



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**CHORAL EVENSONG
WITH SERMON IN MUSIC**

30TH APRIL 2023, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.**

**Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.**

**Thine for ever! O how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.**

**Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
us thy frail and trembling sheep;
safe alone beneath thy care,
let us all thy goodness share.**

**Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.**

Tune: Newington by Archbishop W D Maclagan 1826–1910
Words: M F Maude 1819–1913

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

William Smith

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 29

Choir

*1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty,
bring young rams unto the Lord :
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.*

*2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name :
worship the Lord with holy worship.*

*3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters :
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.*

*4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea;
the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

*5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.*

*6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf :
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.*

*7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness :
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.*

*8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,
and discovereth the thick bushes :
in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.*

*9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.*

*10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people :
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

*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: Martin How 1931-2022

Old Testament Lesson

Ezra 3

read by Robin Turner

And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the Lord that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the Lord.

From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the Lord.

Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

First Evening Service – Robert Parsons

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

Ephesians 2: 11-22

read by Bob Bryan

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

First Evening Service – Robert Parsons

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

William Smith

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 *Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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) *Surrexit pastor bonus* – John L'Héritier

ii) *Victimae paschali* – Adrian Willaert

(Please see page 15 for texts and notes)

Prayers of Intercession

The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, *Rector 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

**Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?**

**'I delivered thee when bound,
and, when wounded, healed thy wound;
sought thee wandering, set thee right,
turned thy darkness into light.**

**'Can a woman's tender care
cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
yet will I remember thee.**

**'Mine is an unchanging love,
higher than the heights above,
deeper than the depths beneath,
free and faithful, strong as death.**

**‘Thou shalt see my glory soon,
when the work of grace is done;
partner of my throne shalt be:
say, poor sinner, lov’st thou me?’**

**Lord, it is my chief complaint
that my love is weak and faint;
yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!**

Tune: St Bees by JB Dykes 1823-76
Words: W Cowper 1731-1800

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

A Fancy in D minor – William Byrd

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Sermon in Music

i) *Surrexit pastor bonus* – John L'Héritier

ii) *Victimae paschali* – Adrian Willaert

Both the anthems in this evening's Sermon in Music are generally suitable for the season of Easter - the first makes reference to Christ the Good Shepherd and the second is a setting of a sequence for Easter. Both are by Flemish composers from the first half of the 16th century, making them basically similar in style but also with individual characteristics.

Jean l'Héritier is a rather obscure figure, but seems to have originated from the Calais area of France. He was a pupil of Josquin, one of the greatest of the Franco-Flemish composers of this period, who was working in France around the year 1500, then spent a number of years in Rome, where he was known to have been employed by Pope Leo in 1514, and to have been in charge of the choir at the French church in 1521 and 1522. He mainly composed sacred motets, with evidence for 48 such pieces, though not all have survived. *Surrexit pastor bonus* is typical of his style, which bridges the gap between the austere music of Josquin and his contemporaries and the more mellifluous counterpoint of Palestrina 30 years later. It is for six voice parts, with divided sopranos and basses, which gives it a particularly rich sonority.

Adrian Willaert's life story has many similarities; early study in France, where he had originally travelled to study law, then a move to Italy, lured by the large salaries paid to musicians by rival court establishments. He worked at first for the D'Este family, and later became master of the choir at St. Mark's, Venice in 1527, remaining for over 30 years and laying the foundations for the work of the Gabrieli brothers towards the end of the century. *Victimae Paschali* is based on the traditional plainsong melody of the sequence, which is heard initially in the second soprano part and moves around the choir as the piece progresses. It is also for six voices, with the more normal combination of two sopranos and two tenors. Texts for both pieces are given below.

i. Surrexit pastor bonus – John L'Héritier

*Surrexit pastor bonus
qui animam suam
posuit pro ovibus suis,
alleluia, alleluia.*

The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life
for his sheep,
alleluia, alleluia.

*Et pro grege suo,
mori dignatus est
alleluia, alleluia.*

And for his flock
deigned to die,
alleluia, alleluia.

*Et enim pascha nostrum
immolatus est Christus.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

And for our Passover
was sacrificed for us: Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Text: John 10: 11; 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

ii. *Victimae paschali* – Adrian Willaert

*Victimae paschali
laudes immolent Christiani.
Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens
Patri reconciliavit peccatores.
Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.
Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?
Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:
Angelicos teste,
sudarium, et vestes.*

*Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.
Credendum est
magis soli Mariae veraci:
quam Iudeorum turbae fallaci.
Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex,
miserere.*

Christians, to the Paschal victim,
offer your thankful praises.
A lamb has redeemed the sheep:
Christ, being innocent,
has reconciled sinners to the Father.
Death and Life have fought
in wondrous battle:
the Prince of Life, once dead,
now reigns living.
Tell us, Mary,
what did you see in the way?
I saw the tomb of the living Christ,
and the glory of the Risen one:
The angels who were witnesses,
the shroud, and the graveclothes.

Christ, our hope, has arisen:
he goes before his people in Galilee.
More to be believed,
is truthful Mary
than the false crowd of lying Jews.
We know that Christ
is truly risen from the dead:
O Victor King,
have mercy upon us.

Text: Sequence for Easter Sunday