

St Mary Magdalene, Ashton Upon Mersey Choir reunion

Order of service: Saturday June 10th 2017 5pm

Introit: Come Holy Ghost our souls Inspire: (Men's choir only)

Opening Hymn

Angel voices ever singing round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing, rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven
render thee.

Welcome & events for later in the evening

Psalm: I will lift up mine eyes - Ernst Walker (Men's voices)

Reading: Deuteronomy 30:1-5

Second Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise

Gloria: Darke in F (Full Choir) – *from Communion Service*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14 1-17

Anthem: Evening Hymn - Balfour Gardiner (Full Choir) – *from Evening service*

Address: Julian Heaton

Anthem: Cantate Domino – Pitoni (Full Choir)

Prayers: said

Third Hymn

Guide me, O thou great redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer; Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Te Deum: Stanford in B flat (Full Choir) – *from Mattins*

Blessing: Amen from Smith 3rd Collect Full Choir) – *from Mattins & Evensong*

Final Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body
lay. **Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conquering son, endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er
death hast won.**

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her lord now liveth, death hath lost
its sting. **Refrain: Thine be the glory.....**

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our
strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through
Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain: Thine be the glory.....**