

## CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Recorded in St Faith's Church, Maidstone on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Service led by Sue Shaw, Lay Reader

Cantor: Revd Chris Winter

Music by the Gundulf Consort and Organist Philip White-Jones

Directed by Douglas Henn-Macrae

***Introit: Come down, O Love divine – Sir William Harris***

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

***Preces & Responses- Herbert Sumsion***

***Precentor*** O Lord, open thou our lips;  
***Choir*** And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

***Precentor*** O God, make speed to save us;  
***Choir*** O Lord, make haste to help us.

***Precentor*** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
***Choir*** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

***Precentor*** Praise ye the Lord;  
***Choir*** The Lord's name be praised.

## ***Psalm 145***

1. I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King: and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised:  
there is no end of his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship: thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts:  
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed:  
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious and merciful: long-suffering and of great goodness.
9. The Lord is loving unto every man: and his mercy is over all his works.
10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom: might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.
15. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.
18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

## ***Old Testament Reading***

### ***Magnificat – Sir Herbert Brewer in E flat***

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.

### ***New Testament Reading***

#### ***Nunc Dimittis – Sir Herbert Brewer in E flat***

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to the word.

For my 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.

#### ***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.

***Precentor*** The Lord be with you;

***Choir*** And with thy spirit.

***Precentor*** Let us pray.

***Choir*** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.

***Precentor*** O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

***Choir*** And grant us thy salvation.

**Precentor** O Lord, save the Queen;  
**Choir** And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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

**Precentor** O Lord, save thy people;  
**Choir** And bless thine inheritance.

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

**Precentor** O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
**Choir** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

***The Precentor sings three special prayers:  
One for the day, one for peace, and one for aid against all dangers.***

***Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit – Peter Hurford***

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!

***Intercessions***

***Hymn: Our Lord, his Passion ended (tune “Naphill” by Harold Darke)***

Our Lord, his passion ended, hath gloriously ascended,  
yet though from him divided, he leaves us not unguided;  
all his benefits to crown he hath sent his Spirit down,  
burning like a flame of fire his disciples to inspire.

God's Spirit is directing; no more they sit expecting;  
but forth to all the nation they go with exultation;  
that which God in them hath wrought fills their life and soul and thought;  
so their witness now can do work as great in others too.

The centuries go gliding, but still we have abiding  
with us that Spirit Holy to make us brave and lowly--  
lowly, for we feel our need: God alone is strong indeed;  
brave, for with the Spirit's aid we can venture unafraid.

O Lord of every nation, fill us with inspiration!  
We know our own unfitness, yet for thee would bear witness.  
By thy Spirit now we raise to the heavenly Father praise:  
Holy Spirit, Father, Son, make us know thee, ever One.

***Dismissal Responses (Herbert Sumsion):***

***Precentor    The Lord be with you.***

***Choir        And with thy spirit.***

***Precentor    Let us bless the Lord.***

***Choir        Thanks be to God!***