

NONES

2nd Sunday after Easter, St George's Day.

Introduction

All stand

Processional "Salve festa dies". (Optional)

Silence

Main Reader ~ "This is God's Court, the place of peace and rest."

All ~ "The poor with Solomon's own wealth are blest."

Main Reader ~ "Our hearts were made for God and they are restless until they rest in Him.

[St. Augustine of Hippo] Oh God come to our aid."

All ~ "Oh Lord make haste to help us."

Main Reader ~ "Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit."

All ~ "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen."

Hymn

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| 1. We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels. | 3. We love to sing below
For mercies freely given,
But O, we long to know
The triumph song of heaven. |
| 2. We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease. | 4. Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face
And with Thy saints adore. |

All ~ ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

All sit

Isaiah 43 v. 9 - 13.

All stand

(These following Psalms (126,127) were said at the first Nones, May 1998, and thereafter always repeated.)

Main Reader ~ "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

All ~ "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Main Reader ~ "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream."

All ~ "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:"

Main Reader ~ "Then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them."

All ~ "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Main Reader ~ "Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south."

All ~ "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

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All ~ "Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain."

All ~ ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Hymn

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that Heaven affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And Heaven's eternal light.
3. The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His love,
And grants His name to know.
4. To them the Cross with all its shame
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of Heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of His love.
6. The Cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him;
His people's hope, His people's wealth
Their everlasting theme.

All sit
Psalm 125.

All stand

Main Reader ~ “The Lord is my portion and cup, it is Thou who mark out my lot. Lord God who called our forefathers to the admirable light of the Gospel through the preaching of the founder, Gilbert the Norman, and Canons of St. Mary's Priory, Merton, grant that by their intercession we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.”

All ~ “God of power and love, look kindly on the tasks we have begun, and at this afternoon hour renew Thy grace within us, make good our defects and bring our work to that fulfilment which accords with Thy will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

All sit
Acts 5 v. 12-20.

All stand
Matthew 28 v. 16-20.

Hymn

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! My Shepherd, Husband, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought. (John Newton 1725-1807)

All stand

John 20 v. 19-31.

Hymn

1. Come down, O Love, divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become my inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

(15th century hymn to a tune by R. Vaughan Williams)

