

S. Clement's Church

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Sundays

Mattins 7.30

Low Mass 8.00

High Mass & Sermon 11.00

Solemn Vespers & Benediction 3.00

Weekdays

Low Mass: M, Th 12.10; Tu, W, F 7.00

(Saturday 10.00)

Evensong & Novena 5.30

Confessions: Sun 10-10.45 & by appointment

The Ascension of Our Lord

1 May 2008

Procession & High Mass 7

ORGAN – Prière du Christ montant vers son Père

Olivier Messiaen

At the Procession

= Let us proceed in peace.
+ In the Name of Christ. Amen.

NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL NO. 130 - Hail the day
HYMN

*Llanfair
Gonfalon royal*

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise,
New hymns to heav'n exulting raise:
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.

2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
And with the Virgin-mother see
Jesu's resplendent majesty.

3 To whom the Angels, drawing nigh,
Why stand and gaze upon the sky?
'This is the Saviour!' thus they say,
'This is the noble triumph-day!'

4 'Again shall ye behold him, so
As ye to-day have seen him go;
In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky.'

5 O grant us thitherward to tend,
And with unwearied hearts ascend
Toward thy kingdom's throne, where thou,
As is our faith, art seated now.

6 Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen.

HYMN

All Saints

Soon the fiery sun ascending
Will have chased the midnight gloom:
Rise, O Thou High Priest Eternal,
Break the bondage of the tomb;
And above the vaulted sky
Bear Thy victim Flesh on high.

2 Once on earth for guilty mortals
Sacrificed in torment sore,
There may it, on Heaven's high altar,
Plead our cause for evermore;
And appease an injured God,
With the Lamb's Atoning Blood.

3 Named of old High Priest for ever,
By the Father's steadfast oath,
Rise, O Advocate Almighty,
Rise, O Priest and Victim both,
Swiftly, swiftly speed Thy way,
Back to golden realms of day.

4 Lo! 'tis done. O'er death victorious
Christ ascends His starry throne;
There from all His labours resting,
Still He travails for His own;
Still our fate His heart employs
E'en amid eternal joys.

5 There He sits in tranquil glory,
There He stands His aid to lend,
There He offers to His Father
Every single prayer we send;
There Himself receives each sigh
As Omniscient Deity.

NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL NO. 133 – The eternal gates (*if needed*)

Crucis Victoria

STATION AT THE HIGH ALTAR

= God is gone up with a merry noise, alleluia.
+ And the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.
Let us pray.

ALmighty and eternal God, grant us ever to have a will devoted to thee, and with a sincere heart to serve thy majesty. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Mass

INTROIT - *Viri Galilaei*

YE men of Galilee, why marvel ye gazing up into heaven? alleluia: in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalms 47.* O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

= Glory be... Ye men of Galilee...

KYRIE ELEISON – Missa 'Ascendens Christus in altum'

Tomás Luis de Victoria

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Redeemer this day to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind there continually dwell. Through the same. *Amen.*

EPISTLE

Acts 1.1

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles.

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which,

saith he, ye have heard of me: for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them: It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power: but ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

ALLELUIA - *Ascendit Deus*

Alleluia, alleluia. = God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump. Alleluia. = The Lord in the holy place of Sinai, ascending up on high, hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

S. Luke 24.49

AT that time: Jesus appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat: and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart: because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them; Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues: they shall take up serpents: and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

HYMN

Lauda anima

Jesus, Lord of life eternal
Taking those He loved the best,
Stood upon the Mount of Olives,
And His own the last time blest;
Then, though He had never left it,
Sought again the Father's breast.

2 Knit is now our flesh to Godhead,
Knit in everlasting bands:
Call the world to highest festal:
Floods and oceans, clap your hands:
Angels, raise the song of triumph:
Make response, ye distant lands.

3 Loosing death with all its terrors
Thou ascendedst up on high;
And to mortals, now immortal,
Gavest immortality.
As Thine own disciples saw Thee
Mounting Victor to the sky.

SERMON

The Rector

NICENE CREED

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

OFFERTORY - *Deus ascendit*

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.

HYMN

Guiting Power

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th' eternal name!*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

4 Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

CANON OF THE MASS

OUR FATHER [+ But deliver us from evil.]

THE PAX

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION - *Psallite Domino*

Sing ye to the Lord, who ascended above the heaven of heavens, to the Sunrising, alleluia.

MOTET – *Ascendens Christus in altum*

*Ascendens Christus in altum, alleluia,
Captivam duxit captivitatem, alleluia.
Dedit dona hominibus, alleluia.
Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,
Et Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia.
Dedit dona...*

*Christ ascendeth up on high, alleluia,
He hath led captivity captive, alleluia.
He hath given gifts to men, alleluia,
God is gone up with a merry noise,
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
alleluia.
He hath...*

de Victoria

HYMN

Hereford

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New hymns throughout the world shall ring;
By a new way none ever trod,
Christ mounteth to the throne of God.

2 The Apostles on the mountain stand—
The mystic mount—in Holy Land;
They, with the Virgin-Mother see
Jesus ascend in majesty.

3 The Angels say to the eleven,
“Why stand ye gazing into heaven?
This is the Saviour—this is He!
Jesus hath triumphed gloriously.”

4 They said the Lord should come again,
As these beheld Him rising then,
Calm soaring through the radiant sky,
Mounting its dazzling summits high.

5 May our affections thither tend,
And thither constantly ascend,
Where, seated on the Father's throne,
Thee, reigning in the heavens, we own.

6 Be Thou our present joy, O Lord,
Who wilt be ever our reward;
And as the countless ages flee,
May all our glory be in Thee! Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

GRANT to us, we beseech thee, almighty and merciful God: that we who have outwardly received these holy mysteries, may inwardly be partakers of the benefits of the same. Through. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

= Ite, Missa est.

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BLESSING

THE LAST GOSPEL

NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL NO. 134 – The head that once

ORGAN – Transports de joie

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S. Magnus

Messiaen

Notes

We welcome our visitors. We are happy to have you worship with us this evening. Please make yourselves known to the priests and people and please sign the guest book in the Narthex.

Everyone is invited to a Reception in the Anchor Room following the Mass this evening.

The Silent Auction Gala will be held on Saturday, 3rd May beginning at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At that time final bids will be accepted throughout the evening on the various items offered. There are many items which have not been posted on the internet site as well. Admission is \$10.00 and includes wine and hors d'oeuvres.