



MOTHERING SUNDAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST

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**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Opening Sentence

Jesus said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!”

Hymn

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne’er divide us;
we’ll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we’ll persevere.**

Tune: Quem Pastores. German 14th Century Latin Carol
Words: P Dearmer 1867–1936

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 *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*
 A broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
 Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
 and acknowledge our transgressions
 in penitence and faith.

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.

Kyrie

Missa Assumpta est Maria – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Absolution

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.

Collect

Minister *God of compassion,
 whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
 shared the life of a home in Nazareth:
 and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
 strengthen us in our daily living
 that in joy and in sorrow we may know
 the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

All Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 2: 1-10

read by Claire Seaton

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took to wife a daughter of Levi. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could hide him no longer she took for him a basket made of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and

pitch; and she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds at the river's brink. And his sister stood at a distance, to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, and her maidens walked beside the river; she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to fetch it. When she opened it she saw the child; and lo, the babe was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son; and she named him Moses, for she said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

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

Psalm 127

Choir

*1 Except the Lord build the house :
their labour is but lost that build it.*

*2 Except the Lord keep the city :
the watchman waketh but in vain.*

*3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so
late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness :
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.*

*4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb :
are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.*

*5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant :
even so are the young children.*

*6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them :
they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their
enemies in the gate.*

*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

Colossians 3: 12-17

read by Pete Picton

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her child she gazed.**

**The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.**

**The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won.**

**She gave her body as God's shrine,
Her heart to piercing pain,
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain.**

**Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.**

**Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son,
whom your embrace
In birth and death confessed.**

Tune: Kilmarnock by N Dougall 1776-1862
Words: J R Peacey 1896 - 1971

Gospel Reading

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

All [sung] Glory to you, O Lord.

John 19: 25b-27

read by The Revd Dr Jeff Lake

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

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 children from the Sunday Club

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 *Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.*

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

Preparation of the Table

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

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.
 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
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.*

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 Assumpta est Maria – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Choir

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are
full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini:
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he who cometh
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

For the beauty of the earth – John Rutter

Choir

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:*

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise...

*For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise...

*For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given
Graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise...

Words: F S Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Prayers after Communion

The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast,
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith,
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

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Tune: Woodlands by W Greateorex 1877-1949
Words: T Dudley-Smith b. 1926

Blessing

Minister *Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross,
and follow him.
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

Toccata, Ave Maris Stella – Flor Peeters

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