

setting is notable for its lyrical melodies, confident harmonic language, and moments of quiet radiance.

The anthem, *And I saw a new heaven* by Edgar Bainton (1880–1956), is one of the most beloved choral works of the Anglican repertoire. Setting words from the Book of Revelation, Bainton creates a vision of heavenly peace through transparent harmonies and long melodic lines. The work reaches its emotional centre in the words "and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes", before concluding in an atmosphere of serene assurance and hope.

Following the service, the organ voluntary is *Rhapsody in C-sharp minor* by Herbert Howells (1892–1983). Composed in 1918, the *Three Rhapsodies* reveal the young Howells already developing the distinctive harmonic language for which he would later become famous. The Third Rhapsody is the most expansive and dramatic of the set, juxtaposing passages of brooding intensity with moments of luminous lyricism.

Richard Sutton – Director of Music

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St Mark's Church, Bromley

5 July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	332	All hail the power of Jesu's name
Gradual:	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offertory:	285	For the beauty of the earth
Communion:	363	Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Final:	297	Lord Jesus Christ

Setting: St Anne's Mass - James MacMillan (b, 1959)

Anthems: My song is love unknown - Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

Organ Voluntary: Fanfare - John Cook (1918-1984)

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Romans 7. 15-25a: ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Forward Programme

Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle.

The Gospel: Matthew 11. 16-19 & 25-30: At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” ²⁵“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding - Lord in your mercy,

Response – hear our prayer.

For all who are unwell at this time:

James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh, Roderick Cupido, Cheryl Nicholls,
Bob and Jenny Humble, & William Wright.

For the recently departed:

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Post Communion Prayer: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the church hall after this service. All are most welcome to join us.

Sunday 5th July – This Evening – 6.30pm – Choral Evensong

Please see below for more details.

Wednesday 8th July – 11.15am Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: Hosea 10. 1-3, 7-8 and 12 and Matthew 10. 1-7

Sunday 12th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 12th July – 12 noon – Confirmation Class – Church Hall

After the morning service.

Wednesday 15th July – 11.15am Midweek Said Communion Service

Readings: James 5. 7-11 and Matthew 11. 25-27

Wednesday 15th July - St Mark's Friendship Group

12-2pm in the church hall – Bring and Share Party – all are most welcome to join us.

Wednesday 15th July – Meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Sunday 19th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Music for Choral Evensong – This Evening

The introit, *Richard de Castre's Prayer to Jesus* by Richard Terry (1865–1938), sets a Middle English devotional text attributed to the fourteenth-century priest Richard de Castre. Terry, known for his pioneering revival of Tudor church music at Westminster Cathedral, clothes this intimate prayer in a gentle, modal idiom that evokes the spirituality of England's medieval past.

The Responses are by Richard Ayleward (1626–1669), Organist of Norwich Cathedral. Among the finest examples of the Restoration Anglican repertory, Ayleward's settings combine expressive melodic writing with a natural sensitivity to the rhythms of the liturgy.

The Evening Service in E by Sydney Watson (1884–1967) belongs to the rich flowering of Anglican church music in the early twentieth century. Watson, who served as Director of Music at Christ Church, Oxford, and later at Canterbury Cathedral, wrote music that combines warmth of expression with practical understanding of cathedral choirs. His
