THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHORAL EUCHARIST

16TH APRIL 2023, 11AM

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

Opening Sentence

The Risen Lord said to the disciples:
"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Tune: St Fulbert by H Gauntlett 1805-76
Words: St Fulbert of Chartres d 1028,
Translation: R Campbell 1814-68

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.

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.**

Gloria

Missa vinum bonum – Orlandus Lassus

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 *Almighty Father,*
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away
the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
read by Graham Hill

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them.

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope. For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.'

Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

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

Psalm 16

Choir

1 Preserve me, O God :
for in thee have I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :
Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth :
and upon such as excel in virtue.

4 But they that run after another god :
shall have great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :
neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance,
and of my cup :
thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground :
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning :
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

9 I have set God always before me :
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced :
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fulness of joy :
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

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: Richard Woodward 1744-77

Second Reading
Peter 1: 3-9
read by Bee Abel

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

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

Please stand
Hymn

Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Tune: Savannah. Melody from Choralbuch Herrnhut c 1740
Words: C Wesley 1707-88

Gospel Reading

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

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20: 19-end

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **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 John Forrest
These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

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

Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

Tune: St Helen by G C Martin 1844-1916
Words: G Bourne 1840-1925

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.

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

Missa vinum bonum – Orlandus Lassus

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.

Anthem
Ecce vicit leo – Peter Philips

Choir

Ecce vicit leo	Behold, the Lion
de tribu Juda,	of the tribe of Judah,
radix David,	the root of David,
aperire librum,	hath prevailed to open the book
et solvere septem	and to loose
signacula eius.	the seven seals thereof.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Dignus est Agnus	Worthy is the Lamb
qui occisus est,	that was slain,
accipere virtutem,	to receive power,
et divinitatem,	and godliness,
et sapientiam, et fortitudinem,	and wisdom, and strength,
et honorem, et gloriam,	and honour, and glory,
et benedictionem.	and blessing.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.

Text: Revelation 5: 5, 12

Prayers after Communion
The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day

Minister Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Minister *Lord God our Father,*
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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

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;
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.

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

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

Prelude in G, BWV 541 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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