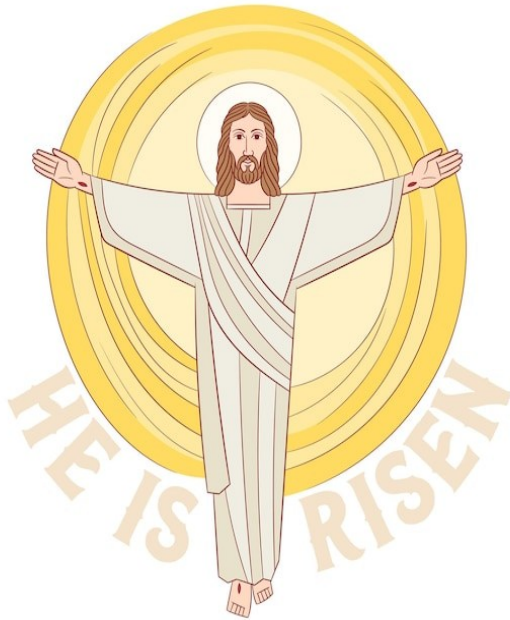


Choral Evensong Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

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: Grave and Adagio (Sonata No.2 in Cm) – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit: Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in lætitia. Intrate in conspectu eius in exultatione, quia Dominus ipse est Deus.

[O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. For the Lord he is God.]

Words: Psalm 100

Music: Orlande de Lassus (1532-94)

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 Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

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:

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ hath broken every chain!

Hark, the angels shout for joy,

Singing evermore on high, Alleluya!

He who gave for us his life,

Who for us endured the strife,

Is our Paschal Lamb today;

We too sing for joy, and say Alleluya!

He who bore all pain and loss

Comfortless upon the Cross

Lives in glory now on high,

Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluya!

He whose path no records tell,

Who descended into hell;

Who the strong man armed hath bound,

Now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluya!

Now he bids us tell abroad

How the lost may be restored,

How the penitent forgiven,

How we too may enter heaven. Alleluya!

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay, Alleluya!**

Words: German, Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534)

Music: 'Orientis Partibus' French Medieval melody

Harmony Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-19

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 147.1-12:

1. O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem * and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
3. He healeth those that are broken in heart * and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4. He telleth the number of the stars * and calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power * yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
6. The Lord setteth up the meek * and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
7. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving * sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
9. Who giveth fodder unto the cattle * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
11. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him* and put their trust in his mercy.
12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem * praise thy God, O Sion.

[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 (Zechariah 4.1-10)

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: Fifth Evening Service – Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

New Testament Reading (Revelation 2.1-14)

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: Fifth Evening Service – Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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:

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through 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:

Christ rising again from the dead, now dieth not. Death from henceforth hath no power upon him. For in that he died, he died but once to put away sin but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Words: Romans 6.9-11 & 1 Corinthians 15. 20-22

Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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:

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains, the long-imprisoned
dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way where he has gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now his sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow, and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing, his mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.
Alleluya! Amen.**

*Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028) translated Robert Campbell (1814-68)
Music: 'St Fulbert' 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: Allegro maestoso e vivace and Allegro moderate (Sonata No.2 in Cm) –
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

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