



TWELFTH SUNDAY

AFTER

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CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH

SERMON IN MUSIC

22ND AUGUST 2021, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Tune: Hanover
Descant: A Gray 1855-1935
Words: R Grant 1779-1838, Psalm 104

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

John Reading

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 116

Choir

*1 I am well pleased :
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;*

*2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me :
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.*

*3 The snares of death compassed me round about :
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.*

*4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the
Name of the Lord :
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.*

*5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous :
yea, our God is merciful.*

*6 The Lord preserveth the simple :
I was in misery, and he helped me.*

*7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul :
for the Lord hath rewarded thee.*

*8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death :
mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.*

*9 I will walk before the Lord :
in the land of the living.*

*10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled :
I said in my haste, All men are liars.*

*11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord :
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?*

*12 I will receive the cup of salvation :
and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people :
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant :
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou
hast broken my bonds in sunder.*

*15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving :
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all
his people :
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee,
O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.*

*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: John Goss 1800-80

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 4: 27-5: 1

read by Jenny Kingsley

And the Lord said to Aaron, go into the wilderness to meet Moses, and he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him, and Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord God of Israel, let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

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

Magnificat

Evening Service in G minor – Henry Purcell

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 13: 16-21

read by Robert Jones

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in G minor – Henry Purcell

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

John Reading

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 and everlasting God,
who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.*

Sermon in Music

Komm, Jesu, komm BWV 229 – Johann Sebastian Bach
(Please see notes on page 14)

Prayers of Intercession

led by Revd Dr Jeff Lake

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.**

Tune: Richmond. Melody by T Haweis 1734-1820

Harmony by S Webbe 1770-1843

Words: C Wesley 1707-88

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

Prelude in G, BWV 541 – Johann Sebastian Bach
(played by Benjamin Giddens)

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Sermon in Music

Komm, Jesu, komm BWV 229 – Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Bach became Kantor (Director of Music) at St Thomas's church, Leipzig in 1723 and concentrated his compositional efforts during his first few years in the post on providing a cantata for every Sunday of the church's year. These cantatas were for voices (principally soloists) and instrumentalists and formed the centrepiece of the main morning service – their texts were usually also specially written. Other music in the service consisted of motets, often in Latin and usually with a Biblical text, nearly always taken from a repertoire already existing before Bach's time. However, Bach did compose six German motets for special occasions (it seems likely that he only produced them when he could be sure that his best singers were available), and this evening's Sermon in Music, was probably written for a funeral service, as were several of the other examples.

It is a setting of two verses of a long devotional poem by Paul Thymich expressing a longing for death and confidence in the peace it will bring. The writing is for eight vocal parts, sometimes arranged as two antiphonal choirs, most notably in the middle section, where the words 'du bist der rechte Weg, die Wahrheit und das Leben' (Thou art the Way, the Truth and the Life) are set to a melody which passes down the top six parts. After this extended and most beautiful passage, the motet closes with a simple chorale, 'Drauf schließ ich mich in deine Hände' (Into thy hands I commend my spirit).

*Komm, Jesu, komm, mein Leib ist müde,
die Kraft verschwindt je mehr und mehr,
ich sehne mich nach deinem Friede;
der saure Weg wird mir zu schwer!*

*Komm, komm, ich will mich dir ergeben;
du bist der rechte Weg,
die Wahrheit und das Leben.*

*Drum schließ ich mich in deine Hände
und sage, Welt, zu gute Nacht!
Eilt gleich mein Lebenslauf zu Ende,
ist doch der Geist wohl angebracht.
Er soll bei seinem Schöpfer schweben,
weil Jesus ist und bleibt
der wahre Weg zum Leben.*

Come, Jesus, come, my body is weary,
my strength fails more and more.
I long for your peace.
The bitter way becomes too hard for me.

Come, come, I will surrender to you:
you are the right Way,
the Truth, and Life.

So I give myself into your hands
and say "World, have a good night."
As my life hastens to its end,
my spirit is settled,
poised as it should be beside its Creator,
as Jesus is and remains
the true Way to life.

Translation: Robert Coote

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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