



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
St Luke's Day
Sunday 18th 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.*

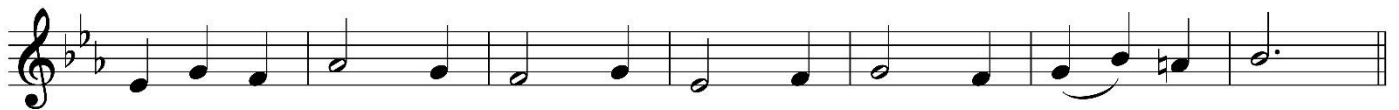
*Members of the Congregation will be seated
in the designated seats at the front of the Nave.*

Name(s): _____

Telephone contact: _____

Music before the Service: Angelus Norman Cocker (1889-1953)

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy, and remain standing to sing the **HYMN**
(ICH 468):*



How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times, ten thousand sound,
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heav'n is but once begun,
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (1645-94)

Tune: COE FEN Kenneth Naylor (1931-91)

*Please remain standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and for the **OPENING RESPONSES:** Richard 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** 103: 1-12: chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies(1869-1941)*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul :

and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul :

and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin :

and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction :

and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things :

making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :

for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses :

his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy :

long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding :

neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins :

nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth :

so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west :

so far hath he set our sins from us.

*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:** Isaiah 61:1-6

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the LORD,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT:** Evening Service in A Flat
Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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:** Colossians 4:7-18

Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here.

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you. He is always wrestling in his prayers on your behalf, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that God wills. For I testify for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, ‘See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.’

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:** Evening Service in A
Flat Basil Harwood

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 ST LUKE'S DAY:

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist, and physician of the soul; may it please thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son 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:** Strengthen ye the weak hands Sir William Harris (1883-1973)*

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth;
and he that is wise will not abhor them.

And he hath giv'n men skill, that he might be honour'd in his marvellous works.

My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright,
and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come; he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be open'd, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopp'd.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be giv'n unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeem'd us,

Save us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

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

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. Amen.

Please stand to sing the **HYMN** (ICH 476):



**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
*alleluia!***

**O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
*alleluia!***

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blessed,
alleluia! alleluia!**

**Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song
alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
alleluia! alleluia!**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
alleluia!**

Words: Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (EASTER SONG) Melody from Geistliche Kirchengesang (Cologne, 1623) arr. R.

Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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:***

Trumpet Tune Andrew Carter (b.1939)

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.

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NOTICES



**Services Next Sunday 25th October
Please Note Clocks Back One Hour**

You will be able to enjoy an extra hour in bed!

11.00am Morning Service Preacher: Mrs G. McGaughey

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Weekday Prayer has Resumed in Belfast Cathedral:

Monday – Thursday, 1pm, Cathedral Nave

Friday, 1pm, – Church’s Ministry of Healing Service, Cathedral Hall

Prior to lockdown a small number of volunteers delivered daily prayer at 1.00pm in the cathedral. In the absence of weekday Evensong we have reinstated this time of prayer, led by the cathedral clergy and others, and augmented to include prayer for the cathedral community, city and world in the current circumstances of Coronavirus.

We encourage you to attend should you be in the vicinity.

We also welcome volunteers who might wish to join a rota to prepare intercessions on an occasional basis.

Please speak to the Dean’s Vicar, or contact the cathedral office.

Remembrance Sunday Afternoon 8th November

You are invited to a Special Service of Evensong

at 3.3pm

which will include the

Cathedral Choir singing

Maurice Duruflé’s

“Requiem”

as a service of reflection and remembering.