



# **Ascension Day Service**

**with a prayerful 'Beating the Bounds'**

**Thursday 13 May 2021, 5.00pm**

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**Preacher: Rev'd Sophia Acland, Associate Vicar**

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# Welcome

**to all who are joining us in church today or online via Zoom.**

For those in church, please help us all to 'pray safe'  
by following the Covid-19 guidelines:

- \* Keep 2m apart.
- \* Wear a face covering, which is mandatory in places of worship.
- \* Use the hand sanitiser on your way into and out of church, and at the table at the front before receiving communion.
- \* Complete the Test and Trace contact details form on entry.
- \* Sit in the seats that are marked, with only one person in each short pew unless members of the same household.
- \* Use the order of service already placed on your seat and taking this home with you.
- \* Share the Peace in a non-contact way, such as with the British Sign Language (BSL) Sign.
- \* Refrain from singing.
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**Thank you.**

## **Music before the Service**

*Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn, BWV630 - JS Bach*

### **Welcome & Introduction**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **Opening Prayer**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Hymn - Sung by St Martin's Voices**

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
based on Psalm 72

## **Beating the Bounds – A Prayer for our Parish**

Introduction & The Tower of London

### **First Reading: Acts 1. 1-11**

*Read by Nicholas Hewlett, Headmaster, St Dunstan's College*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Music**

Nunc Dimittis - Murrill in E

*Sung by St Dunstan's College Chapel Choir*

## **Beating the Bounds – A Prayer for our Parish**

River Thames & St Dunstan's Garden

## **Second Reading: Luke 24. 44-end**

*Read by Anne Palmer*

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Beating the Bounds – A Prayer for our Parish**

Plantation House & Seething Lane

## **Reflection**

*Rev'd Sophia Acland*

## **Beating the Bounds – A Prayer for our Parish**

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## The Lord's Prayer

*All* **Our Father,**  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
**Thy Kingdom come,**  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
**Give us this day our daily bread,**  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
but deliver us from evil.  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn** - *Sung by St Dunstan's College Chapel Choir*

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!**  
**Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!**  
**Christ, awhile to mortals giv'n, Alleluia!**  
**Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!**  
**Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!**  
**Christ hast vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!**  
**Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!**  
**Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!**  
**Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!**  
**Seeking thee beyond the skies, Alleluia!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!**  
**Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!**  
**There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!**  
**Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Alleluia!**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788),  
Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others

## Final Prayers

As we wait for the Day of Pentecost,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
*All* **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

## The Blessing

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
*All* **Amen.**

## Notices

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