

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Day Of Pentecost
(Whit Sunday)

Sunday 28 May 2023
6.00 p.m.

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed to keep thy righteous
judgements.
I am troubled above measure: Quicken me, O Lord, according to thy
word.
Let the freewill offerings of my mouth please thee O Lord, and teach me
thy judgements.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me, but yet I swerved not from thy
commandments.
Thy testimonies have I claim'd as mine heritage for ever:
And why? They are the very joy of my heart. Hallelujah.

Words *Psalm 119:105–108, 110–111*
Music *Henry Purcell*

Welcome The Dean

Hymn 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in one,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Words *Brian Foley (1919–2000)*
Music *All For Jesus, John Stainer (1840–1901)*

All sit

Responses

(sung by the choir)

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.

Music *John Richardson (1996–)*

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard:
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.

All stand

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.

Music *Vincent Novello (1781–1861)*

Reading

Psalm 119: 97–112

Here begins the 97th verse of the 119th Psalm.

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Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.

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¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.

- 107 I have suffered much;
 preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth,
 and teach me your laws.
- 109 Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
 I will not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a snare for me,
 but I have not strayed from your precepts.
- 111 Your statutes are my heritage for ever;
 they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees
 to the very end.

Here ends the first reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Magnificat

(sung by the Choir)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;

He hath showed strength with his arm:

dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Deposuit potentes de sede, et exultavit humiles.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

Esurientes implevit bonis, et divites dimisit inanes.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae:

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

Sic ut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words *Luke 1: 46–55*

Music Magnificat secundi toni a5, *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–94)*

All sit

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I hate double-minded people,
but I love your law.

¹¹⁴ You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.

¹¹⁵ Away from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commands of my God!

¹¹⁶ Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I shall live;
do not let my hopes be dashed.

¹¹⁷ Uphold me, and I shall be delivered;
I shall always have regard for your decrees.

¹¹⁸ You reject all who stray from your decrees,
for their delusions come to nothing.

¹¹⁹ All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross;
therefore I love your statutes.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembles in fear of you;
I stand in awe of your laws.

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¹²¹ I have done what is righteous and just;
do not leave me to my oppressors.

¹²² Ensure your servant's well-being;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.

¹²³ My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,
looking for your righteous promise.

¹²⁴ Deal with your servant according to your love
and teach me your decrees.

¹²⁵ I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may understand your statutes.

¹²⁶ It is time for you to act, Lord;
your law is being broken.

¹²⁷ Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,

¹²⁸ and because I consider all your precepts right,
I hate every wrong path.

Here ends the second reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Nunc dimittis *(sung by the choir)*

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.

Words *Luke 2: 29–32*

Music Merton Service, *Cheryl Frances–Hoad (1980–)*

The Apostles' Creed *(All turn towards the East)*

I believe

All

**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.

The Lesser Litany and Responses *(sung by the choir)*

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven...

O Lord, shew 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.

The Collects

The First Collect, for the Day:

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace:

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.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils:

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.

Music *John Richardson*

The Prayers, which conclude with the Grace

All The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Anthem The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because He hath anointed me
 to preach the Gospel to the poor:
He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
 to preach deliverance for the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind—
 to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
 to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
 the oil of joy for mourning,
 the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
 that they might be called the trees of righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord,
 that He might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
 and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
 so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring forth before all the nations.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because He hath anointed me
 to preach the Gospel.

Words *Isaiah 61: 1-3, 11*
Music *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

Sermon The Rev'd Rachel Blanchflower

All stand

Hymn 137 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 mine 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 it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*
Music Down Ampney, R. *Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*
Final verse, arr. *Toby Hession (1997–, Clare 2015)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Symphonie No. 6 in g, Op. 42:* *Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)*
 iii. Intermezzo

If leaving the Chapel before the end of the Voluntary, please do so quietly and respectfully to those staying to listen.

Chapel Collections at Sunday services in Easter Term are in aid of Aspire, part of a local charity Romsey Mill. Aspire runs youth clubs and support for autistic children and young people. Their clubs reduce social isolation and improve the lives and mental well-being of those who attend. The Aspire team currently work with around 140 young people around Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, both in groups and in settings of 1: 1 mentoring. You can find out more at www.romseymill.org

Drinks follow the service in Scholars' Garden (ante-Chapel if wet), to which all are warmly welcome.

Supper (served with wine) follows in the Buttery at 7.30pm, for those who would like to stay. Payment for supper can be made by card at the Buttery till (£6 for Clare students, £13.80 for guests).

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 30th May *There is no service in Chapel today.*

Thursday 1st June *There is no service in Chapel today.*

Sunday 4th June 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (in Chapel) *followed by breakfast*

6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong (in Chapel)

Please note that the use of cameras, recording equipment, video cameras and mobile phones is not permitted in Chapel.