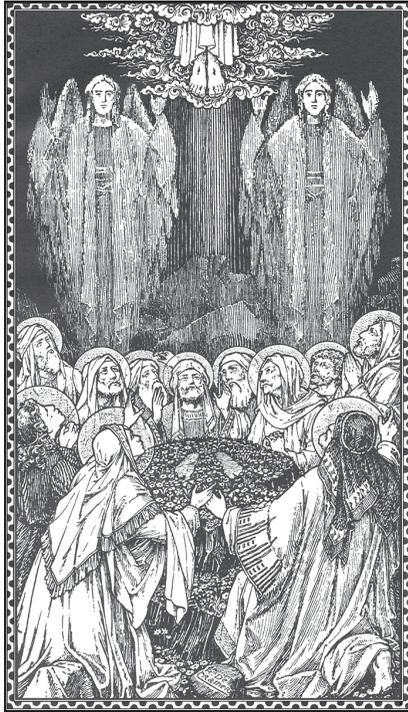


Ascension Day

Procession & Solemn High Mass

Thursday 9 May 2024

6:15 p.m.



THE LORD JESUS WAS RECEIVED UP INTO HEAVEN,
AND SAT ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.



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Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

The Feast of the Ascension was formerly not distinguished from Pentecost because Paschaltide was regarded as a single feast day, beginning at Easter and ending with the descent of the Holy Ghost on the apostles. Before long the Ascension was kept on the fortieth day after the Resurrection, having its own vigil and octave. It is now a holy-day of obligation.

The symbolic ceremony peculiar to this feast is the final extinction of the Paschal candle, whose light during these holy forty days has represented the presence of our Lord in the midst of his disciples. It is extinguished after the reading of the Ascension Gospel, which speaks to us of our blessed Lord's departure into heaven. The white vestments and the Alleluia, "that drop of the supreme rejoicing," says Rupert of Deutz, "which thrills through Jerusalem above," betrays the joy felt by the Church at the memory of our Lord's triumph, the thought of the happiness of the angels and the just men of the Old Law who share it, and of the expectation of the Holy Ghost, who will make her to join in it herself.

The spirit of this feast is emphasized in the collect, which shows us that having, with the liturgical cycle, followed our Lord through the whole course of His life, we must lift our gaze towards heaven, and dwell there by faith and hope, for it is the true fatherland of God's children.

- Dom Gaspar LeFebvre, O.S.B.

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The Choir of S. Bartholomew's

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Ascension Day

Prelude Toccata per l'Elevatione,
Fiori Musicali

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583-1643)

DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

Regina Cæli (*CHOIR*)

Adrian Willaert (1555)

Regina Cæli laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!

ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

O Queen of heaven be joyful, alleluia;
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia,
Hath arisen as he promised, alleluia:
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

- ∞ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, allelu-**ia**.
℞ For the Lord is risen indeed, allelu-**ia**.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

- ℞ Amen.

PROCESSION

- ∇ Let us go forth **in** peace.
⌘ In the Name of Christ. **A**-men.

THE PEOPLE REMAIN IN THEIR PEWS DURING THE PROCESSION.

English Hymnal N° 628

Hail thee, Festival Day!

Salve Festa Dies (EH 624)

REFRAIN (ALL):

- 1 *Hail thee, Festival Day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day when our God ascends
High in the heavens to reign.*
- 2 *WOMEN: Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising,
Every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns. REFRAIN*
- 3 *MEN: Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
Heaven her gates unbars,
flinging her increase of light. REFRAIN*
- 4 *WOMEN: Christ in his triumph ascends,
who hath vanquished the devil's dominion;
Gay is the woodland with leaves,
bright are the meadows with flowers. REFRAIN*
- 5 *MEN: Christ overwhelms the domain
of Hades and rises to heaven;
Fitly the light gives him praise -
meadows and ocean and sky. REFRAIN*
- 6 *WOMEN: Loosen, O Lord, the enchained,
the spirits imprisoned in darkness;*

*Rescue, recall into life
those who are rushing to death. REFRAIN*

REFRAIN (ALL):

*Hail thee, Festival Day!
Blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day when our God ascends
High in the heavens to reign.*

