



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

CHORAL EUCHARIST

10TH OCTOBER 2021, 11^{AM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, 'Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'

Hymn

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

**Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**

Tune: St George's Windsor by G J Elvey 1816-93
Words: H Alford 1810-71

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 *Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.*

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

*Qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis:
Qui tollis
peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram:
qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

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

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 *Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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

Joel 2: 21-27

read by Claire Seaton

“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

Choir

*1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.*

*2 Thou that hearest the prayer :
unto thee shall all flesh come.*

*3 My misdeeds prevail against me :
O be thou merciful unto our sins.*

*4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest
unto thee :
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with
the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.*

*5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy
righteousness, O God of our salvation :
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of them that remain in the broad sea.*

*6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains :
and is girded about with power.*

*7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea :
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.*

*8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth
shall be afraid at thy tokens :
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and
evening to praise thee.*

*9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it :
thou makest it very plenteous.*

*10 The river of God is full of water :
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest
for the earth.*

*11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into
the little valleys thereof:
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest
the increase of it.*

*12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness :
and thy clouds drop fatness.*

*13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.*

*14 The folds shall be full of sheep :
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,
that they shall laugh and sing.*

*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.*

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6: 6-10

read by Rachel Chapman

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.**

**Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.**

**All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.**

Tune: Gott will's machen by J L Steiner 1688-1761
Words: J Arlott 1914-91

Gospel Reading

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6: 25-33

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Jesus said, Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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

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 John Forrest

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 *The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:**

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:**

**He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:**

Tune: Royal Oak. English traditional melody
adapted by M Shaw 1875-1958
Words: W H Monk 1823-89

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.

Minister 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.

*And now we give you thanks
because you make us stewards of your creation,
to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.*

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

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.

**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

Sheep may safely graze – Johann Sebastian Bach

*Sheep may safely graze and pasture
in a watchful shepherd's sight.
Those who rule with wisdom guiding
bring to hearts a peace abiding,
bless a land with joy made bright.*

Words: Salomon Franck 1659-1725

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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.**

Hymn

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain:**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

**He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

Tune: Wir Pflügen by J A Schülz 1747-1800
Words: M Claudius 1740-1815, trans. J Campbell 1817-78

Blessing

Minister *May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
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

Imperial March, Op 32 – Edward Elgar arr. George C Martin

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WREN TALK

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 7^{PM}

SPEAKER PROFESSOR TONY TRAVERS

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SUNDAY MUSIC AT S^I BRIDE'S

OCTOBER

10th

5:30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Herbert Sumsion

Psalm: 127 – John Goss

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:

Evening Service in A – Herbert Sumsion

Sermon in Music: *Fest- und Gedenksprüche op 109*

– Johannes Brahms

17th

11am

Choral Eucharist: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Setting: *Mass in B flat* – att. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Canticle: *Jubilate* – Thomas Weelkes

Anthem: *Jesu, the very thought of thee* – Edward Bairstow

5:30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Bernard Rose

Psalm: 142 – William Bexfield

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:

Evening Service in D – Edward Bairstow

Anthem: *Greater love hath no man* – John Ireland

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

A Service of Commemoration

Sunday 31st October

5:30pm

An invitation to
remember friends and family
members who have passed away.

Please contact claire.seaton@stbrides.com
to add names of those
you wish to remember to the list.

Thank You

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have continued to support us during this crisis, both through regular giving and occasional gifts.

This financial support remains vital to our on-going ministry. Although our normal services have now resumed, our ability to raise funds to maintain our ministry and building is still impacted.

The singers, organist, and Director of Music are all freelance professional musicians who have been significantly affected during the pandemic, and your donations have allowed us to help them financially through these difficult times.

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.

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