



JAMES THE APOSTLE

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH

SERMON IN MUSIC

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**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

Tune: Hereford by S S Wesley 1810–76
Words: C Wesley 1707–88

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 Sanders

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 74

Choir

*1 O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long :
why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?*

*2 O think upon thy congregation :
whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.*

*3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance :
and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.*

*4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every
enemy :
which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.*

*5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations :
and set up their banners for tokens.*

*6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees :
was known to bring it to an excellent work.*

*7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof :
with axes and hammers.*

*8 They have set fire upon thy holy places :
and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto
the ground.*

*9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them
altogether :
thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.*

*10 We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more :
no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.*

*11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour :
how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever?*

*12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand :
why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to
consume the enemy?*

*13 For God is my King of old :
the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself.*

*14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power :
thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.*

*15 Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces :
and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.*

*16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the
hard rocks :
thou driedst up mighty waters.*

*17 The day is thine, and the night is thine :
thou hast prepared the light and the sun.*

*18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth :
thou hast made summer and winter.*

*19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked :
and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.*

*20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the
multitude of the enemies :
and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.*

*21 Look upon the covenant :
for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.*

*22 O let not the simple go away ashamed :
but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.*

*23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause :
remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.*

*24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies :
the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever
more and more.*

*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: George Garrett 1834-97
and Thomas Atwood Walmisley 1814-56

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 26: 1-15

read by John Forrest

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the Lord, saying, Thus saith the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the Lord hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

Evening Service in D minor – Thomas Attwood Walmisley

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

Mark 1: 14-20

read by Rachel Chapman

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

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

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in D minor – Thomas Attwood Walmisley

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 Sanders

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 *Grant, O merciful God,
that as thine holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
without delay was obedient
unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him:
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments
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.*

Sermon in Music

A Festival Anthem – Lennox Berkeley

(Please see notes on page 15)

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

**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

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

Rhapsody on a Ground – Heathcote Statham

Sermon in Music

A Festival Anthem – Lennox Berkeley 1903-1989

This extended anthem, dating from 1945, was one of a number of works commissioned by the Reverend Walter Hussey, who was then Rector of St Matthew's church, Northampton, later becoming Dean of Chichester. His ability to point composers towards imaginative and far-ranging texts led to the creation of some of the most enduring sacred works of the 20th century, including Finzi's *Lo, the full, final sacrifice*, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Berkeley's anthem is less well-known than these, but is nevertheless worthy of a hearing – the text has an Easter theme, concerned with Death, Paradise and Resurrection, reflecting the composer's strong Catholic faith. He was a fastidious composer, with a style marked by clarity of thought and structure – his lifelong friendship with Benjamin Britten and his devotion to French music (he studied with Nadia Boulanger and was also a friend of Poulenc) are strong influences in his work.

A Festival Anthem has an arch structure, with gentle solos for soprano and tenor at the centre, separated by a brief choral outburst ("Death and darkness, get you packing"). The outer sections are more vigorous, with strong rhythms and muscular organ writing – the opening sets an English translation of the traditional sequence, 'Sion's daughters, lift your voices', and the ending uses Henry Vaughan's Easter Hymn.

The soprano solo passage ('O that I once past changing were,' from George Herbert's poem 'The Flower') was a particular favourite of Berkeley's – it is sometimes sung separately and was also transcribed for 'cello and piano.

*Sion's daughters, Sons of Jerusalem!
All ye hosts of heav'nly chivalry!
Lift your voices, singing right merrily
Alleluia!*

*Not more fair the moon in her loveliness!
Not more bright the sun in his majesty!
Like an army splendid and terrible,
rang'd for battle:*

*So the Church shines forth on her pilgrimage,
signed with Jordan's waters of penitence,
drawn to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
from the world's end.*

*Christ, whose joys we joyfully celebrate,
grant us all a place with thy chosen ones,
true delights, ineffable happiness,
rest eternal.*

Latin, 12th century
Trans. by G Gillett, 1906

*O that I once past changing were,
fast in thy Paradise, where no flower can wither!
Many a spring I shoot up fair,
off'ring at heav'n, growing and groaning thither:
nor doth my flower
want a spring-shower,
my sins and I joining together:*

From *The Flower* – George Herbert

*Death and darkness get you packing,
nothing now to man is lacking,
all your triumphs now are ended,
and what Adam marr'd is mended:
graves are beds now for the weary,
death a nap, to wake more merry;
youth now, full of pious duty,*

*seeks in thee for perfect beauty,
the weak, and aged, tir'd with length
of days, from thee look for new strength,
and infants with thy pangs contest
as pleasant, as if with the breast;
then unto him, who thus hath thrown
ev'n to contempt thy kingdom down,
and by his blood did us advance
unto his own inheritance,
to him be glory, power, praise,
from this, unto the last of days.*

Easter Hymn – Henry Vaughan

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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