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ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not from this world.'

Hymn

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,
the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.

Tune: Song 1 by O Gibbons 1583–1625
Words: J Chadwick 1840–1904

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 *Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing 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

Communion Service in C – Henry Purcell, adapted by Maurice Bevan

Choir *Glory be to God on high,*
and in earth peace,
good will to all men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us:
thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer:
thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,
Thou only O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Minister *Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ*
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
read by Emily Owen

As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93

Choir *1 The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :*
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2 He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.

4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :
the floods lift up their waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house 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.

Chant: Frederick Ouseley 1825-89

Second Reading
Revelation 1: 4b-8
read by Philip Tebb

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming

with the clouds, and every eye will see him, everyone who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Tune: Luckington, B Harwood 1859-1949
Words: G Herbert 1593-1633

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 18: 33b-37

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

Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.” Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”

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 Jenny Kingsley

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

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

The Peace

Minister *To crown all things there must be love,*
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

Tune: Hyfrydol by R H Pritchard 1811–87
Words: W Chatterton Dix 1837–98

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 that he is the King of glory,
who overcomes the sting of death
and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
He is seated at your right hand in glory
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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

Communion Service in C – Henry Purcell, adapted by Maurice Bevan

Choir *Holy, holy, holy,*
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh 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

Libera nos, salva nos – John Sheppard

Choir

Libera nos, salva nos,
justifica nos,
O beata Trinitas.
Benedicamus Patrem et Filium
et Sancto Spiritu:
Laudemus et superexaltemus eum
in saecula.
Benedictus es Domine
in fi rmamento caeli:
et laudilibis et gloriosus
et superexaltatus in saecula.
Benedicat et custodiat nos
onmipotens et misericors
Dominus. Amen.

Free us, keep us,
and do justly with us,
O blessed Trinity.
Let us bless the Father, Son
and the Holy Ghost:
Let us praise and magnify him
for ever.
You are blessed, O Lord,
in the firmament of heaven:
and praiseworthy and glorified
and magnified for ever.
May the almighty and merciful
Lord bless and guard us.
Amen.

Words: 6th Psalm Antiphon for Matins

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;*
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruits of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Tune: Cwm Rhondda by J Hughes 1873–1932
Words: Welsh, W Williams 1717–91
Tr. P Williams 1727–96
and others

Blessing

Minister *Christ our King make you faithful*
and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.
Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

Acclamations sur 'Christus Vincit', Suite Medievale – Jean Langlais

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We have a packed calendar at St Bride's over the next few months and warmly invite you to join us at any of our LIVE services.

A multimedia version of these services will also be available ONLINE at the same times and with the same content that would be heard in church.

SUNDAY
28TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM
Advent Carols

SUNDAY
5TH DECEMBER 5.30PM
Choral Evensong with
Sermon in Music

SUNDAY
12TH DECEMBER 5.30PM
Benjamin Britten's
Ceremony of Carols

SUNDAY
19TH DECEMBER 5.30PM
Nine Lessons and Carols

WEDNESDAY
22ND DECEMBER 12 NOON
Fleet Street Carols 1

WEDNESDAY
22ND DECEMBER 5PM
Fleet Street Carols 2

FRIDAY
24TH DECEMBER 4:30PM
Christmas Eve Carol Service
Sing Choirs of Angels

FRIDAY
24TH DECEMBER 11:30PM
Midnight Mass

SATURDAY
25TH DECEMBER 11AM
Christmas Day
Choral Eucharist

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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