



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 4th October 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.*

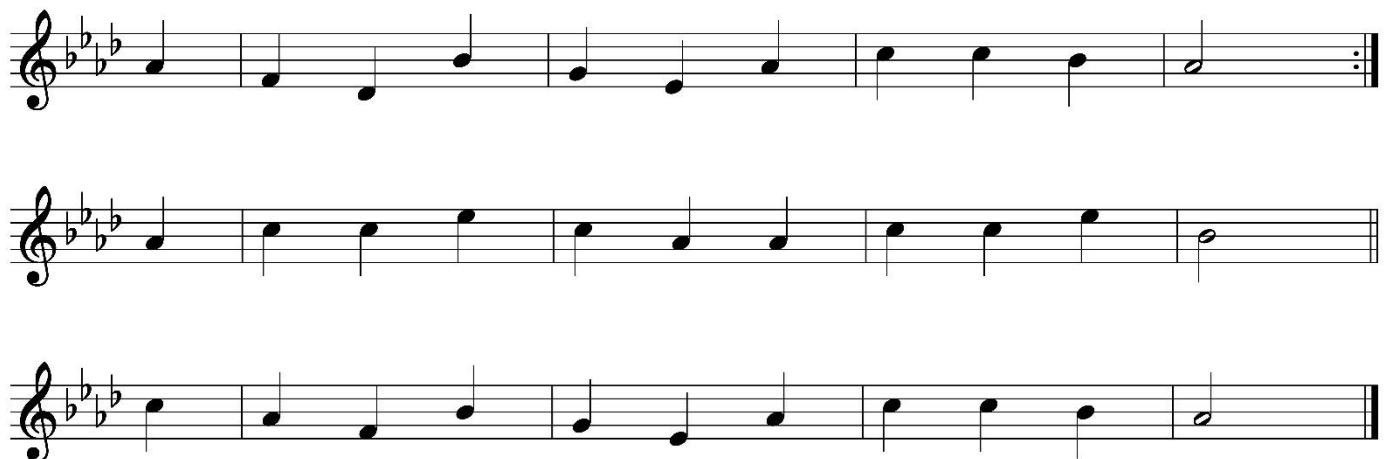
*Members of the Congregation will be seated
 in the designated seats at the front of the Nave.*

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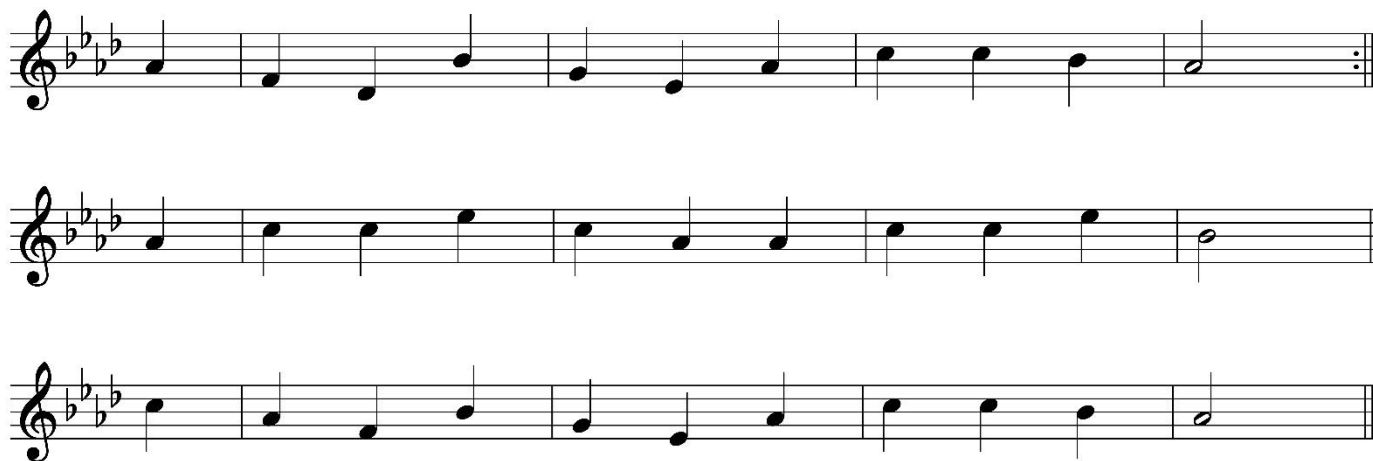
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Music before the Service: Folk Tune Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy, and remain standing to sing the **HYMN**
 (ICH 6):



