EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CHORAL EUCHARIST

7TH AUGUST 2022, 11AM

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

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

The minister greets the people

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

Mass for Four Voices – Claudio Monteverdi

Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo,	Glory to God in the highest,
et in terra pax	and on earth peace,
hominibus bonae voluntatis.	good will to all people.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,	We praise you, we bless you,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.	we adore you, we glorify you.
Gratias agimus tibi	We give thanks to you
propter magnam gloriam tuam.	for your great glory.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis	Lord God, heavenly King,
Deus Pater omnipotens.	God, the Father Almighty.
Domine Fili unigenite,	Lord, only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christe,	Jesus Christ,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,	Lord God, Lamb of God,
Filius Patris.	Son of the Father.

Qui tollis	You who take away
peccata mundi,	the sins of the world,
miserere nobis:	have mercy on us:
Qui tollis	You who take away
peccata mundi,	the sins of the world,
suscipe deprecationem nostram:	receive our prayer:
qui sedes	you who are seated
ad dexteram Patris,	at the right hand of the Father,
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,	For you alone are holy,
tu solus Dominus,	you alone are the Lord,
tu solus altissimus,	you alone are most high,
Jesu Christe,	Jesus Christ,
cum Sancto Spiritu,	with the Holy Spirit,
in gloria Dei Patris.	in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.	Amen.

Collect

Minister *Almighty Lord and everlasting God,*
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading
Genesis 15: 1-6
read by Nadira Wallace

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 50: 1-15

Choir

1 The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

4 He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak :
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel;
for I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices,
or for thy burnt-offerings :
because they were not alway before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thine house :
nor he-goat out of thy folds.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine :
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains :
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee :
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh:
and drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving :
and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

15 And call upon me in the time of trouble :
so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Ghost :
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Chant: Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Second Reading
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
read by Matthew Morley

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

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 from Leviticus 6: 13

Gospel Reading

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All [*sung*] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 12: 32-40
read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Jesus said to his disciples, Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Revd Steve Morris, *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 Julie Glaser

These responses may be used

Lord, for the years,
All **we give you thanks.**

Merciful Father,
All **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.

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

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Tune: Saffron Walden by A H Brown 1830–1926
Words: C Elliott 1789–1871

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.

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
Mass for Four Voices – Claudio Monteverdi

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	God of power and might,
pleni sunt caeli et terra	heaven and earth
gloria tua.	are full of your glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he who comes
in nomine Domini.	in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in excelsis.	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

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

Kindle a light – Michael Fleming

Choir

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness,
kindle a light each nation and race:
God in the poor is coming to meet us,
kindle a light to shine on His face.

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness,
kindle a light for all who despair:
God in the poor is coming to judge us,
kindle a light with fasting and prayer.

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness,
kindle a light in places of shame,
God in the poor is coming to heal us,
kindle a light with hope in its flame.

Kindle a light to lighten the darkness,
kindle a light for sorrow to cease:
God in the poor is coming to free us,
kindle a light for justice and peace.

Christ is coming, Christ is coming,
coming in judgement, in truth and in grace:
meet him and greet him,
and share his embrace.

Words: Michael Forster b 1946

Prayers after Communion
The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Strengthen for service, Lord,*
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fulness of your life;
glory to you 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

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Tune: Hanover, a supplement to the new version 1708
Words: B Rees 1911-83

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 always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Minister Go in the peace of Christ.
Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

Dankpsalm Op 145 – Max Reger

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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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