



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.***

*These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.*

*Thank you.*

*Members of the Congregation will be seated  
in the designated seats at the front of the Nave.*

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music before the Service:** Voluntary in B Flat Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy, and remain standing as the choir sings the  
HYMN (ICH 294):*



Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434), tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)*  
*Tune: DOWN AMPNEY R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Please remain standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and for the* **OPENING**  
**RESPONSES:** *Ayleward (1626-69)*

*Priest:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Priest:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Priest:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

*Priest:* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

*Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 32:** Chant by Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven:

and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin:

and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue:

my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night:

and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee:

and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord:

and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found:

but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble:

thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go:

and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding:

whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly:

but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord:

and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

*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: Ezekiel 12:21-13:16**

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'? Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. But I the LORD will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it, says the Lord GOD.

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled, says the Lord GOD.

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the LORD!' Thus says the Lord GOD, Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the LORD. They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the LORD', when the LORD has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the LORD', even though I did not speak?

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord GOD. My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. Say to those who smear whitewash

on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the LORD. Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it—the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace, says the Lord GOD.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT**:*

*Evening Service in G Minor Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

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.

*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:** Acts 19:1-20

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.' Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit said to them in reply, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' Then the man with the evil spirit leapt on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. A number of those who practised magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:**  
Evening Service in G Minor Henry Purcell (1659-95)

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.

*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.

*Standing, we face east to recite 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.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or sit.*

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir:* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Priest:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir:*

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Priest:* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Priest:* O Lord, save the Queen.

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Priest:* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Priest:* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Priest:* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O  
God.

*Priest:* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Choir:* 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.

*Choir: 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. *Choir: Amen.*

*The choir sings the **ANTHEM:** Thou Knowest, Lord Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

*Words: The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which conclude with **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.

*All respond: **Amen.***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*All respond: **Amen.***

PLEASE MAKE YOUR COLLECTION OFFERING AS YOU LEAVE THE CATHEDRAL

*You may wish to make use of the Contactless Card Machine.*

*Please stand as the choir sings the **HYMN** (ICH 384\*):*



Lord, thy word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
    who its truth believeth  
    light and joy receiveth.

When the storms are o'er us,  
and dark clouds before us,  
    then its light directeth,  
    and our way protecteth.

Word of mercy, giving  
succour to the living;  
    word of life, supplying  
    comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning,  
its most holy learning,  
    Lord, may love and fear thee,  
    evermore be near thee!

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)*

*Tune: RAVENSHAW Melody from M. Weisse's Ein Neu Gesangbüchlen adpt. William Henry Monk (1823-89)*

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

Response: **Amen.**

Please remain quiet during the **ORGAN VOLUNTARY:** Trumpet Voluntary William Goodwin (? - 1784)

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](http://www.belfastcathedral.org)) or our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral/>) to watch this morning's I am online Cathedral Service.

You can also listen to the service through the Telephone Audio facility.

This will be posted during Sunday afternoon.

Please dial: **028 95 320 355** and follow the instructions.

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