

Sunday 16 July 2017

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Processional Hymn

1. 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.

2. 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.

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

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco de Siena, tr R.F. Littledale (alt)

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 55. 10-13 (OT p.696)*

Psalm 65

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

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Praise is due to you, O | God, in | Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall | vows be | paid.
To you shall all flesh come to con | fess their | sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us you will purge | them a | way.

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Happy are they | whom you | choose
and draw to your | courts to | dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings | of your | house,
even of your | holy | temple.

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

With wonders you will answer us | in your | righteousness,
O God of | our sal | vation,
O hope of all the ends | of the | earth
and of the | farthest | seas.

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

New Testament Reading *Romans 8. 1-11 (NT p.153)*

Gradual Hymn

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| 1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart. | 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me. |
| 2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete. |

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: HEREFORD

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (NT p.13)*

Offertory Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

During Communion the organist plays Andante tranquillo (Sonata No 3)(ii) by Mendelssohn, and the choir sings Let the bright seraphim by George Frederic Handel

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn.

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, alleluia.
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, alleluia.
O Mary, bearer of the Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia..

Words: Athelstan Riley

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia..

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia..

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Organ Voluntary
Sonata No 3 in A (i)

Felix Mendelssohn