Sunday, the Eighth of May,
Two Thousand and Sixteen
O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thy Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send us thy holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us into that same place whither our Saviour is gone before, even thine own blessed and glorious presence, there to dwell for evermore. Amen.

Prayerbook, pp. 202-203

Prelude

The Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
I. Christ praying that his Father should glorify him
II. Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for Heaven
IV. Prayer of Christ ascending toward his Father

Introit

Queen Street
William Billings (1746-1800)
1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation,
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: 
Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth:

Join the great throng, Wake harp and psalter and song, 
Hast thou not seen How what thou needdest hath been

Sound forth thy glad adoration, 

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; 
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee: 
Ponder anew 
What the Almighty can do, 
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! 
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him! 
Let the Amen 
Sound from his people again: 
Gladly for aye we adore him.
OPENING SENTENCES

GENERAL CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

_All shall sit._

_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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen._

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

_The Lord’s Prayer_  

_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, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen._

VERSICLES

_Minister_  

O Lord, open thou our lips;

_People_  

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

_All shall stand._

_Minister_  

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;

_People_  

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

_Minister_  

Praise ye the Lord.

_People_  

The Lord’s name be praised.
3. The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

5. Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord all ye lands; sing, rejoice and give thanks.

6. Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanks giving.

7. With trumpets also and shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8. Let the sea make a noise and all that there in is; the round world and they that dwell there in.

9. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth.

10. With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

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O clap your hands, all ye people! Shout unto God with the voice of triumph!

For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises unto our King, sing praises!

For God is the king of all the earth; sing ye praises with a psalm!

God reigneth over the nations; God sitteth upon his holy throne.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong unto God; he is greatly exalted.

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Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God; Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.
MOTET

All People, Clap Your Hands (Psalm 47:1, 5)
Thomas Weelkes (1573-1623)

OLD TESTAMENT

DEUS MISEREATUR, Psalm 67

2. That thy way may be known up—on—earth, thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

NEW TESTAMENT


MAGNIFICAT, St. Luke 1:46-55

2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid.
3. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he who is mighty hath magnified me. And holy is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
6. He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
VERSICLES

*Minister* The Lord be with you.
*People* And with thy spirit.
*Minister* Let us pray.

*All shall sit.*

*Minister* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
*People* And grant us thy salvation.
*Minister* O God, make clean our hearts within us;
*People* And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

*Prayerbook, pp. 14-17*

*Minister* Collect for the Day
*Minister* Collect for Peace
*Minister* Prayer for All Nations
*Minister* Prayer for Those in Authority
*Minister* Prayer for the Clergy and People
*Minister* Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Mankind
*Minister* Prayer for Those Memorialized

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we ascribe unto thee all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

God is Gone Up with a Merry Noise (Psalm 47:5-7)
William Croft (1678-1727)

RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him, ye heavenly hosts above:
Praise him, my soul, for all his love. *Amen.*
WE WALK BY FAITH

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gracious words we hear from him who spoke as
follow where he trod; but in his promise
may our faith abound, to call on you when
realms of clearer light we may behold you

none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.
we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and endless sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)
1. O Love! O Life! our faith and sight Thy presence maketh one.

As, thro' transfigured clouds of white, We trace the noon-day sun, A-men.

2. So, to our mortal eye subdued,
   Flesh-veiled but not concealed,
   We know in thee the fatherhood
   And heart of God revealed.

3. We faintly hear, we dimly see,
   In differing phrase we pray;
   But, dim or clear, we own in thee
   The light, the truth, the way.

4. To do thy will is more than praise,
   As words are less than deeds;
   And simple trust can find thy ways
   We miss with chart of creeds.

5. Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord;
   What may thy service be?—
   Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
   But simply following thee.

Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

Olivier Messiaen
The Ascension
III. Outbursts of joy before the glory of Christ
The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Alice de Vermandois Perry, Lewis Frederick Perry, Elizabeth Lowell Ware and Charles Eliot Ware, Jr. by their children and grandchildren.

At the communion rail following the service,
Jim Power will greet those interested in learning more about King’s Chapel.

After the service, all are invited to Coffee Hour,
hosted by Gregg Sorenson and friends of the hospitality committee.

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**
The Rev. Shawn Fiedler, Assistant Minister
Heinrich Christensen, Music Director
Cynthia Perkins, Lay Reader
Amanda Pickett, Lector
Anne Sexton and Paul Luca, Head Ushers
Charles Perry, Usher in Charge
Gregg Sorensen, Cathy Price, and Sylvia Soderberg, Ushers
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**King’s Chapel Covenant**
In the love of truth, and the spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the worship of God and the service of man.

**To Our Visitors**
Welcome to King's Chapel! We are happy to have you with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the service. Also, a volunteer guide will be at the Chancel Rail after worship to tell you something of our history and present activity and answer any questions you may have. If you are new to King's Chapel, please sign our welcome book in the vestibule.

**Accessibility Assists**
Our beautiful Georgian sanctuary designed by Peter Harrison and completed in 1754, has been lovingly maintained by the congregation since its completion. One of the box pews has been made wheelchair-accessible. Ushers are available to assist those who are wheelchair-bound to that pew. A sound system has been installed in the sanctuary of The Chapel to amplify the sound during worship services. Hearing assistance devices are available for your use. Please see an Usher for assistance.

**Church School - Nursery**
Nursery Care is available every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our Parish House, 64 Beacon Street. Our Church School for pre-kindergartners to high school students meets every Sunday of the month at our Parish House at 64 Beacon Street from mid-September to mid-June at 10:00 a.m. We invite all families to join us for Sunday worship at 11 a.m. in the Chapel on Tremont Street. For more information, please contact the Parish House at 617-227-2155.

**Membership**
King’s Chapel formally welcomes new members throughout the year. If you are curious about King’s Chapel, or interested in membership, speak with one of our ministers, or connect with our membership committee by contacting our office 617-227-2155 or admin@kings-chapel.org.

**Bede List**
In Morning Prayer on Sundays, we offer prayers to God for those who are in special need in any way. If you wish to add any names to our List, or remove any at this time, please speak with our Ministers, or leave a message with our Parish Administrator (617-227-2155 x 108).

**Partner Church**
King’s Chapel is affiliated as partner church with the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár in Transylvania (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), a relationship inaugurated in 1922 celebrating the historic roles of both churches in the birth of Unitarian theology.

**Two Reduced-Rate Parking Tickets**
*First,* on weekdays after 5 p.m. and on weekends, we offer stamps for the One Beacon Street Garage across the street in order to reduce the rate to $9. When you enter the garage turn immediately left, take a ticket and then park. Bring your ticket to church and ask the Verger or Lead Usher to stamp your ticket. When returning to the parking garage, present your ticket to the attendant in the kiosk and pay, then leave. *Second,* we also offer parking tickets for the Boston Common Garage at the reduced rate of $10. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance by contacting our office at 617-227-2155 or admin@kings-chapel.org. We ask that all parishioners who regularly attend events at the Parish House purchase tickets in advance.