



TRINITY SUNDAY

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH

SERMON IN MUSIC

12TH JUNE 2022, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

Tune: Angel Voices by E G Monk 1819-1900
Words: F Pott 1832-1909

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

Humphrey Clucas

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 73: 1-3, 15-27

*1 Truly God is loving unto Israel :
even unto such as are of a clean heart.*

*2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone :
my treadings had well-nigh slipt.*

*3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked :
I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.*

*15 Then thought I to understand this :
but it was too hard for me,*

*16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God :
then understood I the end of these men;*

*17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places :
and castest them down, and destroyest them.*

*18 O how suddenly do they consume :
perish, and come to a fearful end!*

*19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh :
so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.*

*20 Thus my heart was grieved :
and it went even through my reins.*

*21 So foolish was I, and ignorant :
even as it were a beast before thee.*

*22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee :
for thou hast holden me by my right hand.*

*23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel :
and after that receive me with glory.*

*24 Whom have I in heaven but thee :
and there is none upon earth that I desire
in comparison of thee.*

*25 My flesh and my heart faileth :
but God is the strength of my heart,
and my portion for ever.*

*26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish :
thou hast destroyed all them that commit
fornication against thee.*

*27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God,
to put my trust in the Lord God :
and to speak of all thy works in the gates
of the daughter of Sion.*

*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: James Turle (1802-1882) and Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

read by Philip Keown

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

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

Magnificat

Evening Service in G – John Blow

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

John 3: 1-17

read by Kirsty McEwen

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever

believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in G – John Blow

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

Humphrey Clucas

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

*Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast given unto us thy servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and,
in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity:
we beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast
in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities;
who livest and reignest, 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) *Libera nos, salva nos* – John Sheppard

ii) *O beata et benedicta et gloriosa Trinitas*

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(Please see notes on page 16)

Prayers of Intercession

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

This response 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

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.**

**Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.**

**Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.**

**Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Tune: Michael by H Howells 1892-1983
Words: R Bridges 1844-1930 based on the German of J Neander 1650-80

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

Fugue in E Flat (St Anne) BWV 552 – Johann Sebastian Bach

Sermon in Music

i) *Libera nos, salva nos* – John Sheppard

ii) *O beata et benedicta et gloriosa Trinitas* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Little is known of Sheppard's life history apart from his close connection with Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was in charge of the choir during the 1540s at a time of great changes for the English church. He was apparently a stormy character, and was rebuked by the college authorities on several occasions – twice for press-ganging unwilling choristers from other choirs and once for proclaiming himself the most important person in the college apart from the President! Unlike his contemporary Thomas Tallis, he wrote no music for the new English rite, and this has led to a neglect of his work in comparison with that of Tallis, although he actually composed about a tenth of the surviving Latin church music written in England during the 16th century. His style is very characteristic, always favouring the upper voices of the choir, and in these two settings of the antiphon for Matins on Trinity Sunday the traditional Sarum chant is heard in long notes in the bass part, while the upper voices weave counterpoint in six parts around it. The text is a simple prayer to the Trinity – “Free us, save us and justify us, O blessed Trinity.”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was one of the most prolific composers of the Italian Renaissance period, and his style is regarded as the purest example of 16th century counterpoint – as such it is frequently copied and used as a model for teaching. He was born in the small town from which he took his name but spent much of his working life in Rome, including a long period at the Vatican between 1571 and his death in 1594.

O beata et benedicta et gloriosa Trinitas dates from slightly before this era, being published in 1569 – it is for five voices, with two soprano parts, giving a light and bright texture which contrasts well with the denser character of the Sheppard antiphon.

Libera nos, salva nos

*Libera nos, salva nos,
justifica nos,
O beata Trinitas.*

Free us, save us,
defend us,
O blessed Trinity.

O beata et benedicta et gloriosa Trinitas

*O beata et benedicta et gloriosa
Trinitas,
Pater, Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.
Alleluja.*

O holy blessed and glorious
Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia.

*O beata et benedicta
et gloriosa unitas,
Pater, Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.
Alleluja.*

O holy, blessed
and glorious Unity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia.

*O vera, summa et sempiterna
Trinitas,
Pater, Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.
Alleluja.*

O true, most high and eternal
Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia.

*O vera, summa et sempiterna
unitas,
Pater, Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.
Alleluja.*

O true, most high and eternal
Unity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia.

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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