

CHORAL EUCHARIST

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ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH

Opening Sentence

'Do not be amazed: you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.
He has risen, he is not here.'

Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

But the pains that he endured Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.

Tune: Easter Hymn, adapted from a melody in Lyra Davidica 1708
Words: Lyra Davidica 1708

The minister greets the people

Minister The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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 *Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.*
Let us therefore rejoice
by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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
Messe solennelle – Jean Langlais (1907-91)

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 *Lord of all life and power,*
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
All **Amen.**

First Reading
Isaiah 25: 6-9
read by Yvonne Eddy

And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Canticle
Easter Hymn – Pietro Mascagni

Inneggiamo,	Let us rejoice
il Signor non è morto,	that our Lord is not dead,
inneggiamo al Signore risorto	let us rejoice that our Lord is risen,
oggi asceso	and today is gone up
alla gloria del ciel!	into the glory of Heaven!
Alleluia.	Alleluia.

Second Reading
Acts 10: 34-43
read by Nina Bennet

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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

Hymn

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many years has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Tune: Noel Nouvelet. Old French melody
Harmony: M Shaw 1875-1958
Words: J M C Crum 1872-1958

Gospel Reading

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

Mark 16: 1-8
read by The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from

the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back - it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All *[Sung]* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon
The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, *Rector 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 *The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'*
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John-
they came with me and the Dance went on:
Dance, then, wherever you may be...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
they left me there on a cross to die:
Dance, then, wherever you may be...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black-
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the Dance and I still go on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be...

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may be…

Tune: Lord of the Dance, Shaker Melody,
Adapted by Carter 1915-2004
Words: Carter 1915-2004

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.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb
who has been offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has restored to us everlasting life.

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
Messe solennelle – Jean Langlais (1907-91)

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

The minister says this invitation to 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.

The minister and people receive communion

Anthem
Alleluia – Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Prayers after Communion
The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day
Minister Let us pray.

Minister *God of Life, who for our redemption*
gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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

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

Blessing

Minister *The God of peace,*
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will.
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. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Choir *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Voluntary

Finale, Symphonie No 1 in D, Op 14 – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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