



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 2nd August 2020 at 11.00am
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast,
for the resumption of public worship.
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Organ voluntary: Fanfare, William Mathias
Played by Mr Jack Wilson.

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence is kept.

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; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. 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.**

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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM: 17:1-7, 16

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; ♦
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; ♦
let your eyes behold what is right.

Weigh my heart, examine me by night, ♦
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; ♦
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; ♦
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; ♦
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, ♦
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness; ♦
when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be satisfied.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son;
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Benedictus (*The Song of Zechariah* Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord **the God of Israel,**
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate
us,
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hand of our enemies.
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son;
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar

SOLO by Caolan Keaveney

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: Edward N. Plumptre (1821-91) based on Ephesians 4:4-5

Tune: THORNBURY Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law: help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness. You come to our weakness with your strength. Come, refresh, renew, restore us, and feed us now and evermore.

We pray that your people may hunger and thirst after righteousness. May your Church seek to care for and feed the hungry in spirit. May we seek out the lost, and those in desert places, and offer them the sustenance of the gospel. We pray for Bible study and outreach groups.

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

We remember before you the starving people of our world, those who suffer from famine, poverty or war, all whose lives are diminished through malnutrition and neglect. Lord, you open your hands and satisfy the needs of every creature. Let the harvests of our world be neither hoarded nor squandered. We pray for all whose lives are fragmented, for all who are broken.

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

We give thanks for those who have fed and cared for us, and for all who have shown compassion and tenderness when we have been in the wilderness. Lord, bless our loved ones, our homes and our communities. Fill our deep longing for you with your presence and your peace.

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

We pray for all who feel drained and empty, all who have no energy or strength. Lord, have compassion upon the weak, the weary, the harassed and the helpless. We come to you for renewal, refreshment and hope.

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

We give thanks for those who no longer hunger or thirst, for they have been refreshed in your kingdom. May we look forward to the day when we share with them in the glory that is everlasting.

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

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless all who are called to care for the sick, including those suffering from or recovering from Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. Protect all who are returning to work across the economy, and all who are planning for the future. We pray for our own cathedral family, gathered here or still at home. Guard them, their families and loved ones in all anxiety. Protect our community from further waves of infection, we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church and society for leading us in new ways. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself in service for others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as the clergy depart and sit for the **Organ Voluntary:** Trois Préludes et Fugues op. 7 No. 1, Marcel Dupré*

Please remain seated until the end of the Voluntary, and exit in rows from the back to the front, as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.

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