



**THE SEVENTEENTH**

**SUNDAY**

**AFTER TRINITY**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020, 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*Jesus said: 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."'*

## **Processional Hymn**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Tune: Fulda by W Gardiner 1770-1853 in Sacred Melodies 1815  
Words: E Burns b. 1938

*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* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

### Choir

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

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.

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
God, the Father Almighty.  
Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.

*Qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis:  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram:*

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:

*qui sedes ad dexteram  
Patris, miserere nobis.*

you who are seated at the right hand  
of the Father, have mercy on us.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

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,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts  
and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (NRSV)**

read by Everarda Slabbekoorn

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of any-  
thing that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that  
is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

*Jubilate in C* – William Boyce

## **Second Reading**

### **Philippians 3: 4b-14 (NRSV)**

read by Robert Jones

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss

because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader      This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see;  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.**

**A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.**

**All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean  
which, with this tincture, *For thy sake,*  
will not grow bright and clean.**

**A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine;  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.**

**This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.**

Tune: Sandys From W Sandys's Christmas Carols 1833  
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: 33-46 (NRSV)**

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Jesus said: ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But



the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.**

*and at the end*

**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**

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

Tune: Diademata by G Elvey 1816–93  
Words: M Bridges 1800–94

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* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth,*

*pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit*

*in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

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**

*Sing joyfully* – Wiliam Byrd

*Sing joyfully to God our strength;  
sing loud unto the God of Jacob!  
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel,  
the pleasant harp, and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,  
even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.  
For this is a statute for Israel,  
and a law of the God of Jacob.*

*Psalm 81: 1-4*

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

Minister Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Minister *Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given  
to all good works;  
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**

**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 blessèd 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

## **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**

*Allegro* from *Sixth Symphony* – Charles-Marie Widor  
(played by Roger Sayer)

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These freelance professional musicians have been significantly affected and we have been supporting them financially since lockdown.

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