



MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 23rd August 2020

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.
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Thank you.

Name(s): _____

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Organ voluntary: William Mathias - Chorale

Played by Mr Jack Wilson.

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.

The Dean welcomes the congregation.



Solo by Caolan Keaveney - **HYMN: ICH 683***

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1594) based on the Canticle 'Jubilate Deo' (Psalm 100)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH Melody from Genevan Psalter (1551)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Jesus said: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.' Acts 1:8

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.

Please kneel or sit

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.**

Please stand

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

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

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ 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.

Please remain standing to say the PSALM: 124

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦
now may Israel say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦
when their anger burned against us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦

over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

But blessed be the Lord ♦

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦

the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦

who has made heaven and earth.

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.

Please sit for the **FIRST READING: EXODUS 1:8-2:10**

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Te Deum, Part 1*

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
throughout the world, the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of
all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

SOLO by Caolan Keaveney - **HYMN: ICH 553***



Jesu, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me;
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
 grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound:
 make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
 freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
 rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH Melody Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Please stand to join in 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.

Please kneel or sit

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

Let us pray to God who sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world:

Lord, grant that the Church, mindful of the privilege of her foundation and the duty of her commission, shall ever confess the faith of Christ as Son of God and Redeemer. Keep us bold in our faith, yet gracious in our witness; wholehearted in our worship, yet humble in our service.

Strengthen her members firmly in the good news of your Kingdom, to keep it whole and pure from generation to generation.

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

Have mercy on those who are living in error and uncertainty, who wander in the world without finding the truth of God. We pray for all who hold influence over others that they might be compassionate, honest, gentle and wise in the guidance they provide. Give to those in authority the wisdom to know that their power comes from you and that they are accountable to you. May they fulfil their duty on the firm foundation of justice and truth.

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

In all our lives with others, in our families, in our places of work and in the communities that we share, help us to show ourselves as members of the Kingdom. Help us to do rightly, to deal kindly and to walk humbly with you. Give us grace to acknowledge the Messiah in all we do, and to attract others to come to know him.

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

For those who in these weeks have received exam results, whose lives have been thrown into turmoil, may they find a God given peace, and know the guiding hand of Christ in all the decisions they make, and for the future which lies ahead. We pray also for all teachers and students returning to school in this Covid context.

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

May the sick and afflicted, the lonely, the homeless, and those who are near to death, receive comfort and hope in the Lord who desires to give them the peace and assurance of the Kingdom. We pray for those suffering from the recent waves of Covid infection, for all healthcare workers and for those who are fearful for themselves or for loved ones. Bless all who seek to relieve suffering, and keep them patient and constant in their work.

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

We give thanks for those to whom the gates of the Kingdom have been opened and who now rejoice with all the faithful departed through the ages.

We pray for those who have been bereaved recently, and who are marking anniversaries during this time. Keep us firm in faith until we share with them in that eternal Kingdom.

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 those 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 all who are ill, or in recovery of any sort. Continue to protect our community from new waves of infection, we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church and society for leading us forward. 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:***

William Mathias – Processional - Played by Mr Jack Wilson

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.



We regret that due to Covid restrictions flower arrangements cannot be placed in the cathedral at present. Today the flowers would have been donated by Michael and Barbara Callender.

Belfast Cathedral Reopening

We are delighted that the cathedral is open again to visitors
from 11am to 3pm Monday to Thursday
11am to 4pm Friday and Saturday.
Please spread the “good news”!

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following the Morning Service.

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