



NINTH SUNDAY

AFTER

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CHORAL EVENSONG

1ST AUGUST 2021, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred
leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

Tune: Merton by W H Monk 1823-89
Words: C F Alexander 1818-95

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.

Please kneel or sit

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

Paul Spicer

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 88

Choir

*1 O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night
before thee :
O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear
unto my calling.*

*2 For my soul is full of trouble :
and my life draweth nigh unto hell.*

*3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit :
and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.*

*4 Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded,
and lie in the grave :
who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from
thy hand.*

*5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit :
in a place of darkness, and in the deep.*

*6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me :
and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.*

*7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me :
and made me to be abhorred of them.*

*8 I am so fast in prison :
that I cannot get forth.*

*9 My sight faileth for very trouble :
Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth
my hands unto thee.*

*10 Dost thou shew wonders among the dead :
or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?*

*11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave :
or thy faithfulness in destruction?*

*12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark :
and thy righteousness in the land where all things
are forgotten?*

*13 Unto thee have I cried, O Lord :
and early shall my prayer come before thee.*

*14 Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul :
and hidest thou thy face from me?*

*15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the
point to die :
even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered
with a troubled mind.*

*16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me :
and the fear of thee hath undone me.*

*17 They came round about me daily like water :
and compassed me together on every side.*

*18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me :
and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.*

*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: Henry Stonex 1823-97

Old Testament Lesson

Job 28

read by Matthew Morley

Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it. Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone. He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold. There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

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

Magnificat

Evening Service in B minor – Herbert Howells

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 11: 17-31

read by Bob Bryan

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

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

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in B minor – Herbert Howells

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

Paul Spicer

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 *Almighty God,
who didst send thy Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of thy Church:
open our hearts to the riches of thy grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your 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

Ave verum corpus – Edward Elgar

*Ave verum corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
vero fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

Hail, real body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood;
be unto us the foretaste
in the trial of death.
O gentle, O holy one,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.

Words: 14th century att. Pope Innocent VI

Sermon

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

Hymn

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Tune: Kingsfold adapted from an English folksong
by R Vaughan Williams 1872–1958
Words: H Bonar 1808–89

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

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
O Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

Tune: St Peter by A Reinagle 1799–1877
Words: J Newton 1725–1807

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

Master Tallis's Testament – Herbert Howells

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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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