7 MEN: *So shalt thou bear in thine arms
an immaculate people to heaven,
Bearing them pure unto God,
pledge of thy victory here. REFRAIN*

Station at the Crossing

∇ God is gone up with a merry noise, allelu-**ia**.
℞ And the Lord with the sound of the trump, allelu-**ia**.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, grant us ever to have a will
devoted to thee, and with a sincere heart to serve thy
majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

Introit — *Viri Galilæi* (PLEASE KNEEL) (CANTORS)

Acts 1

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? alleluia.
In like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven,
so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*PS. 47:1 O clap your hands together all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.*

Kyrie Eleison (CHOIR)

Missa Secunda –
Hans Leo Hassler (1599)

Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy upon us
Christe eleison Christ, have mercy upon us
Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy upon us

Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

Lux et Origo, Mode iv

Celebrant *People*
Glo-ry be to God on high, And in earth peace,
Choir *People*
good-will to - wards men. We praise thee, We bless thee,
Choir *People* *Choir*
We wor-ship thee, We glo - ri - fy thee, We give thanks to thee
People
for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
Choir
God the Fa - ther Al-migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly - be - got - ten Son,
People
Je - su Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
Choir
That ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Acts 1:1 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

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 Spirit had given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them during 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 Spirit 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 Spirit 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.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Alleluia — *Ascendit Deus,*
Dominus in Sina (CANTORS)

Psalm 47:5,
Ephesians 4:8

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

*Alleluia. The Lord in the holy place of Sinai, ascending up on high,
hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.*

PLEASE STAND AS THE GOSPEL PROCESSION LEAVES THE CHANCEL.

The Holy Gospel: S. Mark 16:14 (PLEASE STAND)

∞ The Lord be with you.

∞ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter
of the Gospel according to S. Mark, beginning
at the fourteenth verse.

∞ 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 condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out evil spirits; 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 everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

∞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Creed (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *All*

I be-lieve in one— God, The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven 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 the 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; Through whom all— things were made:
 Who for us men, and for our sal va-tion, came down from hea ven,

ALL KNEEL AS THE CHOIR SINGS:

AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST
 OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN:

And was— cru - ci-fied, al - so for— us, un-der Pon-tius Pi - late.
 He suf-fer - èd, and was bu - ri - èd. And the third day he rose a - gain
 ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures, And as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven,

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-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son,

Who with the Fa-ther and the Son to - ge ther is wor-ship-pèd, and glo - ri - fi - èd,

Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be-lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - lic,

and A-po-sto-lic 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.

Sermon: The Father Vicar

*PLEASE STAND AS THE CELEBRANT RETURNS TO THE ALTAR
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON.*

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

✠ The Lord be with you.
✠ And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Antiphon — *Ascendit Deus* (CANTORS) *Psalm 47*

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

Offertory Motet (PLEASE BE SEATED) (CHOIR) *Luca Marenzio
(1585)*

O Rex gloriae

*O Rex gloriae,
Domine virtutum,
qui triumphator hodie
super omnes caelos ascendisti;
ne derelinquas nos orphanos,
sed mitte promissum Patris
in nos Spiritum veritatis, alleluia.*

*O King of glory,
Lord of all might,
who, triumphant today,
has ascended above all the heavens;
do not leave us as orphans,
but send the Father's promised
Spirit of truth to us, alleluia.*

English Hymnal N° 381 (PLEASE STAND)

Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

*Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn:
The Shiloh long foretold, The Branch of Jesse's Stem;
The Shepherd King of Israel's fold, The Babe of Bethlehem.*

*Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified:
No Angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail! Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail, Throughout eternity.*

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,
and that of all his holy Church.

Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

A CCEPT, O Lord, we pray thee, the oblations which, in
remembrance of the glorious Ascension of thy Son,
we do offer unto thee: and mercifully grant that we, being
delivered from all perils in this life present, may attain in the
end unto life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.

℞ Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)*

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

WE ✠ remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for

all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

GRANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R̄ Amen.

