

SOLEMN EVENSONG

sung by the Choir of Emanuel School, Clapham, under the direction of Jonathan Holmes, who is Head of Music at the School, and, of course, our own Sub-Organist.

Responses: Green books, page 18

Music: *Rose*

For the Office-hymn: 137

Verses from Psalm 119: God's spirit in the Law of the Lord.

First Lesson: Wisdom 1: 1-7 (*Readings on separate paper*)

Magnificat: page 19

Howells, Collegium Regale

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Howells, Collegium Regale

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Stanford

Anthem: For lo, I raise up.

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling-places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far; they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. They come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the east wind, and they gather captives as the sand. Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him; for he heapeth up dust and taketh it. Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over and pass; and be guilty, even he whose might is his god.

Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord, my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement; and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me, and said, The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. (*Habakkuk 1: 6-12; 2: 1-3, 14, 20; King James version of text.*)

Prayers

Hymn 340 (ii)

Sermon by *the Vicar.*

Hymn 141; Collection.

The Blessing

[*Easter tide ends.*]

HOLY SPIRIT IN HOLY CHURCH

The last day of Eastertide

'Fire of Love' is one of the more striking titles of the Holy Spirit, and we find it in that most famous of all Whitsunday hymns, the *Veni Creator* (in the *New English Hymnal* at 138, and used as an anthem today at the 1100 service). The imagery of fire comes of course from the strange account in the Acts of the Apostles about the Day of Pentecost, when the apostles were transformed by the grace of God into a Spirit-filled body, which was capable of turning the world upside down, as their adversaries were soon to complain. The power of fire is both to warm and to destroy, and the Holy Spirit of God continues to burn up what is sinful, and at the same time to enkindle new faith and hope and love. The loving warmth of the Spirit is ever available to the Church and the Christian, to guide, to inspire, to encourage, to exhort, to build up and to make holy. It is for all this that we praise God today. The Lord Jesus Christ is present among his people through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. That is the final Easter glory for the Church on earth – the eternal Easter is another matter – and Eastertide finishes today with the Lord who is Spirit, and in whose power 'we live and move and have our being.'

The towering anthem by Stanford at Choral Evensong tonight, which is being sung by Jonathan Holmes' splendid choir from Emanuel School, is curiously appropriate on the Sunday after the sixtieth anniversary of VE Day. It tells of a prophetic mind wrestling with the promise of warfare and conflict, and in this instance, and (uniquely in the prophetic books of the Old Testament) more particularly daring to ask God why their side lost. It is worth remembering that although the last conquest of England took place in 1066 (Wales was later, in 1283), there were several other conquests before, and we ought not to presume that there simply cannot be another. At the time when 'Britain stood alone' it seemed a very real possibility. This year's anniversary is curiously poignant, for there will be very few combatants from 1939-1945 who will be around for the seventieth anniversary in 2015; last year's Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall included three survivors of the 1914-1918 war, and all of them were over 100 (one was 106, as I recall). However, we should not forget that the war did not finish on VE Day; 'the forgotten army' continued to fight until August in the Far East, and a bitter time they had. Although most of this year's celebrations are taking place at a 'compromise' series of dates, the fact remains that hostilities did not really end until the cataclysmic events of August 1945.



Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for those who belong to the Pentecostal Churches. In the Diocese we pray for the life and witness of the Cathedral, on the day of its Patronal Festival, and for the Dean, the Very Reverend Victor Stock. In our parish prayer we pray for a readiness to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our visions, dreams, hopes and plans; and in our regular prayer we pray for the people who live in The Ridings.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION 'Common Worship' rite
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 405
Other Pentecost texts: page 320 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

0930 PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST 'Common Worship' rite

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 405.
Special material for Pentecost: page 320.
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188 (with extended Preface: page 321).
Setting of the Eucharist: *Langlais*, Missa in Simplicitate.
Most of the hymns at this service are from 'A Hundred Hymns for Ewell';
'The Golden Sequence' and the Communion Acclamation are on the Readings paper, and the hymn at Communion-time is printed on the Notes.

Processional hymn: 44 [Tune OEH 150 ii]
Station at the Easter Garden
THE EASTER GREETING:
Christ is risen.

All reply: He is risen indeed.
(A Prayer at the Garden is followed by:)

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord.

All reply: And renew the face of the earth.

The Choir then sings *Kyrie eleison* while the Easter Candle is saluted with the incense for the last time this year.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)
Collect of the Day: page 405. Readings, etc. on separate paper.

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

St Luke's account of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Sequence: *Hymn printed on the Readings paper* [Tune NEH 139 i]

The Holy Gospel: St John 20: 19-23

St John's account of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional text on page 213

Intercession and Prayers of Penitence (Confession is back on page 169).

Then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 46 Collection [Tune NEH 106]

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188,

but beginning with the extended Preface on page 321, **and including** the Consecration Acclamation on Readings paper.

(The Lord's Prayer, etc. back on pages 178-180)
Hymn at the Invitation. [Tune NEH 238]

Spirit of mercy, truth and love, In every clime, in every tongue,
Shed thy blest influence from above, Be God's eternal praises sung,
And still from age to age convey Through all the listening earth be taught
The wonders of this sacred day. The acts our great Redeemer wrought

Unfailing Comfort, heavenly Guide,
Over thy favoured Church preside;
Still may mankind thy blessings prove,
Spirit of mercy, truth and love.

Communion Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit. *Hurford*

In the hour of my distress, When I lie within my bed
When temptations me oppress, Sick in heart and sick in head,
And when I my sins confess: And with doubts discomfited:
Sweet Spirit, comfort me. Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drowned with sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep:
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 405.

Pentecost Blessing and the Easter Dismissal.

Hymn 45

[Tune NEH 408 i]

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today.
Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.

1100

SUNG EUCHARIST

Book of Common Prayer rite

Setting of the Eucharist: *Batten*, Short Service.
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader*

Introit hymn: 136 with Alleluys [Tune 478]

Then Green prayer book: page 31; *Kyrie eleison*

Greeting and the Collect of the Day

(There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings)

For the Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11

The gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Gradual Hymn: 342 [Tune 178]

The Holy Gospel: St John 14: 15-31

Jesus' promise of the gift of the Spirit.

Nicene Creed: page 34.