



NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH SERMON IN MUSIC

10TH OCTOBER 2021, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to Thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation:
bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing.**

**And now, on this our festal day,
thy bounteous hand confessing,
upon Thine altar, Lord, we lay
the first-fruits of thy blessing:
by thee the souls of men are fed
with gifts of grace supernal;
thou, who gives us our daily bread,
give us the bread eternal.**

**We bear the burden of the day,
and often toil seems dreary;
but labour ends with sunset ray,
and rest is for the weary;
may we, the angel reaping o'er,
stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves, for evermore
to garners bright elected.**

**O blessèd is that land of God,
where saints abide for ever;
where golden fields spread far and broad,
where flows the crystal river:
the strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
thrice blessèd is that harvest song
which never hath an ending.**

Tune: Golden Sheaves by A Sullivan 1842-1900
Words: W Chatterton Dix 1837-98

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

Herbert Sumsion

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 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.*

Chant: John Goss 1800-80

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 5: 13-6: 20

read by Christopher Betterton

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come.

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord. And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the Lord.

And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

Evening Service in A – Herbert Sumsion

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

Matthew 11: 20-end

read by Bob Bryan

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works,

which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in A – Herbert Sumsion

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

Herbert Sumsion

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 Queen,
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 eternal God,
who crownest the year with thy goodness
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Fest- und Gedenksprüche Op 109 – Johannes Brahms
(Please see notes on page 15)

Prayers of Intercession

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

These responses 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

**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 sacrifice 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:**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:**

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

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

**For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:**

Tune: England's Lane by G Shaw 1879-1943 Adapted from a folk song
Words: F S Pierpoint 1835-1917

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

Toccata in D minor BWV 538 – Johann Sebastian Bach

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Sermon in Music

Fest- und Gedenksprüche Op 109 – Johannes Brahms 1833-1897

- i) *Unsere Väter hofften auf dich*
- ii) *Wenn ein starker Gewappneter*
- iii) *Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk*

Although principally known as one of the great symphonic composers of the 19th century, Brahms had many connections with choirs and choral music. He conducted a choir at the court of Detmold during short autumn seasons between 1857 and 1859 and also established a women's choir around this time in his native city of Hamburg. Much of the latter part of his life was spent in Vienna, where his first appointment was as conductor of the Singakademie – later he directed the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, one of the most distinguished large choirs in Vienna. The Fest und Gedenksprüche (Festal and Commemorative sentences) were written in 1889 for the opening of the Hamburg Industrial Exhibition, in acknowledgement of the honour bestowed on him of the freedom of the city. They are all for double choir, making frequent use of antiphonal effects, and the texts are given below.

*Unsere Väter hofften auf dich;
und da sie hofften,
halfst du ihnen aus.
Zu dir schrieen sie
und wurden errettet;
sie hofften auf dich
und wurden nicht zu Schanden.*

Our fathers trusted in thee:
they trusted and thou didst
deliver them.
They cried unto thee,
and were delivered:
They trusted in thee, and were
not confounded.

(Psalm 22: 5,6)

*Der Herr wird seinem Volk
Kraft geben;
der Herr wird sein Volk
segnen mit Frieden.*

The Lord will give strength
unto his people;
the Lord will bless his people
with peace.

(Psalm 29: 11)

*Wenn ein starker Gewappneter
seinen Palast bewahret,
so bleibet das Seine mit Frieden.*

When a strong armed man guards
his palace his property will
remain in peace.

(Luke 11: 21)

*Aber: ein jeglich Reich,
so es mit ihm selbst uneins wird, das
wird wüste; und ein Haus fället über
das andere.*

But any kingdom that is divided
amongst itself will be laid waste
and one house will fall upon
another.

(Luke 11: 17 and Matthew 12: 25)

*Wo ist ein so herrlich Volk,
zu dem Götter also
nahe sich tun als der Herr,
unser Gott, so oft wir ihn
anrufen.
Hüte dich nur
und bewahre deine Seele wohl, dass
du nicht vergessest der Geschichten,
die deine Augen gesehen haben, und
dass sie nicht
aus deinem Herzen kommen
alle dein Leben lang.
Und sollst deinen Kindern und
Kindekindern kundtun. Amen.*

For what nation is there so great,
who hath God
so nigh unto them,
as the Lord our God is in all things
that we call upon him for?
Only take heed to thyself,
and keep thy soul diligently,
lest thou forget the things
which thine eyes have seen,
and lest they depart
from thy heart
all the days of thy life:
but teach them thy sons and thy
sons' sons. Amen.

(Deuteronomy 4: 7,9)

WREN TALK

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 7^{PM}

SPEAKER PROFESSOR TONY TRAVERS

academic, journalist, Director of LSE London



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SUNDAY MUSIC AT S^I BRIDE'S

OCTOBER

- 17th**
11am **Choral Eucharist: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
Setting: *Mass in B flat* – att. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Canticle: *Jubilate* – Thomas Weelkes
Anthem: *Jesu, the very thought of thee* – Edward Bairstow
- 5:30pm** **Choral Evensong**
Responses: Bernard Rose
Psalm: *142* – William Bexfield
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:
Evening Service in D – Edward Bairstow
Anthem: *Greater love hath no man* – John Ireland
- 24th**
11am **Choral Eucharist: The Last Sunday after Trinity**
Setting: *Missa brevis* – Richard Rodney Bennett
Psalm: *126* – Joseph Barnby
Anthem: *Here, O my Lord* – Percy Whitlock

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

A Service of Commemoration

Sunday 31st October

5:30pm

An invitation to
remember friends and family
members who have passed away.

Please contact claire.seaton@stbrides.com
to add names of those you wish to
remember to the list.

Thank You

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have continued to support us during this crisis, both through regular giving and occasional gifts.

This financial support remains vital to our on-going ministry. Although our normal services have now resumed, our ability to raise funds to maintain our ministry and building is still impacted.

The singers, organist, and Director of Music are all freelance professional musicians who have been significantly affected during the pandemic, and your donations have allowed us to help them financially through these difficult times.

We shall continue to offer our online worship - even though this requires additional investment - because no service from St Bride's would be complete without the wonderful music which our choir provides.

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