



**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER TRINITY**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**WITH SERMON IN MUSIC**

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

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Processional Hymn**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work  
and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!**

Tune: Lobe den Herren, 17th century German,  
set to Neander's Lobe den Herren in 1863,  
Words: German, J Neander 1650-80, Tr C Winkworth 1827-78

## 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**

Kenneth Leighton

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 124**

## **Old Testament Lesson**

### **Ezekiel 37: 15-28 (KJV)**

read by Nick Baldock

The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting

covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Magnificat**

*Evening service in B minor – Thomas Tertius Noble*

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**

### **1 John 2: 22-29 (KJV)**

read by John Forrest

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

*At the end the reader may say*

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

## **Nunc Dimittis**

*Evening service in B minor – Thomas Tertius Noble*

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**

Kenneth Leighton

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 *O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully  
to receive the prayers of thy people  
which call upon thee;  
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 the same;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of 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.*

**Sermon in Music**

*Hear my word, ye people* – Charles Hubert Hastings Parry  
(Please see notes on page 13)

**Prayers of Intercession**

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest 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**

**Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

Tune: Nun Danket. Melody J Crüger c 1647

Harmony F Mendelssohn 1809–47

Words: German, M Rinkart 1586–1649, Tr. C Winkworth 1827–78

## **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**

*Prelude and Fugue in B major Op. 7* – Marcel Dupré  
(played by Léon Charles)

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## Sermon in Music

*Hear my words, ye people* – Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry was born in 1848, the son of Thomas Gambier Parry of Highnam Court near Gloucester, a wealthy landowner with some distinction as an amateur artist. Hubert was educated at Eton, where his musical talent quickly became apparent (Eton still holds him in great esteem and the musical society which bears his name continues to flourish), and took the Oxford Bachelor of Music degree while still at school. He subsequently studied Law and History at Exeter College, Oxford while continuing to take lessons in counterpoint and orchestration from the leading teachers of the day in England and Germany. He worked for a while for Lloyds of London, but soon gave this up in order to devote himself completely to music – this was partly made possible by a meeting with George Grove, who was compiling his famous Dictionary of Music and Musicians and entrusted Parry with writing many of the historical articles in the first edition. Through Grove, Parry became closely involved with the Royal College of Music, becoming its Director in 1894, and he also became Professor of Music at Oxford (in succession to John Stainer) in 1900.

His main fame as a composer derives from his choral music – the tradition of great choral festivals was at its height in the late Victorian era, and few of them were complete without a major new work from Parry. He established his reputation in this field with a setting of ‘Prometheus Unbound’ for the Gloucester Festival of 1880 and his setting of Milton’s ‘Blest Pair of Sirens,’ composed for the Bach Choir in 1887, remains a firm favourite.

By the time of the 1902 Coronation, Parry was a leading Establishment figure (he had been knighted in 1898), and was an obvious choice to compose the Coronation anthem, ‘I was glad,’ which remains, along with his setting of Blake’s ‘Jerusalem,’ one of his most performed works.

*Hear my words, ye people* was written for the Salisbury Diocesan Choral Association in 1894, and alternates solo and quartet sections (presumably intended for the Cathedral choir) with passages suitable for massed choral singing, most notable the concluding setting of H W Baker's paraphrase of Psalm 150, 'O praise ye the Lord', which has become well-known as a hymn in its own right.

*Hear my words, ye people, give ear unto me all ye that have knowledge. Let us choose to us judgement, let us know among ourselves what is good.*

*Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any, He is mighty in strength and in wisdom. Behold, He is great, and we know Him not, neither can the number of His years be searched out.*

*The Lord's seat is in heaven.*

*Clouds and darkness are round about Him, righteousness and judgement are the habitation of His seat. He decketh Himself with light as with a garment, and spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain. He layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds His chariots, and walketh upon the wings of the wind. He bowed the heavens, and came down, and came flying upon the wings of the wind.*

*The Lord's seat is in heaven, His kingdom ruleth over all.*

*Behold, the eye of the Lord is on them that fear him, and upon them that put their trust in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord, For He is our help and our shield.*

*He delivered the poor in his affliction, the fatherless and him that hath none to help him. He shall bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives, and comfort to those who mourn. He shall give them beauty for ashes; the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth things that are sown to spring forth. So the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations.*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewardeth us according to our wickedness. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him: Look how wide also the east is from the west, so far hath He set our sins from us.*

*Words: From the books of Isaiah and Job*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise Him in the height;  
rejoice in His word,  
ye angels of light  
Ye heavens adore him  
by whom you were made,  
and worship before Him,  
in brightness arrayed.*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise Him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
ye sons of new birth;  
praise Him who hath brought you  
His grace from above,  
praise Him who hath taught you  
to sing of his love.*

*O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
to Him be outpoured  
all ages along;  
for love in creation  
for heaven restored;  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

*Words: H W Baker 1821–77  
based on psalm 150*

# Thank You

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.

If you would like to make a donation to support the work of St Bride's, please do so at:

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