



**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER TRINITY**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

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

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders: “Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.”*

## **Processional Hymn**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and  
in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God’s presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.**

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and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

Tune: Gerontius by J B Dykes 1823-76  
Words: J H Newman 1801-90

*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**

*Missa Brevis* – William Walton

Choir

*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 Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear  
the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive  
and know what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them;  
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 17: 1-7 (NRSV)**

read by Edward Bowsher

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Reader        This is the word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle**

*Jubilate in F* – John Ireland

## **Second Reading**

**Philippians 2: 1-13 (NRSV)**

read by Lucy Nutt

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly:  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.  
The church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King.**

Tune: Luckington, B Harwood 1859-1949  
Words: G Herbert 1593-1633

## Gospel Reading

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

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

## Matthew 21: 23-32 (NRSV)

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one

another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All [sung] Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

The Revd Preb Paula Hollingsworth  
*Chaplain of St Paul's Cathedral*

### **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 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**

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me and bid me come to thee on high  
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Tune: Anima Christi by W Maher 1823–77  
Words: Latin, 14th century, trans. Anonymous

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**

*Missa brevis* – William Walton

Choir

*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**

*O Lord, increase our faith* – Henry Loosemore

*O Lord, increase our faith,  
strengthen us and confirm us  
in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom,  
charity, chastity and patience,  
in all our adversity.  
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.*

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

Minister Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Minister *Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you  
with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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**

**Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.**



**Jesus Christ, the Man for others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
help us love – as sisters, brothers –  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
never more to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction.  
God, through us your love make known.**

Tune: Abbot's Leigh by C Taylor 1907–91  
Words: S Cross 1928–89

## **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**

*Grand Choeur in G* – Théodore Dubois

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Our doors are now open for private prayer and some 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 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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