

# The Anglican Parish of St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

## EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

The Ascension of the Lord

1 June 2025

**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch      **Organ:** Paul Ellis, Eric Apperley  
**Organ:** Prologue on 'Ascension'      Healey Willan

**Introit:** I will not leave you comfortless      Everett Titcomb

**Preces & Responses :** Ferial

O Lord, open thou our lips. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

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

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.**

**Psalm:** 24

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is: the compass of the world and they that swell therein.
2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it up on the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?
4. Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads O yet gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
8. 'Who is the King of glory': 'It is the Lord strong and mighty even the Lord mighty in battle'.
9. Lift up your heads O yet gates and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
10. 'Who is the King of glory': 'Even the Lord of hosts he is the King of glory'.

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 2:1-15      Therese Aitchison

**Office Hymn:** 128 (Tune 1)

**Magnificat:** Short Service      Thomas Weelkes

✠ 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 this mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed 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, forever.  
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.

**Second Reading:**

Revelation 5

Hugh Munro

**Nunc Dimittis:**

Short Service

Thomas Weelkes

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.

**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, died, 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:

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, 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. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. **And grant us thy salvation.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Collect for the Day**

## Collects for the Evening:

O 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.**

✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

**Anthem:** If ye love me Philip Wilby

**Sermon or Reading:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

**Hymn:** 130 (omit vv 3, 4, & 5)

## Benediction

*As the hymn ends, the wakahuia is lowered. All kneel and remain kneeling throughout. The Sacrament is placed on the altar and the bell is rung.*

**O Saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below,  
our foes press hard on every side,  
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.  
All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest one in three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
in our true native land with thee. Amen.**

*The celebrant leads the people in prayer, ending with the Grace.*

**Benediction:** Tantum Ergo Guiseppe Colonna

Tantum ergo sacramentum	Genitori genitoque
Veneremur cernui,	laus et jubilatio,
et antiquum documentum	Salus, honor, virtus quoque
novo cedat ritui.	sit et benedictio
Præstet fides supplementum	Procedenti ab utroque
sensuum defectui.	compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Thou gavest them bread from heaven alleluia: **Containing in itself all sweetness alleluia.**

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy saving cross and passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*The bell is rung again as the celebrant gives the blessing with the Sacrament.*

**The Divine Praises:**

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be God's holy name.  
Blessed be God, holy and glorious Trinity.  
Blessed be God, Creator of all.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, Word made flesh.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, truly human and divine.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, in us the hope of glory.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.

Blessed be the holy and life-giving Spirit.  
Blessed be the Spirit, Sanctifier of all.  
Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.  
Blessed be God.

*The Sacrament is returned to the wakahuia and the bell is rung.*

**Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.**

**O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.  
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.  
Let us adore for ever the most holy Sacrament.**

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