



ST MARY'S  
ATTLEBOROUGH

## **Choral Evensong** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday 28th April 2024

*The congregation stand as the procession enters the Church. When the choir are in the stalls the congregation sit as the choir sing the introit: O sons and daughters (Trad. arr. Walford Davies)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters let us sing,  
The King of Heav'n the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat and spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear  
and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen  
and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

On this most Holy Day of Days  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise: Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Priest welcomes the congregation and a sentence of scripture is read.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

I Peter 1.3

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[Music: Sumsion]

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.*

*Please stand*

**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 remain standing to sing the Office Hymn*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers  
    have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee  
Alleluia.

*Finita iam sunt praelia (Latin, probably 17th century)*  
*translated by Francis Pott (1832–1909)*

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*Please sit while the choir sings* **Psalm 96**

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song :  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name :  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honour unto the heathen :  
and his wonders unto all people.
- 4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be  
praised :  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are  
but idols :  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
- 6 Glory and worship are before him :  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the  
people :  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto  
his Name :  
bring presents, and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness :  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is  
King :  
and that it is he who hath made the round  
world so fast that it cannot be moved; and  
how that he shall judge the people  
righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be  
glad :  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein  
is.

- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice  
before the Lord.
- 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the  
earth :  
and with righteousness to judge the world,  
and the people with his truth.

*Please stand for the Gloria*

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 60.1-14*

Here begins the first verse of the sixtieth chapter of the  
book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,  
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;  
they shall be acceptable on my altar,  
and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly like a cloud,  
and like doves to their windows?  
For the coastlands shall wait for me,  
the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
their silver and gold with them,  
for the name of the Lord your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you.  
Foreigners shall build up your walls,  
and their kings shall minister to you;  
for in my wrath I struck you down,  
but in my favour I have had mercy on you.  
Your gates shall always be open;  
day and night they shall not be shut,  
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,  
with their kings led in procession.  
For the nation and kingdom  
that will not serve you shall perish;  
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,  
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,  
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;  
and I will glorify where my feet rest.  
The descendants of those who oppressed you  
shall come bending low to you,  
and all who despised you  
shall bow down at your feet;  
they shall call you the City of the Lord,  
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Here ends the first lesson.

*Remain standing for:*

**THE MAGNIFICAT**

*Brewer in D*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour:  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
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 for the*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Revelation 3.1-13*

Here begins the first verse of the third chapter of the Book of Revelation.

‘And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:  
‘I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

'And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:  
These are the words of the holy one, the true one,  
who has the key of David,  
who opens and no one will shut,  
who shuts and no one opens:

'I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying- I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Here ends the second lesson.

*Please stand for:*

### **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.

*Remain standing, and turn to face east, for:*

### **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 catholic 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.

*Sit or Kneel*

*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.*

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

○ Lord, save the King.  
*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

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

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

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

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

○ almighty God,  
who alone canst order the unruly wills  
and affections of sinful men;  
Grant unto thy people,  
that they may love the thing which thou commandest,  
and desire that which thou dost promise;  
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes  
of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed,  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

○ 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**

*The choir sings the anthem:  
Dum transisset Sabbatum (Erbach)*

Dum transisset Sabbatum,  
Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome  
emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Jesum.  
Alleluia.

*And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James, and Salome,  
had bought sweet spices, that they might come  
and anoint him. Alleluia.*

*We sit or kneel for the Prayers.*

*We stand to sing a hymn.*

King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me,  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.

*George Herbert (1593–1633)  
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*The Blessing*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia:  
*Thanks be to God, Alleluia.*

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Preludes on 'Christ lag in Todesbanden' (Zachau & JS Bach)

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Did you know that we have  
Choral Evensong every month at St Mary's?

Choral Evensong is usually the last Sunday  
of every month at 6.30pm.

The next Choral Evensong celebrates Trinity  
Sunday on 26th May

### **Forthcoming Concerts at St Mary's**

Waveney Choir  
Saturday 11 May • 7.30pm

Cavick String Quartet  
Sunday 19 May • 3.30pm

Norwich Baroque  
with Sarahjane Stephen – soprano  
celebrating St Mary's Flower Festival  
Saturday 1 June • 7.30pm

Chanter's Jigge  
Sunday 9 June • 3.30pm

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment  
Saturday 29 June • 7pm

RAF Honington Voluntary Band  
Saturday 13 July • 7.30pm

Cheryl Aughton Clark – soprano  
Sunday 21 July • 3.30pm

David Price – oboe  
Sunday 18 August • 3.30pm

Boglárka György – violin  
Amy Butler – piano  
Saturday 14 September  
3.30pm family concert • 7.30pm

Community Music Day  
Saturday 28 September

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