



**THE THIRTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY  
CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020, 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'*

## **Processional Hymn**

**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.**

**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 illumining.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**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.**

Tune: Down Ampney by R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958  
Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena d 1434  
Tr. R F Littledale 1833-90

*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 E – Harold Darke*

*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 *Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself;  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

**All**           **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Exodus 12: 1-14 (NRSV)**

read by Philip Keown

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.  
**All            Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

*Jubilate in B flat* – Charles Villiers Stanford

### **Second Reading**

**Romans 13: 8-14 (NRSV)**

read by Everarda Slabbekoorn

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.**

Tune: Irish by S Powell, Dublin 1749  
Words: F Hosmer 1840-1929

## **Gospel Reading**

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

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

### **Matthew 18: 15-20 (NRSV)**

read by The Canon Dr Alison Joyce

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Reader        This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest 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**

written by David Bawtree

read by Christopher Betterton

*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**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!**

Tune: St Helen by G C Martin 1844-1916  
Words: G Bourne 1840-1925

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 E – Harold Darke*

*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**

*Tantum ergo* – Maurice Duruflé

*Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui:  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui:  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque  
laus et jubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio:  
Procenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.*

Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great sacrament revere:  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befreinding,  
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
honour, might, and praise addressing,  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing,  
who, from both, with both is One.  
Amen.

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

Minister Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Minister *God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us  
through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
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**

**The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.**

Tune: Ellacombe from Mainz Gesangbuch 1833  
Words: St John of Damascus d c754 tr. J M Neale 1818-66

## **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**

*Chorale Prelude 'In dir ist freude' (In thee is joy) BWV 615 –*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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# Thank You

Our doors are now open for private prayer and some public 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 severely affected and we have been supporting them financially since lockdown.

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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