



**SECOND SUNDAY**

**BEFORE LENT**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022, 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*“The disciples were afraid and they marvelled, saying to one another,  
'Who then is this, that he commands even wind and water,  
and they obey him?’”*

## **Hymn**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!**

Tune: St Anne by W Croft 1678-1727  
Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Psalm 90

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    *God so loved the world  
                 that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
                 to save us from our sins,  
                 to be our advocate in heaven,  
                 and to bring us to eternal life.  
                 Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
                 firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
                 and to live in love and peace with all.*

**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 E – Harold Darke*

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 takes 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    *Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.*

**All            Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

### **Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end**

read by Philip Keown

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of

the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

*Jubilate in C* – Benjamin Britten

Choir        *O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*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**

### **Revelation 4**

read by Madeleine Kearns

After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by thy will they existed and were created."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Tune: Down Ampney by R Vaughan Williams 1872-1958  
Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena d 1434  
Tr. R F Littledale 1833-90

## Gospel Reading

|        |                                                                 |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reader | Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,<br>according to Luke. |
| All    | <b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b>                                    |

## **Luke 8: 22-25**

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

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a storm of wind came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even wind and water, and they obey him?"

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*

**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    *Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and we share his peace.*

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

## **Preparation of the Table**

### **Hymn**

**In the name of Christ we worship;  
in his name we offer praise;  
come to earth to be our saviour,  
King of glory all our days.  
Time may pass, events may happen,  
joy or sorrow be our share;  
he alone remains unchanging,  
bringing hope when we despair.**

**When our nation faces conflict;  
when destruction's all around;  
when the buildings that we treasure,  
totter, crashing to the ground.  
Christ can undergird his people,  
bringing healing to their pain;  
pointing onward, pointing upward,  
to restore them once again.**

**Then, when hope is rediscovered,  
every challenge has been met;  
through the power of the Spirit  
joy replaces our regret.  
So we sing our hymns of gladness,  
pray our prayers of heartfelt trust,  
as the focus of our planning  
rises slowly from the dust.**

**Celebration, celebration,  
as together we recall  
the renewal of the challenge  
to our people, great and small,  
who express throughout the media,  
what is seen and what is heard.  
Those who write and those who broadcast,  
those who propagate the word.**

**Thanks we offer to the Father;  
thanks to Jesus Christ his Son,  
thanks to God, the Holy Spirit.  
Thanks for ever, Three-in-One!**

Tune: Michael Saward 1932-2015  
Words: Corvedale. M Bevan 1921-2006

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.

*For he is your living Word:  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman  
and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.*

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 E – Harold Darke*

Choir *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*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**

*Be still, my soul* – Percy Whitlock

*Be still, my soul, for God is near,  
the great High Priest is with thee now!  
The Lord of Life himself is here,  
before whose face the angels bow.*

*To make thy heart his lowly throne  
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh.  
He gives himself unto his own,  
for whom he once came down to die.*

*I come, O Lord, for thou dost call,  
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;  
to thee I give myself, my all,  
and feed on thee, and make thee mine.  
Amen.*

Words: W D Maclagan

## **Prayers after Communion**

*The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day*

Minister    Let us pray.

*Silence is kept*

Minister    *God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life  
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished  
at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
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**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
this our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus, thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;  
none can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus, at thine altar  
thou wilt give us sweet content;  
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee  
in the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;  
all for Jesus, thou hast died;  
all for Jesus, thou art with us;  
all for Jesus crucified.**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
this the church's song must be,  
till, at last, we all are gathered  
one in love and one in thee.**

Tune: J Stainer 1840-1901  
Words: W J Sparrow-Simpson 1859-1952

## Blessing

Minister *The peace of God which passes 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 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

*Fugue in E flat BWV 552* – Johann Sebastian Bach

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