



THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

CHORAL EUCHARIST

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**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

Jesus began to say to them: 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Hymn

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

Tune: Ratisbon
Melody: J G Werner 1815
Words: C Wesley 1707-88

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 *The grace of God has dawned upon the world*
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed
 himself for us to purify a people as his own.
 Let us confess our sins.

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

Mass in G minor – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.*

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.

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

Lord God, heavenly King,
God, the Father Almighty.
Lord, only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.

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

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.

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

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 *Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

read by Graham Hill

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and

they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

Choir *1 The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.*

*2 One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.*

*3 There is neither speech nor language :
but their voices are heard among them.*

*4 Their sound is gone out into all lands :
and their words into the ends of the world.*

*5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.*

*6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again :
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

*7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting
the soul :
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom
unto the simple.*

*8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the
heart :
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light
unto the eyes.*

*9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever :
the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous
altogether.*

*10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much
fine gold :
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.*

*11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught :
and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

*12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth?
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.*

*13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest
they get the dominion over me :
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from
the great offence.*

*14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my
heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight :
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

*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.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

read by Jane Wilkinson

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honourable we invest with the greater honour, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds oftongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?

Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Earth has many a noble city;
Bethl'hem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion
gold and frankincense and myrrh.**

**Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.**

**Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee with God the Father
and the Spirit glory be.**

Music: Stuttgart
Words: Prudentius 348-413, trans. Edward Caswall 1814-78

Gospel Reading

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4: 14-21

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

 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 *Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.*

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

Preparation of the Table

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: Tune: Richmond, melody by T Haweis 1734-1820
Harmony: S Webbe 1770-1843
Words: C Wesley 1707-88

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,
in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.*

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

Mass in G minor – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Minister 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

From the rising of the sun – Frederick Ouseley

*From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great among the Gentiles;
and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord!*

Words: Malachi 1:11

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

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

**From the eastern mountains
pressing on they come,
wise men in their wisdom,
to his humble home;
stirred by deep devotion,
hasting from afar,
ever journeying onward,
guided by a star.**

**There their Lord and Saviour
as an infant lay,
wondrous light that led them
onward on their way,
ever now to lighten
nations from afar,
as they journey homeward
by that guiding star.**

**Thou who in a manger
once hast lowly lain,
who dost now in glory
o'er all kingdoms reign,
gather in the peoples,
who in lands afar
ne'er have seen the brightness
of thy guiding star.**

**Until every nation,
whether bond or free,
'neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follows thee,
o'er the distant mountains
to that heavenly home
where nor sin nor sorrow
evermore shall come.**

Words: Evelyns by W H Monk 1823-89
Music: G Thring 1823-1903

Blessing

Minister *Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
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

Chorale Fantasia, 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern', BuxWV 223
– Dietrich Buxtehude

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