



**MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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## Organ voluntary:

The Canticle of the Rose, IV – God the Son *Alan Ridout (1934-96)*

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

*Please remain standing as the choir sings the **HYMN: ICH 30\****

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*for his mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

He, with all-commanding might,  
filled the new-made world with light:

He is the golden-trèssed sun  
caused all day his course to run:

And the silver moon by night  
'mid her spangled sisters bright:

He his chosen race did bless  
in the wasteful wilderness:

Let us, then, with gladness mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*Words: John Milton (1608-74) based on Psalm 136*

*Tune: MONKLAND John Antes (1740-1811)*

## THE GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

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 sit as the choir sings* **PSALM 114: Tonus Peregrinus**

When Israel came out of Egypt:

and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,  
Judah was his sanctuary:

and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled:

Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams:

and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest:

and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams:

and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord:  
at the presence of the God of Jacob;  
Who turned the hard rock into a standing water:  
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

*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 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **CANTICLE:** Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)  
Episcopal Jubilate Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*

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 18:21-35*

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **ANTHEM:** View me, Lord Richard Lloyd (b.1933)*

View me, Lord, a work of thine!  
Shall I then lie downed in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At thine altar pure and white;  
They at once thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys like shadows fade  
When the heavenly light appears;  
But the covenants Thou hast made,  
Endless, know not days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
To thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

**SERMON** by Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

*Please stand as the choir sings the **HYMN:** ICH 9\**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word,  
and our lives would fill with gladness  
in the presence of the Lord.

*Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814-63)*

*Tune: Cross of Jesus*

*Please remain standing and face east 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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ 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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

That all may do to others as they would have done to them, let us pray to the Lord:

Grant to the Church grace to speak the word of pardon and to show its power by her example. Let us then pray for those who will be ordained deacon this afternoon in this cathedral: Andrea Cotter, Sarah Crawford, Nathan Ervine, Alan McCracken, Brendan O'Loan and Janet Spence.

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

Have compassion on the nations that suffer under heavy loads of debt. Bring a new spirit of generosity to us and all who have much, that we may be moved to relieve the burdens of those who have little. May those who hold authority exercise it with mercy.

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

Guide us to be merciful to those who need mercy. In all our relationships may we be the first to forgive and seek to make peace. Bring the spirit of love to solve the disputes and demands which are in this community.

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

We pray for those who bear a heavy burden of personal debt and find no way of escape. Guide those who seek to help them in their problems. We pray for all who find it necessary to seek help from Foodbanks, or who find themselves in the grip of poverty due to changes in circumstances. Have mercy on all who are imprisoned for debt, and on their families.

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

We give thanks for the departed whose debts of sin committed in this world have been forgiven and who have entered into life where anger and fear have ceased. We pray that we in our time may give and receive the same mercy.

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 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 or to study as students. We pray for our own cathedral family, gathered here or still at home. Protect our community from rising infection, we pray, and give wisdom to those 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 108\****

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote  
in Man, for man, the foe,  
the double agony in Man,  
for man, should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90) from 'The Dream of Gerontius'  
Tune: GERONTIUS John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

## **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:***

The Canticle of the Rose, VI – God the Spirit *Alan Ridout (1934-96)*

*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. Today the flowers would have been donated by Mrs Esther Millar in memory of her husband.*



## NOTICES



### **Services Sunday 20 September 2020:**

11.00am Service of the Word

3.30pm Choral Evensong

This afternoon we host the Service of Ordination of Deacons for Connor Diocese. Due to Covid restrictions on numbers we regret that this is strictly an invitation only event. Please pray for the candidates:

#### **Serving an Internship**

Andrea Cotter for the parish of Skerry, Rathcavan and Newtowncommelin

Sarah Crawford for the parish of Derryvolgie

Nathan Ervine for the parish of Magheragall

Alan McCracken for the parishes of Ballynure and Ballyeaston

#### **Serving in the Ordained Local Ministry**

Brendan O'Loan for the parish of Jordanstown

Janet Spence for the parishes of St. Stephen and St. Michael

#### **Belfast Cathedral 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.

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 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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