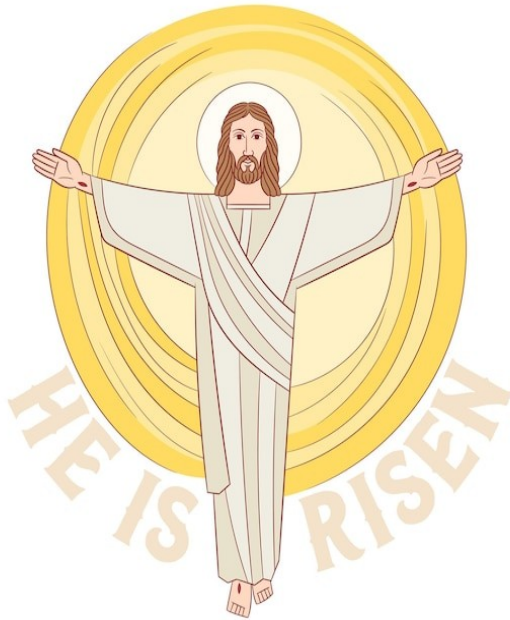


## Choral Evensong Third Sunday of Easter

4 May 2025

6.00pm



*Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to take part as they feel called.  
Evensong, which combines the ancient monastic services  
of Vespers and Compline (evening and night prayer), and has been sung  
in Cathedrals and Parish Churches all over the country since the sixteenth century.*



*Organ: Ruhig bewegt (from Sonata 2) – Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:  
Terra tremuit et quievit, Dum exsurget in Judicio Deus. Alleluia*

[The earth trembled and became still again, When God arose in judgement.  
Alleluia.]

*Words: Psalm 76.8-9*

*Music: William Byrd (c.1543-1623)*

**Priest:** Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

**All:** **Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

**Priest:** May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you ✠ pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The preces and responses are sung to a setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)*

Cantor     O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir       And our mouth shall shew 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.

*Office hymn:*

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;**

**Now is the Victor's triumph won;**

**O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,**

**And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;**

**Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!**

**On the third morn he rose again**

**Glorious in majesty to reign;**

**O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!**

*Words: Latin 17th Century translated Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Music: 'Victory' Adapted from Gloria of Palestrina's Magnificat Tertii Toni with  
Alleluya by William Henry Monk (1823-89)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 86:*

1. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me \* for I am poor, and in misery.

2. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy \* my God, save thy servant that  
putteth his trust in thee.

3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord \* for I will call daily upon thee.

4. Comfort the soul of thy servant \* for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my  
soul.

5. For thou, Lord, art good and gracious \* and of great mercy unto all them  
that call upon thee.

6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer \* and ponder the voice of my humble  
desires.

7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee \* for thou hearest me.
8. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord \* there is not one that can do as thou doest.
9. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord \* and shall glorify thy Name.
10. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things \* thou art God alone.
11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth \* O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
12. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart \* and will praise thy Name for evermore.
13. For great is thy mercy toward me \* and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
14. O God, the proud are risen against me \* and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
15. But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy \* long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.
16. O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me \* give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
17. Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed \* because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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

### **Old Testament Reading (Isaiah 38.9-20)**

*The choir sings the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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

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

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

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

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

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

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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: Evening Service in A major Herbert Sumsion (1899-1985)*

### **New Testament Reading** (John 11.27-44)

*The choir sings Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)*

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.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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: Evening Service in A major Herbert Sumsion (1899-1985)*

*Please remain standing to say the Apostles' Creed:*

**I believe 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 Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Cantor      The Lord be with you  
Choir        And with thy spirit  
Cantor      Let us pray.

*[please kneel or sit]*

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
Choir 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 Collect of the Day:*

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*The choir sings the Anthem:*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness,

Tis' the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;

Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's Resurrection,

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;

But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

*Words: John of Damascus (c.675-c.750) translated John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Music: Reginald Sparshatt Thatcher (1888-1957)*

*Sermon— Mthr Jennifer Brady*

*Please kneel for the prayers:*

*The Grace:* **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.**

*Please stand to sing the hymn:*

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy  
portal. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell ear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given;  
May we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

*Words: Christian Gellert (1715-69) translated Frances Cox (1812-97)*

*Music: 'St Albinus' Henry John Gauntlett (1805-76)*

*The Blessing:*

... and the ✠blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Organ: Prelude and Fugue in D BuxWV139 – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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