



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

**HYMN: ICH 321**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy: there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Words: Reginald Heber (1781-1826) based on Revelation 4:8-11; Isaiah 6:1-8*

*Tune: NICAEA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

**OPENING RESPONSES:**

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

**PSALM: 67**

God be merciful unto us, and bless us;  
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;  
That thy way may be known upon earth;  
thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God;  
yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad;  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God;  
let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us;  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.

**FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:18-29**

King David went in and sat before the LORD, and said, 'Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD; you have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord GOD! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness, so that your servant may know it. Therefore you are great, O LORD God; for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Who is like your people, like Israel? Is there another nation on earth whose God went to redeem it as a people, and to make a name for himself, doing great and awesome things for them, by driving out before his people nations and their gods? And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people for ever; and you, O LORD, became their God. And now, O LORD God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it for ever; do as you have promised. Thus your name will be magnified for ever in the saying, "The LORD of hosts is God over Israel"; and the house of your servant David will be established before you. For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, "I will build you a house"; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed for ever.'

**THE CANTICLE MAGNIFICAT:**

**My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**  
**For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.**  
**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 shewed 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.**

**SECOND LESSON: Luke 19:41-20:8**

As Jesus came near and saw Jerusalem, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, 'It is written,  
"My house shall be a house of prayer";  
but you have made it a den of robbers.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders and said to him, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?' He answered them, 'I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' They discussed it with one another, saying, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet.' So they answered that they did not know where it came from. Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

**THE CANTICLE NUNC DIMITTIS:**

**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.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy Spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen  
**and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness  
**and make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people  
**and bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

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. **Amen.**

#### **COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS**

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. **Amen.**

#### **OCCASIONAL PRAYERS**

*Preparation for prayer*

Let us bend our knee  
in the eye of the Father who created us,  
in the eye of the Son who redeemed us,  
in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed us,  
in friendship and affection.

Through your own Anointed One, O Father,  
bestow upon us fullness in our need:

the love of God,  
the affection of God,  
the smile of God,  
the wisdom of God,  
the fear of God,  
the will of God,

to do on earth as angels and saints do in heaven;  
each shade and light,  
each day and night,  
each time in kindness,  
give us your Spirit. *Carmina Gadelica*

*For unity within the family of the Church*

O God, bless and preserve your Church dispersed over the face of the earth. Restore to it unity and concord, in the acknowledgement of the truth and the practice of righteousness. Remove out of it all errors and dissension, that they who profess the same faith may no longer persecute and destroy one another, but be kind and tender-hearted one towards the other, as it becomes brethren and those that are heirs of the same common salvation. *King William III*

*For renewal of integrity, restraint and respect of others in local political life*

Lord of grace and gentleness, we pray for a world in which ordinary humanity fails so often. We pray for those who are called government ministers- servants- in this country. We pray that those who lead and take on themselves great responsibilities may not simply which to seem great in the eyes of others, or serve only partisan interests, but may genuinely serve their peoples, searching continually for policies and strategies which will be for the good of all, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable. We ask this for the sake of him who is both servant and Lord, Jesus Christ. *Christopher Avon Lamb*

*For perseverance through life*

Give us, O God, the power to go on, to carry our burden through to the end, to live all the years of our life faithful to the highest we have seen, with no pandering to the second best, no leniency to our own lower selves; no looking backward, no cowardice. Give us the power to give ourselves, to break the bread of our lives unto starving humanity; in humble self-subjection to serve others, as thou, O God, dost serve the world. *J.S. Hoyland*

*Closing dedication*

Our Lord and our God, take from us all that keeps us from you.

Our Lord and our God, grant us all that leads us to you.

Our Lord and our God, take us from ourselves and give us completely to you. *Nicholas of Flue*

### **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **THE GRACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### **HYMN: ICH 71**

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
we stand to bless thee ere our worship cease;  
then, lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day;  
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,  
turn thou for us its darkness into light;  
from harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;  
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-93) based on Psalm 139:11-12; John 14:27*

*Tune: ELLERS Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)*

#### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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