† *HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.*

Confession and Absolution

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
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.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *S. Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life. *S. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 S. John 2:1,2*

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

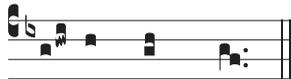
Sursum Corda and Preface



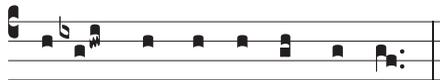
∞ The Lord be with you.



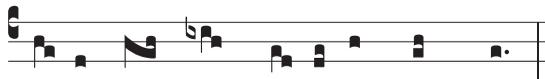
℞ And with thy spi-rit.



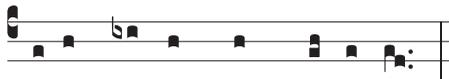
∞ Lift up your hearts.



℞ We lift them up unto the Lord.



∞ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



℞ It is meet and right so to do.

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.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus (*CHOIR*)

*Missa Secunda –
Hans Leo Hassler (1599)*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli
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.



CANON OF THE MASS

(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;

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.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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

Celebrant *All*

O UR Father, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be thy
Name, Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done, on earth

as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that

tres-pass a-gainst us; And lead us not in-to temp-tation,

But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

Fraction and Pax

Celebrant

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

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 (CHOIR)

*Missa Secunda –
Hans Leo Hassler (1599)*

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

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

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

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

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

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

Communion Antiphon — (CANTOR)

Psallite Domino

Psalm 68

*O sing ye to the Lord, who ascendeth above the heaven of heavens,
to the Sun-rising, alleluia.*

THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

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

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND. PLEASE GUIDE THE CHALICE TO YOUR MOUTH BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND ONLY UPON THE BASE OF THE CHALICE. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY'

English Hymnal N° 319 (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED)

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

S. Osmund

*Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
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, 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 for evermore 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!*

Communion Motet (CHOIR)

Andrea Gabrieli

Ego rogabo Patrem

(1576)

*Ego rogabo Patrem,
et alium Paraclitum
dabit vobis,
ut maneat vobiscum
in eternum
spiritum veritatis. Alleluia.*

*I will pray the Father
and he shall give you
another Comforter,
that he may abide
with you forever;
the spirit of truth. Alleluia.*

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collect

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

Let us pray. (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty and merciful God:
that we which have outwardly received these holy
mysteries, may inwardly be made partakers of the benefit
of the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world
without end.

☩ Amen.

was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (ALL KNEEL) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH (ALL RISE), and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R̄ Thanks be to God.

English Hymnal N° 143 (PLEASE STAND)

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

*Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!
There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
His prevailing death he pleads; Alleluia!
Near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
Harbinger of human race. Alleluia!
Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!
There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!*

*There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!*

Postlude Improvisation

Father David Smith

FR DAVID REQUESTS THAT THE CONGREGATION REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE
AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE POSTLUDE

Music Note

The music for Ascension Day is woven from three remarkable strands of Western liturgical music. First, the organ prelude by J.S. Bach, 'Duetto in F', shows the brilliance of this beloved composer in using only two voices, beginning with and developing a melodic motion which ascends and travels through both joyful and mysteriously contemplative sections to form an eloquent conversation for this particular feast day.

Second, the minor proper feature the 'authentic' (meaning the original, centuries-old melodies, as opposed to the psalm-tones used at Sunday mass) Gregorian chants, connecting us with the beauty and integrity of music developed specifically for worship over the last fifteen hundred years. These chants convey their texts through varying modes (arrangements of tones that govern each piece, creating different 'moods') and an astonishing variety of melodic gestures. While Gregorian chant does not often seem to 'paint' the text, the melody of the Offertory Antiphon is a notable exception; in the first words, 'God is gone up..' the music starts low and quickly climbs up high, describing through music this moment in the life of Christ.

Third, our motets are drawn from the golden age of music composition that was sixteenth-century Italy. This style of choral music alternates between imitative entries from the different voices and moments where the text is sung by two or more parts at the same time. The Offertory motet, by Luca Marenzio (1585), features text painting at the words 'super omnes caelos ascendisti;' (you have ascended above all the heavens), as pairs of voices harmoniously ascend ten-note scales, as if up into the heavens themselves.