



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 20th 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:

Diapason Movement (from a voluntary)

Maurice Greene (1695-1755)

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy, and remain standing as the choir sings the
HYMN (ICH 644*):

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast and guide me
in the narrow way,
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
to thy heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more.

Day by day prepare me,
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Words: Thomas B. Pollock (1836-96)

Tune: PASTOR PASTORUM (SILCHER) Frederick Silcher (1789-1860)

Please remain standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and for the **OPENING**
RESPONSES: *Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

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 the **PSALM:** 104: 24-35 *chant by Parratt*

O Lord, how manifold are thy works:

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also:

wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan:

whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee:

that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it:

and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:

when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made:

and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever:

the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him:

if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him:

my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end:

praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

*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 33:23, 30-34:10*

The word of the Lord came to me:

As for you, mortal, your people who talk together about you by the walls, and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to a neighbour, 'Come and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.' They come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they will not obey them. For flattery is on their lips, but their heart is set on their gain. To them you are like a singer of love songs,* one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; they hear what you say, but they will not do it. When this comes—and come it will!—then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and scattered, they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd; and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep; therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT:***
Short Service William Byrd (1543-1623)

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 26:1, 9-25

Agrippa said to Paul, 'You have permission to speak for yourself.' Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

'Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

'With this in mind, I was travelling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads." I asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

'After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.'

While he was making this defence, Festus exclaimed, 'You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!' But Paul said, 'I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth.'

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:**
Short Service *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

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:

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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:** *Teach me, O Lord William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:

and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:

yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:

for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies:

and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity:

and quicken me in thy ways.

O stablish thy word in thy servant:

that I may fear thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

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 stand as the choir sings the **HYMN** (ICH 21):

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not
want
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's
dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Words: William Whittingham (1524-79) Old Scottish metrical version of Psalm 23
Tune: CRIMOND Melody ascribed to Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87) but more probably by David Grant (1833-93) harm. Thomas C.L. Pritchard (1885-1960)*

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:**

Adagio (from a voluntary) John Bennett (1735-1784)

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



NOTICES



Services Sunday 27 September 2020:

11.00am Service of the Word

3.30pm Choral Evensong in Celebration of Music with the Down, Dromore and Connor Organ Scholarship Board

Annual General Vestry Notice

The Annual General Vestry Meeting (usually Easter Vestry) for Belfast Cathedral will be held following the Morning Service
from 11.50am on Sunday 4 October 2020
in the Cathedral Nave.

This year is a Triennial year, with the election of representatives to the Cathedral Board, as Parochial Nominators and as Representatives to Diocesan Synod.

Please plan to attend and vote if you are a Registered as a General Vestry member.

Blessing of Pets on the Cathedral Steps

Sunday 4 October at 2.00- 3.00pm

This year we are unable to host a Pets Service within the cathedral.

However, marking the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 3 October, we encourage owners to bring their pets or working animals to the steps of the cathedral for a Blessing and in Thanksgiving for the aid these animals give to mental health.

Sunday 4th at 3.30pm – Service of Choral Evensong

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