



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024, 11<sup>AM</sup>**

**ST BRIDE'S  
CHURCH**

## **Opening Sentence**

*Jesus said to the disciples, 'This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you.'*

## **Hymn**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.**

**Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.**

Tune: Abbot's Leigh by C Taylor 1907-91 (Descant for v 4 J Wilson 1905-92)  
Words: J Newton 1725-1807  
Isaiah 33: 20-21

*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 (1532-1594)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will to all people.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you  
for your great glory.

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.*

Lord God, heavenly King,  
God, the Father Almighty.  
Lord, only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father.

*Qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis:  
Qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram:  
qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

You who take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us:  
You who take away  
the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer:  
you who are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.*

For you alone are holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are most high,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **Collect**

**Minister** *God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 10: 44-end**

read by Madeleine Kearns

While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they

heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can any one forbid water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle**

*Jubilate from the Great service – Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*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.*

### **Second Reading**

**1 John 5: 1-6**

read by Roger Garside

Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we

keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Hymn**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture –  
in the body and the blood –  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.**

Tune: Picardy, 17th century French carol  
Words: Liturgy of Saint James  
Translation: G Moultrie 1829–85

## **Gospel Reading**

Reader            Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                         according to John.

**All [Sung]        Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 15: 9-17**

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

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All [Sung]        Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

The Revd Steve Morris, *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*

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

**All** Merciful Father,  
**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.*

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

## Offertory Hymn

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great Thou art, how great thou art!***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee...***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee...***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee...***

Tune: How Great Thou Art by Stuart K Hine 1899-1989

Words: Russian Hymn tr Stuart K Hine 1899-1989

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**

*Missa vinum bonum* – Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
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**

*Haec dies* – John Sheppard (c1515-1558)

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:*

*exultemus et laetemur in ea,  
Alleluia.*

This is the day which the Lord  
hath made:  
let us be glad and rejoice therein.  
Alleluia.

Words: Psalm 118: 24

## **Prayers after Communion**

*The minister leads the post communion prayer for the day*

Minister Let us pray.

Minister *God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

**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**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.**

Tune: Lux Eoi. A Sullivan 1842-1900  
Words: C Wordsworth 1807-85

## **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,  
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.  
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 C minor, BWV 546 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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