



**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**CHORAL EVENSONG
WITH
SERMON IN MUSIC**

8TH MAY 2022, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! For us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.**

**Jesus lives! To him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.**

Tune: St Albinus by H J Gauntlett 1805-76
Words: C Gellert 1715-69, Tr F E Cox 1812-97

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

Philip Moore

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 114

Choir

*1 When Israel came out of Egypt :
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,*

*2 Judah was his sanctuary :
and Israel his dominion.*

*3 The sea saw that, and fled :
Jordan was driven back.*

*4 The mountains skipped like rams :
and the little hills like young sheep.*

*5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?*

*6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :
and ye little hills, like young sheep?*

*7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the God of Jacob;*

*8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :
and the flint-stone into a springing well.*

*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: Anonymous

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63: 7-14

read by Emily Owen

I will mention the loving kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? Where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? That led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

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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

Luke 24: 36-49

read by Christopher Betterton

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.

And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

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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.*

Please remain standing

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

Philip Moore

Minister The Lord be with you,
Choir *and with thy spirit.*

Minister Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

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 *Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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

i) My beloved spake – Patrick Hadley
ii) Blessed be the God and Father – Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(Please see notes on page)

Prayers of Intercession

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

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

Glory to thee, my God, this night
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thy own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.

**O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,
sleep that may me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Tune: Tallis' Canon by T Tallis c1505–85
Words: T Ken 1637–1711

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

Processional – Grayston Ives

Sermon in Music

i) *My beloved spake* – Patrick Hadley

ii) *Blessed be the God and Father* – Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Patrick Hadley's anthem which begins this evening's Sermon in Music is a setting of verses from the Song of Songs which are often read at weddings, comparing the freshness of young love with the new life which fills the earth after the end of winter. It is a flamboyant setting with a complex accompaniment, originally intended for orchestra but skilfully arranged for the organ by the composer himself. An arresting opening gives way to a calmer central section, but the music then builds to a shattering climax before subsiding to a restful conclusion. Hadley was born in Cambridge and returned there as a Fellow in the 1930s, composing a number of extended works for choir and orchestra which were first performed by the Cambridge University Musical Society. He became Professor of Music in 1946 and retired in 1962. Apart from *I sing of a maiden*, a beautiful yet simple carol for upper voices, *My beloved spake* is the only work of his still to be regularly performed and is a great favourite with many choirs.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born in London on 14th August 1810. Grandson of the hymn-writer Charles Wesley and great nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, he took up his first cathedral appointment at the age of only 22 when he became organist of Hereford Cathedral, with later appointments to Exeter Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, and, finally, Gloucester Cathedral. He gained much of his musical knowledge and skill from his father, including a mastery of counterpoint, harmony, and the organ, and a respect for older styles (especially that of J.S. Bach). To these qualities he added an interest in the Continental composers of his own time, a passionately romantic temperament, and a genius for the dramatization of biblical words.

The state of cathedral music in the early 19th century was such that the entire tradition was in danger of dying out. Wesley was one of the principal figures to ensure its survival, bringing a determined zeal to the reform of lax administration and

tolerance of low musical standards, and campaigning for greater recognition of music within the church hierarchy.

Blessed be the God and Father was written for Wesley's first Easter Day at Hereford Cathedral, with the choir consisting of boys and one solitary bass voice (legend has it that it was the Dean's butler!). The text comes from the first Epistle of Peter and the anthem divides into several contrasting sections, of which the passage "Love one another with a pure heart fervently" for treble voices is often performed separately. Wesley was surprised by the anthem's popularity and inclined to disparage it, but later in his life he was persuaded to revise it for publication, rewriting the opening and closing sections for full choir. Since then it has remained constantly in the repertoire of church and cathedral choirs.

My Beloved Spake

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flow'rs appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
the fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Blessed be the God and Father

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to His abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled,
that fadeth not away,
reserved in heav'n for you,
who are kept by the power of God,
through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
But as He which hath calleth you is Holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
See that ye love one another.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
Being born again,
not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass,
and all the glory of man
as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth,
and the flower thereof falleth away.
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.
Amen.

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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