



SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION

CHORAL EUCHARIST

29TH MAY 2022, 11^{AM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, 'The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.'

Hymn

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia,
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia,
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
take the King of Glory in.**

**Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!**

**See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.**

**Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.**

**Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee beyond the skies.**

Tune: Llanfair by R Williams 1782-1818
Words: C Wesley 1707-88 and T Cotterill 1779-1823

Minister The Lord be with you,
All and also with you.

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 *What God has prepared for those who love him,
 he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
 for the Spirit searches everything.
 Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
 who has prepared good things for those who love him.*

**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

Missa Ascendens Christus in altum – Tomás Luis de Victoria

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.
Qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis:*

Lord God, heavenly King,
God, the Father Almighty.
Lord, only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
You who take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

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

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 *O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

read by Michelle Blond

For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Choir

*1 The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.*

*2 Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.*

*3 There shall go a fire before him :
and burn up his enemies on every side.*

*4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world :
the earth saw it, and was afraid.*

*5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.*

*6 The heavens have declared his righteousness :
and all the people have seen his glory.*

*7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images,
and that delight in vain gods :
worship him, all ye gods.*

*8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced :
and the daughters of Judah were glad,
because of thy judgements, O Lord.*

*9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth :
thou art exalted far above all gods.*

*10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate
the thing which is evil :
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver
them from the hand of the ungodly.*

*11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous :
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.*

*12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.*

*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: Gerald H Knight (1908-1979)

Second Reading

Acts 16: 16-34

read by Roger Garside

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

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

Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!**

Tune: Lobe den Herren, 17th century German,
set to Neander's Lobe den Herren in 1863

Words: German, J Neander 1650-80, Tr C Winkworth 1827-78

Gospel Reading

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

All [*sung*] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 17: 20 - end

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All [*sung*] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Revd Dr Jeff Lake, *Associate Priest 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 *God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Alleluia.*

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

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Tune: Diademata by G Elvey 1816–93

Words: M Bridges 1800–94

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 [sung] and also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All [sung] We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All [sung] 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,
after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he has sent forth upon the universal Church
your holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power
the joy of the everlasting gospel
might go forth into all the world.*

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

Missa Ascendens Christus in altum – Tomás Luis de Victoria

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.

This prayer is said before the distribution

**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

O clap your hands together – Orlando Gibbons
Choir

*O clap your hands together, all ye people :
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be feared :
he is the great King of all the earth.*

*He shall subdue the people under us :
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us :
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.*

*God is gone up with a merry noise :
and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God :
O sing praises unto the Lord our King.*

*For God is the King of all the earth :
sing ye praises with the understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen :
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
For God, which is highly exalted, doth defend the earth,
as it were with a shield.*

*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.*

Words: Psalm 47

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Eternal God,
giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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 hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Tune: Miles Lane by W Shrubsole 1760-1806
Words: E Perronet 1726-92 and others

Blessing

Minister *The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word
and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.*

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude 'Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn' BWV 630 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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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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