



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

## A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### HYMN: ICH 567

Forth, in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

for thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Tune: DUKE STREET Melody from H. Boyd's Psalm and Hymn Tunes (Glasgow, 1793) later attrib. John L. Hatton (d. 1793)*

### 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: 12 & 13

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left:

**for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.**

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbor:

**they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.**

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips:

**and the tongue that speaketh proud things;**

Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail:

**we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?**

Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy:

**and because of the deep sighing of the poor,**

I will up, saith the Lord:

**and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.**

The words of the Lord are pure words:

**even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.**

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord:

**thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.**

The ungodly walk on every side:

**when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.**

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever:

**how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?**

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart:

**how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?**

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God:

**lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.**

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him:

**for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.**

But my trust is in thy mercy:

**and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.**

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me:

**yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.**

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: I Kings 10:1-13**

When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt-offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

So she said to the king, 'The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel for ever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.' Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land, with her servants.

#### **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: Acts 13:1-13**

In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem.

#### **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

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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.**

## 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 27

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  
spread 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.

*Words: From the Liturgy of St. James tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)*

*Tune: PICARDY French traditional carol melody*

## 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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