sung by the Cantor.*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples; / O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the LORD Most High is to be feared; / he is a great King over all the earth.
He subdued the peoples under us, / and the nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, / even the glorious land of Jacob, whom he loved.
GOD is gone up with a merry noise, / the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; / O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: / sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the nations: / God sitteth upon his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples are gathered together, / with the people of the God of Abraham;
For the rulers of the earth belong unto God; / he is very highly exalted.

Epistle I John 5.9-13

Reader The Epistle is written in the 5th chapter of the First Letter of John, beginning at the 9th verse.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 709 Alleluia

VICTORY

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you.
John 14.18*

The Holy Gospel John 17.6-19

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

Jesus said, "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

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

*[God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.
The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven, alleluia] Psalm 47*

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then all say:

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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.**

Celebrant *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

St Matthew 6. 20, 21.

Offertory Hymn 84 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

ST. OSMOND

Choir *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, Jesus, 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, 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, we in worship join with them.*

*Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished shall forevermore remain,
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! risen, ascended, glorified!*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

The celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

Celebrant Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Cantor *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

MERBECKE

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:
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 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.**

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

Celebrant We do not presume,
All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table;
but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei (Pre-recorded Oct 2020)

HERBERT HOWELLS

Choir *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.*

Holy Communion

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

For those worshipping from home, we commend this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - adapted)

*Cantor O Lord most high, eternal king, by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the victory.*

*Ascending to the sapphire throne, thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
and angels wonder when they see how changed is our humanity.*

*Be thou our joy, O mighty Lord, as thou wilt be our great reward;
let all our glory be in thee both now and through eternity.*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to thee let earth accord,
who art, while endless ages run with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia!*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Korea.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer North Peel Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* St. Hilary, Cooksville, its food cupboard, annual outreach fundraising walk to support local and global outreach, community vegetable garden, involvement in making bed mats for Haiti and knitting garments for hospital patients, and its Amnesty International circle;
for St. Hugh and St. Edmund, and its community youth ministry;
and for St. James Cathedral, its drop-in for homeless and street-involved people, refugee sponsorship, participation in HUB and support of local agencies providing care to the homeless, under-housed and under-served.

Parish Cycle Vanessa Scott, Lucy Simons, Glenna Sims-Bonk, Kevin Sinclair

Home Bound Parishioners Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.

Parish Announcements

The deadline for submissions is Thursday at noon each week.

Services

- **Wednesday, May 19** *Eucharist*
11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- **Sunday, May 23** *Choral Eucharist*
10.30 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only
- **Wednesday, May 26** *Eucharist*
11 am Choral Eucharist. Live-Stream only

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School
On-line on Sundays at 10.25 am.