



SEVENTH SUNDAY

AFTER

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CHORAL EVENSONG

18TH JULY 2021, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

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

William Byrd

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 73

Choir

*1 Truly God is loving unto Israel :
even unto such as are of a clean heart.*

*2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone :
my treadings had well-nigh slipt.*

*3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked :
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.*

*4 For they are in no peril of death :
but are lusty and strong.*

*5 They come in no misfortune like other folk :
neither are they plagued like other men.*

*6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride :
and overwhelmed with cruelty.*

*7 Their eyes swell with fatness :
and they do even what they lust.*

*8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy :
their talking is against the most High.*

*9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven :
and their tongue goeth through the world.*

*10 Therefore fall the people unto them :
and thereout suck they no small advantage.*

*11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it :
is there knowledge in the most High?*

*12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world,
and these have riches in possession :
and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and
washed mine hands in innocency.*

*13 All the day long have I been punished :
and chastened every morning.*

*14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they :
but lo, then I should have condemned the generation
of thy children.*

*15 Then thought I to understand this :
but it was too hard for me.*

*16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God :
then understood I the end of these men;*

*17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places :
and castest them down, and destroyest them.*

*18 O how suddenly do they consume :
perish, and come to a fearful end!*

*19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh :
so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.*

*20 Thus my heart was grieved :
and it went even through my reins.*

*21 So foolish was I, and ignorant :
even as it were a beast before thee.*

*22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee :
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.*

*23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel :
and after that receive me with glory.*

*24 Whom have I in heaven but thee :
and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison
of thee.*

*25 My flesh and my heart faileth :
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion
for ever.*

*26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish :
thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication
against thee.*

*27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my
trust in the Lord God :
and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter
of Sion.*

*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.*

Chants: James Turle 1802-82
and Walter Parratt 1841-1924

Old Testament Lesson

Job 13: 13-14: 6

read by David Lowish

Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will. Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him. Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified. Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt

thou pursue the dry stubble? For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all

my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten. Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat

Evening Service for five voices – Thomas Weelkes

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

Hebrews 2: 5-end

read by Michelle Blond

For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took

on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

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

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service for five voices – Thomas Weelkes

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

William Byrd

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

Minister Let us pray.

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 *Lord of all power and might,
 who art the author and giver of all good things:
 graft in our hearts the love of thy name,
 increase in us true religion,
 nourish us with all goodness,
 and of thy great mercy keep us in 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.*

Anthem

In pace – John Blitheman

*In pace, in idipsum
dormiam et requiescam.
Si dederō somnum oculis meis,
et palpebris meis dormitationem,
dormiam et requiescam.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.*

In peace and into the same
I shall sleep and rest.
If I give slumber to my eyes
and to my eyelids drowsiness,
I shall sleep and rest.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Words: Responsory at Compline,
taken from Psalm 4: 9 and Psalm 132: 4

Sermon

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest of St Bride's*

Hymn

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
from his own fulness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Tune: Finlandia. From Finlandia by J Sibelius 1865-1957
Words: K von Schlegel b 1697. Tr J L Borthwick 1813-97

Prayers of Intercession

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest of St Bride's*

These responses may be used

All Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Hymn

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

Tune: Gwalchmai by J D Jones 1827–70
Words: G Herbert 1593–1633

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 *A Fancy* – William Byrd

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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.

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