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Ascension Day Service from the Community of Leicester Cathedral



Thursday 21 May 2020
Ascension Day

ORDER OF SERVICE

All sing

The Hymn

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

*ST MAGNUS (AM232)
Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673–1707)
in Playford's The Divine Companion, 1709
harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823–1889)*

Thomas Kelly (1769–1855)

The Welcome and Greeting

We meet across the distance in the presence of God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Ascension Day

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Reading

Luke 24.44–53

Read by Elisa Simmons

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Reflection

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Sub-Dean of Leicester

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Prelude in A major BWV536i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

The Hymn

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**
- 5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou has died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

DIADEMATA (AM227)
George Job Elvey (1816–1893)

Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God give you grace
to wait to be clothed with power from on high
that you may be enabled
to live life in all its abundance
and to reveal the glory of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you today and always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays the following Voluntary

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn BWV630

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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