



MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 30th August 2020

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it is essential that you complete the following information
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when you leave at the end of the service.
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Thank you.*

Name(s): _____

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Organ voluntary: William Walond (1725-1770) *Cornet Voluntary*

Played by Mr Jack Wilson.

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

*Please remain standing for a **SOLO** by Mr Caolan Keaveney - **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)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:7

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: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

○ give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises, ♦
and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦
seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done, ♦
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦
O children of Jacob his chosen.
Then Israel came into Egypt; ♦
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; ♦
he made them too many for their adversaries,
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people ♦
and dealt craftily with his servants.
Then sent he Moses his servant ♦
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Alleluia.
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 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this

shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** The Song of Isaiah, *Isaiah 12:2-6**

Surely God is my salvation;

**I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

**Make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 **SECOND READING:** Matthew 16:21-28*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-

block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar

Please remain seated for the **SOLO** by Mr Caolan Keaveney: ICH 666



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay,
from his own fullness, all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrows forgot, love's purest ways restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel (1752) tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-97)

Tune: FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

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

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

For the suffering in the Church and in the world, let us pray to the Lord in the name of Christ who has borne our sins and our sorrows:

Give grace to the Church to show forth the death of our Lord, to follow where he leads and to proclaim his salvation. Give courage and strength to all ministers of the gospel when their burdens are heavy. We pray for George Davison preparing for his consecration as bishop of Connor on Thursday, asking that he might know the grace and comfort of your Spirit to enfold and uphold him at this time.

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

Forgive the greed for material wealth, personal gain and unjust power that damages many lives in the world. Have pity on all who are in misery through their own selfishness or by the indifference of those who rule them. Bring them into the way of service and salvation. As we continue to live with the new restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we pray that world leaders would be inspired with a new sense of co-operation and responsibility towards the global family, beyond mere tribal motivations.

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

We continue to pray for those returning to school or college this week under new and strange conditions. We pray for all teachers and school leaders, and for those preparing for the return of students to this city's universities. May each know your guidance, and a freedom from fear and anxiety.

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

In our daily pilgrimage may we bear with endurance both the troubles that come to us and the little things which tempt us to impatience. Help us to see Christ in all things that we may bring his light to all whose way through this world is joined with ours. Help us to remember that we are bearers of Christ's image one to another, and to treat those with whom we live and work with greater respect and tolerance.

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

Have mercy on those who bear the heavy crosses of sickness or poverty, of loneliness or bereavement, of anxiety or depression. Bless and relieve all who suffer contempt and persecution because of race, religion or identity. May the support and acceptance they receive be their encouragement, and the negativity of their circumstances not overwhelm them.

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

We give thanks for those who, having laid aside their burdens, have seen the Son of Man in his glory as Son of God and are with him for ever. Give us grace so to follow the Way of his Cross in this world that we may at last enter into eternal life.

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 care for the sick, and 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:**

John James (died 1745) *Voluntary in A Minor*

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 flower arrangements cannot be placed in the cathedral at present. Today the flowers would have been donated by Michael and Barbara Callender.

Belfast Cathedral Again Open to Visitors

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

Office opening hours are currently Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.

However, for the time being, the cathedral will be closed on Sundays
following Morning Service.

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or our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral/>)
to watch this morning’s 11am online Cathedral Service.

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