


**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
THE WILLOWS
KIRKHAM**



**Sesquicentenary
Mass of
Thanksgiving**
1845-1995

*Easter Saturday
22nd April 1995*

CELEBRANTS

*H.E. Cardinal Thomas Winning
Archbishop of Glasgow*

*Rt Rev John Brewer
Bishop of Lancaster*

*Rev Dunstan Cooper
Parish Priest of the Willows*

*and
other visiting priests.*

WELCOME

Fr Cooper and Parishioners welcome to this Mass His Eminence Cardinal Winning of Glasgow whose predecessor there, Bishop Murdoch, preached in this Church 150 years ago today.

We welcome His Lordship Bishop Brewer of our Diocese of Lancaster and, as concelebrants, former priests associated with this Mission of the Willows and priests of the St John the Evangelist Deanery.

We welcome clergy from our local Anglican and Free Churches; the Mayor and Mayoress of Fylde, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirkham, and all friends and visitors.

At this celebration we remember the people and the priests who served this Mission long before this Church was built, both at Mowbreck Hall and later in the Chapel of the Holy Cross at The Willows. We are heirs to a long tradition.

Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary Opus 6 No5 John Stanley

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today Traditional

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!*
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly king,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save,*
- 3 But the pains that can be endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's king
where the angels ever sing,*

Gloria

Response: Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo . . .

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21

Psalm 23

This setting has been specially composed for this Mass by Mr Brian Dickinson.

Response: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

The First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-13,16-17

Gospel Acclamation

Choir and Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

The Gospel

The Gospel according to St Mark 16:9-15

Deacon: Rev Kevan Dorgan

The Homily

Preacher: Cardinal Winning

The Bidding Prayers

The petitions will conclude with the choir singing Victoria's setting of Ave Maria, the motet in honour of Our Lady.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The gifts will be carried to the altar in procession by parishioners: two recently confirmed, two from the First Communion Class, two preparing for reception into the Church and two whose wedding was celebrated here 55years ago.

Motet *Jubilate* Lassus

Hymn
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Traditional

1 *Praise to the Lord, the almighty,
the king of creation!
O my soul praise him,
for he is your health and salvation.
All you who hear,
now to his altar draw near,
Join in profound adoration.*

2 *Praise to the Lord,
let us offer our gifts at his altar;
Let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ the high priest bids us all
to join in his feast,
Victims with him on the altar.*

3 *Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
our work and defend us;
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend us;
Ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
He who with love will befriend us.*

4 *Praise to the Lord.
oh, let all that is
in us adore him!
All that has life and breath, come
now in praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.*

Eucharistic Prayer III

It is suggested that we follow today the ancient custom of the Church during Eastertide and stand during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord . . . after the Cantors

Acclamation

*By dying you destroyed our death
By rising you restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory, Lord Jesus come in glory.*

Sign of Peace

The Choir will sing Ubi Caritas in Duruflé's setting.

Communion

Communion will be distributed under both kinds. Please allow those in the centre of the Church to receive first. All should approach the altar by the centre aisle and return by the side aisle. Those who are unable to receive, may approach for a blessing if they wish.

Motets Byrd .1623

*Agnus Dei From the Mass for Three Voices
Ave Verum Corpus*

*Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine;
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, O dulcis,
O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen*

*(All hail, O true Body, of the Blessed Virgin born,
which in anguish to redeem us didst suffer upon the Cross:
From whose side, when pierced by spear, there came
forth both water and blood. Be to us at our last hour
the source of consolation. O loving O holy, O Jesu, Son
of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen).*

Hymn

Sweet Sacrament Divine Francis Stanfield

1 *Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet sacrament divine.*

2 *Sweet sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart,
there in time ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet sacrament of peace.*

3 *Sweet sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
sweet sacrament divine.*

Post Communion and Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Thine be the glory

Handel

1 *Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.*

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won.*

2 *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 has lost its sting.*

3 *No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.*

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation: Nun Danket Alle Gott Karg-Elert

Acknowledgements

The Parish Choir

The Visiting Choir 'Cantemus'

The Organist: Mr Andrew Barnett

The Trumpeter: Mr Andrew Paterson

The Reverend Kevan Dorgan, Deacon

Mr Brian Dickinson

*All the parishioners who have helped in
so many ways to prepare for this great
celebration.*