



**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER TRINITY**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2020, 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*Pharaoh's daughter named the child Moses,  
'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'*

## **Processional Hymn**

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Tune: Mannheim. Melody by F Filitz 1847  
Harmony: L Mason 1792-1872  
Words: J Edmeston 1791-1867

*The minister greets the people*

Minister    The Lord be with you,  
**All            and also with you.**

**Welcome**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All**            **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayer of Penitence**

Minister    God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All**            **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Minister Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*Communion Service in F – Herbert Sumsion*

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will to all people.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, God, the Father Almighty.  
Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You who take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us:*

*You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer:  
you who are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are most high, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## **Collect**

Minister *O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,*

*and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
One God, now and for ever.*

**All            Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10 (NRSV)**

read by Lucy Nutt

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh

commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

*Jubilate* – John Gardner

## **Second Reading**

### **Romans 12: 1-8 (NRSV)**

read by Edward Bowsher

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**Who would true valour see,  
let him come hither;  
one here will constant be,  
come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement  
shall make him once relent  
his first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound,  
his strength the more is.  
No lion can him fright:  
he'll with a giant fight,  
but he will have the right  
to be a pilgrim.**

**Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
can daunt his spirit;  
he knows he at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, fly away;  
he'll not fear what men say;  
he'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.**

Tune: Monks Gate. English trad. Adapted by R Vaughan Williams 1872–1958  
Words: J Bunyan 1628–88

## **Gospel Reading**

**Reader** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew.

**All [sung]** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 14: 22-33 (NRSV)**

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell

you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All [sung] Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, *Rector of St Bride's Church*

### **Creed**

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

led by Jenny Kingsley

*These responses may be used*

**All** Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**All** Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Minister *Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.*

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, 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 grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more 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.**

Tune: Blaenwern by W Rowlands 1860-1937  
Words: C Wesley 1707-88

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Minister Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Minister The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister Let us pray.

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us  
from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman  
and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Communion Service in F – Herbert Sumsion*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Minister    Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of his kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Minister Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love,  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise.

**All**            **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Minister    Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has  
taught us:

**All**            **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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Minister    We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:

**All**            **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The minister says this invitation to communion*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*This prayer is said before the distribution*

**All**            **We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies  
may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed  
through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

### **Anthem**

*King of glory, King of peace* – Johann Sebastian Bach,  
arr William Harris

*King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me,  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.*

*Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enrol thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol thee.*

Words: George Herbert 1593–1633

## **Prayers after Communion**

*The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day*

Minister Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Minister *Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people  
have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins  
and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**All Amen.**

**All**            **Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**  
**to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory.**  
**Amen.**

### **Post Communion Hymn**

**All my hope on God is founded;**  
**he doth still my trust renew.**  
**Me through change and chance he guideth,**  
**only good and only true.**  
**God unknown,**  
**he alone**  
**calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,**  
**sword and crown betray his trust;**  
**what with care and toil he buildeth,**  
**tower and temple, fall to dust.**  
**But God's power,**  
**hour by hour,**  
**is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,**  
**deep his wisdom, passing thought:**  
**splendour, light, and life attend him,**  
**beauty springeth out of naught.**  
**Evermore**  
**from his store**  
**new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Tune: Michael by H Howells 1892-1983  
Words: R Bridges 1844-1930 based on the German of J Neander 1650-80

## **Blessing**

Minister *The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.*

**All Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.

Choir *Thanks be to God.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Prelude in G, BWV 541 – Johann Sebastian Bach (played by Ben Giddens)*

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Our doors are now open for private prayer and said services, but our ability to raise funds to maintain our ministry and building is still severely impacted.

We shall continue to offer our online worship - even though this requires additional investment - because no service from St Bride's would be complete without the wonderful music which our choir provides.

These freelance professional musicians have been significantly affected and we have been supporting them financially while they are not able to perform.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have continued to support us during this crisis through regular giving and those who have made donations online via JustGiving and by text following our online services. This financial support is vital to our on-going ministry.

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