



MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 6th September 2020

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.*

*Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping
Contact Tracing Records*

*it is essential that you complete the following information
with the pen provided, or one of your own.*

***Please place this service sheet in the box provided as you leave
the cathedral at the end of the service.***

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Thank you.

Name(s): _____

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Organ voluntary: On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) The Angels' Song, Op. 105, no. 1 *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

*Please remain standing as the choir sings the **HYMN:** ICH 320*

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that Manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

And I take with joy whatever
now besets me, pain or fear,
and with a strong will I sever
all the ties which bind me here.

Adoration aye be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90) from The Dream of Gerontius based on The Apostles' Creed
Tune: HALTON HOLGATE version of a melody by William Boyce in S. S. Wesley's European Psalmist (1872)*

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

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.

Please sit as the choir sings **PSALM 149:** *Chant by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

O sing unto the Lord a new song:

let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:

and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance:

let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

For the Lord hath pleasure in his people:

and helpeth the meek-hearted.

Let the saints be joyful with glory:

let them rejoice in their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their mouth:
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen:
and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with links of iron.
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written:
Such honour have all his saints.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

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.

Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **CANTICLE:** Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)
From the service in B flat Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, we are his people and
the sheep of his pasture.

O go our way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with
praise;

be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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.

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **ANTHEM:** *Cantique de Jean Racine
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre
unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le
silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les
yeux.

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce
puissante,
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta
voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme
languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois.

Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple
fidèle,
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire
immortelle,
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

*Word equal to the All-High, our only
hope of heaven,
Eternal Dayspring of the earth and sky,
We break the silent calm of the
untroubled even:
Saviour divine, bend upon us thine eye.*

*Of thy triumphant grace pour over us
the fire
That, when thou dost but speak, all hell
confounds;
Dispel the lethargy of souls whose weak
desire
Oft makes them of thy laws transgress
the bounds.*

*O Christ, benignly view this faithful
congregation,
Met now their edifice of praise to build;
Receive their proffered hymns, accept
their true oblation,
And send them home with all thy bounty
filled.*

SERMON *by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Reverend Stephen Forde*

Please stand as the choir sings the **HYMN:** *ICH 338*

Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe your Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart

Thus with quickened footsteps
we will go our way,
watching for the dawning
of the eternal day.

Words: William Pennefeather (1816-73) based on John 20:19-23

Tune: ST BARNABAS John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Please remain standing for 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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the spirit of peace in the Church and in the world:

Our Father in heaven, we give thanks for the Church and for all that we receive through its worship, teaching and fellowship. We pray for bishop George, consecrated Bishop of Connor on Thursday past, for bishop David and the life of these dioceses. Grant us all the willingness to ever grow towards unity and respectful difference in matters of personal conscience. Renew us all by the Holy Spirit that we may grow as Christ's disciples and not be hindered by dissension or discord.

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

We pray for our Queen and government, for all who shape our culture, especially those working in the media. Bring agreement between nations

which are in dispute and distrust, especially in this time of ongoing global emergency. We pray for this nation and that those in authority will serve the people with integrity and dedication. Heal the anger of litigation and give a new spirit to those who profit from the disagreements of others.

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

We give thanks for our community, and for those who cherish us. Strengthen the bonds of trust between husbands and wives, parents and children, friends and neighbours and, where there is tension, give us grace and patience with one another. Help us in our times of tension to be graceful in word and deed, ready to confess our faults and prepared to seek reconciliation. Bring harmony to all in this community who are held apart by anger and resentment.

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

We give thanks for the health we have, and for the skills of those who attend to us when we are in need. Bring healing and encouragement to those living with ill-health, depression or frailty, and those who suffer because of past hurts. Release us from the bondage of self that we may better do your will and show to those around us your truth, your love and your pattern of life.

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

We give thanks for those whose memory we treasure who have been gathered into the communion of the saints. Grant us with them and with all the saints the joy of eternal life in Christ our Lord, and may the peace they enjoy rest upon us who are still on our way.

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.**

Please stand as the choir sings the **HYMN: ICH 549**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Words: John Whittier (1807-92)

Tune: REPTON C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

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:** Postlude on an old Irish church melody, Op. 101, no. 5 Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

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 are not being placed in the cathedral at present.



NOTICES



Services Next Sunday 13 September 2020:

11.00am Service of the Word with the Cathedral Choir.
3.30pm Diocese of Connor Ordination of Deacons (By Invitation due to Coronavirus)

Belfast Cathedral Open to Visitors

We are delighted that the cathedral is now open again to visitors,
Monday to Thursday from 11.00 to 3.00.
Friday and Saturday 11.00 to 4.00.
Please spread the “good news”!

Office opening hours are currently Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 4.00
However, for the time being, the cathedral will be closed on Sundays
following Morning Service, until 3.00pm for Evensong.

Please use the cathedral website (www.belfastcathedral.org)
or our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral/>)
to watch this morning's 11am online Cathedral Service.

You can also listen to the service through the Telephone Audio facility.
This will be posted during Sunday afternoon.
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