



**THE THIRTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY  
CHORAL EVENSONG**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020, 5:30<sup>PM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## Processional Hymn

**Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.**

Tune: Darwall's 148th. Melody by J Darwall 1731-89 Harmony by W H Monk 1823-89  
Words: R Baxter 1615-91 and J H Gurney 1802-62

## Welcome

**Minister** Beloved, we are come together  
in the presence of Almighty God  
and of the whole company of heaven  
to offer unto him, through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;  
to make confession of our sins,  
to pray as well for others as for ourselves,  
that we may know more truly  
the greatness of God's love  
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;  
and to ask on behalf of all men  
such things as their well being doth require.  
Wherefore let us kneel now  
and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

## Confession

**All**            **Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways  
like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done,  
and there is no health in us:  
but thou, O Lord,  
have mercy upon us miserable offenders;  
spare thou them, O God,  
which confess their faults,  
restore thou them that are penitent,  
according to thy promises  
declared unto mankind**

**in Christ Jesu our Lord:  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly,  
righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen.**

*The Minister delivers the Absolution*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto  
you pardon and remission of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All**            **Amen.**

### **Preces**

Matthew Martin

Minister    O Lord, open thou our lips,  
Choir        *and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

Minister    O God, make speed to save us,  
Choir        *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Minister    Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
                  and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir        *as it was in the beginning, is now,  
                  and ever shall be,  
                  world without end. Amen.*

Minister    Praise ye the Lord.  
Choir        *The Lord's name be praised.*

### **Psalm 108**

## Old Testament Lesson

### Ezekiel 12: 21 – 13: 16 (KJV)

read by Matthew Morley

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying. Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.

Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.

And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

*At the end the reader may say*

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

## **Magnificat**

*Evening Service in A – Herbert Sumsion*

Choir      *My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath  
holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end.  
Amen.*

## **New Testament Lesson**

**Acts 19: 1-20 (KJV)**

read by Michelle Blond

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and

finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men:

and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

At the end the reader may say

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

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*Evening Service in A – Herbert Sumsion*

Choir        *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
                  according to thy word.  
                  For mine eyes have seen:  
                  thy salvation;  
                  Which thou hast prepared.  
                  before the face of all people;  
                  To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
                  and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**All**            **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
                  maker of heaven and earth:  
                  and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
                  who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
                  born of the Virgin Mary,  
                  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                  was crucified, dead, and buried:  
                  He descended into hell;  
                  the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy Catholic Church;  
the Communion of Saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the Resurrection of the body,  
and the Life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Responses**

Matthew Martin

Minister    The Lord be with you,  
Choir        *and with thy spirit.*

Minister    Let us pray.  
*Please kneel or sit*

Choir        *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,  
Choir *and grant us thy salvation.*

Minister O Lord, save the Queen,  
Choir *and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,  
Choir *and make thy chosen people joyful.*

Minister O Lord, save thy people,  
Choir *and bless thine inheritance.*

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
Choir *because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.*

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us,  
Choir *and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## **Collects**

### ***The first, for the day***

Minister *Almighty God,  
who hast called thy Church to witness  
that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself;  
help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

Choir *Amen.*

***The second, for Peace***

Minister O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:  
Give unto thy servants that peace  
which the world cannot give;  
that both our hearts may be set  
to obey thy commandments,  
and also that by thee we being defended  
from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir *Amen.*

***The third, for Aid against all Perils***

Minister Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee,  
O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir *Amen.*

***Anthem***

*Hail gladdening light* – Charles Wood

*Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord.*

*Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.*

*Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life alone;  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.  
Amen.*

Early Greek Hymn

## **Sermon**

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

## **Office Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Tune: St Denio adapted by J Roberts 1839  
Words: W Chalmers Smith 1824-1908 1 Timothy 1: 17

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

*This response may be used*

**All** Lord, in thy mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

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

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Glory to thee, my God, this night  
for all the blessings of the light;  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thy own almighty wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done,  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.**

**O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie,  
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;  
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
no powers of darkness me molest.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below,  
praise him above, angelic host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Tune: Tallis' Canon by T Tallis c1505–85  
Words: T Ken 1637–1711

## **Blessing**

Minister    The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Choir        *Amen.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Master Tallis' Testament* – Herbert Howells

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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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