

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