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**



**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: ST DENIO Welsh hymn melody (1839) founded on a folk tune

*Please remain standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and for the **OPENING RESPONSES:** Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)*

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: 23** chant by Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 **FIRST READING:** Proverbs 2:1-11*

My child, if you accept my words

and treasure up my commandments within you,

making your ear attentive to wisdom

and inclining your heart to understanding;

if you indeed cry out for insight,

and raise your voice for understanding;

if you seek it like silver,

and search for it as for hidden treasures—

then you will understand the fear of the LORD

and find the knowledge of God.

For the LORD gives wisdom;

from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;

he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,

guarding the paths of justice

and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
prudence will watch over you;
and understanding will guard you.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT**: Evening Service in G minor Francis Jackson CBE (b. 1917)*

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**: I John 2:1-17*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only
but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children,

because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,

because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children,

because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,

because you are strong

and the word of God abides in you,

and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:** Evening Service in G
minor Francis Jackson CBE

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:

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ.

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:** The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23) Howard Goodall (b. 1958)*

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,
For you are with me,
You will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy,
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS.***

*These conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:***

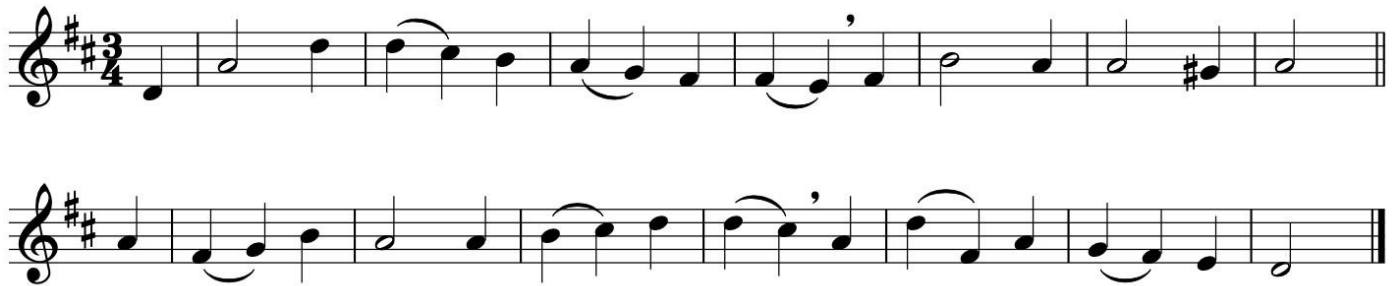
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*All respond: **Amen.***

All say together:

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

Please stand to sing the **HYMN** (ICH 635):



**Lord, be my guardian and my guide,
be near me when I call;
uphold me when my footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
Deliverer from the dead!**

**And if I tempted am to sin,
and evil powers are strong,
be present, Lord, keep watch within
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me always watch and pray,
and know that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he shall not prevail.**

Words: Isaac Williams (1805-65) based on Psalm 17

Tune: ABRIDGE Isaac Smith (1734-1805)

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 standing as the choir and clergy depart and sit for the **Organ Voluntary**:

Toccata in Seven John Rutter CBE (b. 1945)

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.

There is a Retiring Collection at this service.



NOTICES



Next Sunday 11th October 2020
Harvest Sunday and Cathedral Gift Day
11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
3.30pm Choral Evensong for Harvest

Even throughout the Pandemic of the past six months, there is much for which we can give thanks to God though His provision to our places of greatest need.

Our services of Harvest Thanksgiving, with the return of flowers to the cathedral and other tokens which reflect today's world, give us opportunity to return thanks.

The Cathedral Gift Day also allows us to make a special financial thanksgiving to the significant financial needs of our cathedral in this year.

Please make a donation in your regular FWO envelope for 11th October or in a specially marked envelope of your own.