



FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH SERMON IN MUSIC

23RD JUNE 2024, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright’:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Tune: Kingsfold adapted from an English folksong by R Vaughan Williams 1872–1958
Words: H Bonar 1808–89

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

Bernard Rose (1916-96)

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 49: 1-9

*1 O hear ye this, all ye people :
ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;*

*2 High and low, rich and poor :
one with another.*

*3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom :
and my heart shall muse of understanding.*

*4 I will incline mine ear to the parable :
and shew my dark speech upon the harp.*

*5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness :
and when the wickedness of my heels
compasseth me round about?*

*6 There be some that put their trust in their goods :
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.*  

*7 But no man may deliver his brother :
nor make agreement unto God for him;*

*8 For it cost more to redeem their souls :
so that he must let that alone for ever;*

*9 Yea, though he live long :
and see not the grave.*

*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: Henry Stonex (1823-97)

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 10: 1-16

read by Robin Turner

Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.

But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities. Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude

of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is his name.

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

Magnificat

Evening Service in E – Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

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

Romans 11: 25-36

read by Claire Seaton

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who

hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever.
Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in E – Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

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

Bernard Rose (1916-96)

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 King,
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 *O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us thy mercy that,
thou being our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, O heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who 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) Ascendente Jesu in naviculam – Giaches de Wert (1535-96)

ii) They that go down to the sea in ships – Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)
(please see notes on page 14)

Please kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

Dominic McGinley

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.

Notices

Hymn

**Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we stand to bless thee ere our worship cease;
then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.**

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end, the day:
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.**

**Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light;
from harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

Tune: Ellers by E Hopkins 1818-1901
Words: J Ellerton 1826-93

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

Paeon – Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

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Sermon in Music

i) *Ascendente Jesu in naviculam* – Giaches de Wert (1535-96)

ii) *They that go down to the sea in ships* – Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Both the items in this evening's Sermon in Music refer to this morning's Gospel reading, which is the story of Jesus stilling the storm from St Mark's Gospel. The de Wert piece is a direct setting of that passage, while the Sumsion uses verses from Psalm 107, also chosen by the Lectionary for use at this morning's service, which celebrate God's power to control stormy weather at sea.

Giaches de Wert was born in the Low Countries but spent most of his working life in Italy and was intimately connected with the progressive musical centre of Ferrara - the home of a renowned group of female singers for whom he wrote extensively. He was one of the leaders in developing the style of the late Renaissance madrigal, having a strong influence on the work of Monteverdi, and his later music was formative in the development of music in the early Baroque era. Although *Ascendente Jesu* uses a sacred text, the style is very much that of a madrigal, with considerable use of word-painting, particularly in the use of extended passages of syncopation to represent the storm, followed by a passage of static chords reflecting the eventual feeling of calm.

Herbert Sumsion was Organist of Gloucester Cathedral from 1928 until 1967 and first came to public attention when he stepped in at the last minute as principal conductor at the 1928 Three Choirs Festival, following the sudden death of his predecessor, Herbert Brewer. His work in this role was widely praised by the musicians involved, including Sir Edward Elgar. Sumsion was a prolific composer of liturgical music and his two settings of the evening canticles, in G major and A major are in the repertoire of most cathedral choirs. He continued to compose long after his retirement from Gloucester – a Jubilate for St Bride's dates from the 1980s and this anthem was composed in 1979.

Ascendente Jesu in naviculam

Ascendente Iesu in naviculam,

secuti sunt eum discipuli eius
et ecce motus magnus factus
est in mari
ita ut navicula
operiretur fluctibus
ipse vero dormiebat
et accesserunt ad eum
discipuli eius
et suscitaverunt eum dicentes:
Domine salva nos perimus.
Et dicit eis Iesus:
Quid timidi estis modicae fidei:

Tunc surgens imperavit
ventis et mari
et facta est tranquillitas magna.

When Jesus was entered
into a ship,
his disciples followed him.
And, behold, there arose a great
tempest in the sea,
insomuch that the ship
was covered with the waves:
but he was asleep.
And his disciples came to him,
and awoke him, saying:
Lord, save us, we perish.

And he saith unto them,
Why are ye fearful,
O ye of little faith?
Then he arose, and rebuked
the winds and the sea;
and there was a great calm

They that go down to the sea in ships

They that go down to the sea in ships :
and occupy their business in great waters;
These men see the works of the Lord :
and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth :
which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep :
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man :
and are at their wits' end.
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble :
he delivereth them out of their distress.
For he maketh the storm to cease :
so that the waves thereof are still.