The music of the Mass: *Communion Service in C minor* (Herbert Howells, 1892-1983)

*All stand at the bell.*

INTROIT ANTIPHON *Vocem jucunditatis annunciate et audiatur* (Mode III)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia. *Isaiah 48:20*

VIDI AQUAM (Mode VIII)

*Celebrant* I saw water,

*Choir* proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came, were healed and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, because his mercy endureth forever.

*Celebrant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, alleluia:

*People* And grant us thy salvation, alleluia.

*Celebrant* O Lord, hear my prayer:

*People* And let my cry come unto thee.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

 Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, everlasting God, and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all who are assembled in thy holy temple, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON *Sung by the choir*

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO *Sung by the choir*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,*

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:*  *in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest on the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high  in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON *Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98:1-6 *Cantate Domino* (Plainsong Mode I.5)

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,

hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation;

his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel;

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord all ye lands;

sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp;

sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

EPISTLE *1 John 5:1–6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Subdeacon* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *Non me elegistis* (Mode I)

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you: that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. *John 15:16*

*All stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Deacon* The  Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*All sit.*

SERMON The Rev'd Richard Wall

*All stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,

*All* the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;

 who for us men and for our salvation

 came down from heaven,

*All kneel*

 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

 and was made man;

*All stand*

 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,

 to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped

 and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

 and the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

*Deacon* In peace we pray to thee, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Deacon* For all people in their daily life and work:

*People For our families, friends and neighbors, and those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

For the just and proper use of thy creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.*

For all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions in the silence of their hearts.*

Hear us, Lord;

*For thy mercy is great.*

We thank thee, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions in the silence of their hearts.*

We will exalt thee, O God our King;

*And praise thy Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for X all who have died, that they may have a place in thy eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions in the silence of their hearts.*

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in thee.*

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Subdeacon* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

*People* in thy compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by thy Spirit

that we may live and serve thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution, standing and saying:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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.*

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Benedicite, gentes, Dominum Deum nostrum* (Tone II)

O bless the Lord our God, ye people; and make the voice of his praise to be heard: who holdeth our soul in life and suffereth not our feet to slip. Blessed be the Lord who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia. Psalm 66:8–9, 20

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Dignus est Agnus* (Malcolm Williamson, 1931-2003*)*

*Dignus est Agnus qui occisus est, accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et sapientiam, et fortitudinem, et honorem, ipsi gloria et imperium.*

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor: to him be glory and dominion.*

*Revelation 5:12*

*All stand to be censed, and remain standing.*

ORATE FRATRES AC SORORES

*The Celebrant may offer intentions of the Mass and then says:*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable unto God the Father Almighty.

*People* May 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*Facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and did fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Sung by the choir*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus* Holy, holy, holy,

 *Dominus Deus Sabaoth.* Lord God of hosts.

*Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.* Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

*Hosanna in excelsis.* Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

 *Benedictus qui venit*  Blessed is he that cometh

 *in nomine Domini.* in the Name of the Lord.

*Hosanna in excelsis.* Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel and the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that, in obedience to thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and, rising from the grave, he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us, and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe,

to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks,

he gave it to them, and said, “Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me.”

And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we give thanks to thee,

and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people; the bread of life and the cup of salvation; the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Paul our patron, and all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past.

We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* 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, and the power, and the glory,

 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

*Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation*

  Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*People* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the choir*

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Spiritus Sanctus docebit vos* (Mode II)

The Holy Ghost shall teach you: whatsoever I have said unto you, alleluia. *John 14:26*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where Thy Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy Love. Amen.

*All kneel.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God,

*People* we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE EASTER BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People, saying:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting 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, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the  Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the People, singing:*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

REGINA CŒLI *Easter Hymn*

*Choir* Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.

As he promised, hath aris’n, alleluia.

Pour to God for us thy prayers, alleluia.

*Celebrant* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

*All* *For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.*

*Celebrant* 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.*

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Happy Easter! Thank you for joining us and we invite you to return and to worship with us again.

During this time in which our ability to open our doors to public worship is limited by concerns for public health, we are gathering virtually and in-person for selected services. Please join us:

Weekday Low Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday (streamed on Facebook; open to in person attendance; no registration required)

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (via Zoom)

Solemn Mass of the Ascension at 6:45 p.m. Thursday (streamed on Facebook; open to in person attendance; registration required)

Weekend Low Mass at 11:30 a.m. Saturday (streamed on Facebook)

Mass on the Grass at 9:00 a.m. Sunday (weather permitting, please see the weekly e-blast for details) on the West Lawn near the Columbarium

Solemn Mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday (via Facebook and YouTube & in person; please register)

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*A Note on Next Week’s Music*

Michael Fili has scored *Missa Viri Gallilaei* for two voices and organ. Its premiere is Thursday, May 13 at 6:45 during the Solemn Mass for Ascension Day.

The work incorporates plainsong associated with that feast day and, while some of its movements live in a 'traditional' sound-world, others include chord clusters and polytonal harmonies. While safety protocols keep us from our accustomed large-scale works on feast days, we can instead experience music custom-fit for our parish. While valuing the vast and beloved repertoire of Anglican church music, we can nonetheless remain open to fresh expression of the ancient texts. All music, at one time, was 'new music'.