



Services and Music List

November 2020

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Dean of Belfast

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Belfast Cathedral

Remembrance Sunday

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM

8 November 2020
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Duruflé's *Requiem* is performed as an act of remembrance, within a devotional service, and interspersed with scripture, war poetry, and prayer.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR

ADAM REANEY baritone

ROSALIE CURLETT cello

JACK WILSON organ

MATTHEW OWENS conductor

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, seating is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Doors open at 3.00pm and masks must be worn.

Admission to this service is free; there will be a retiring collection

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CATHEDRAL**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANNE

WELCOME TO BELFAST CATHEDRAL

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on the musical life of the Cathedral, choral services at the Cathedral remain restricted to Choral Morning Worship and Evensong on Sundays only. For the present, it has not been possible to resume weekday services of Evensong, although a weekday service of daily prayer continues at 1.00pm in the Cathedral nave.

The month of November is seen as a Season of Remembrance. The month begins on All Saints' Day, Sunday 1st November, when we remember before God those whose lives and faith has shaped our own lives. All Saints' Day will also be our first Service of Choral Eucharist, received in both kinds, since March, celebrated at 11.00am. Sunday afternoon Choral Evensong at 3.30pm will also commemorate All Saints' Day, and look to All Souls on the day following. Later in the month Choral Eucharists will be held at 11.00am on Sundays 15th November, and on Advent Sunday 29th November.

Remembrance Sunday on 8th November will be marked with the annual morning Service of Remembrance, starting at the slightly earlier time of 10.55am, so that the 2-minute silence can be observed at 11.00am. The service will include the laying of wreathes and the Cathedral's own Act of Remembrance.

At 3.30pm on Remembrance Sunday, we shall mark a new venture, within an afternoon Service of Reflection. This service will feature the Cathedral Choir singing Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* in tribute to all who have died in war and conflict in both the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Seating for this service will be on a first come, first served basis, and as with all current Cathedral services during the Covid restrictions, face coverings are to be worn by members of the congregation unless exempt.

Thursday 12th November will also feature an event of major significance for the Cathedral and the Cathedral Choir. Within the setting of Choral Evensong starting at 5.30pm, and including a number of invited guests, the Cathedral will launch "Lives Reflected". This online Book of Remembrance is offered as a place of recollection and celebration for all those whose lives that have been lost across our community since the start of lockdown on 23rd March, 2020. Within this Service of Remembering we will begin to share the names and memorials of those who have died during the Coronavirus pandemic in our province. This service marks the start of a project of remembrance centred in our Cathedral.

As the month of November draws to a close, and we look towards a Christmas which will be different from many we have known, we shall share in the Advent Carol Service. Advent points to Christian hope born in places of community darkness. The Advent Carol Service will start at 6.00pm, with congregational seats booked on-line by emailing admin@belfastcathedral.org.

As we look towards Christmas, with the Cathedral still operating under Covid restrictions, and with a maximum seating capacity of around 150 for each service, we shall hold three Festival Services of Nine Lessons and Carols in the week before Christmas. Services will be held on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Christmas Eve 24th December. Each service will start at 7.30pm. Once again, seating must be pre-booked on-line by e-mailing admin@belfastcathedral.org. Regrettably this year, due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, there will be no service of Midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. However, there will be a full Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas morning at 11.00am on Christmas Day.

In these most challenging of times, and through the month of remembering and remembrance we continue to lay hold of a Christian faith which calls us to hope out of darkness, and to faith out of despair, expressed through the music of our Cathedral and the eternal "beauty of holiness".

The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, *Dean of Belfast*

ABOUT BELFAST CATHEDRAL

Belfast Cathedral, (the Cathedral Church of St Anne) is a Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion (Episcopalian). It is unusual in serving two separate dioceses, The Diocese of Connor, and The Diocese of Down and Dromore; it therefore has not one but two Bishops' Seats.

The Cathedral has stood for 120 years as a place of Christian worship in the heart of the City of Belfast. Featuring the 56-metre stainless steel *Spire of Hope* (added in 2007), detailed mosaics by the sisters Gertrude and Margaret Martin, elaborately carved stonework by sculptors Rosamond Praeger, Morris Harding, and Esmond Burton, and beautiful stained-glass windows, this Hiberno-Romanesque building is one of the ecclesiastical and architectural highlights of Northern Ireland.

The splendid acoustic of the Cathedral is the setting for the 4-manual Harrison & Harrison organ, a Wells-Kennedy chamber organ, and a 2-manual organ by the renowned Dutch firm, Klop. The fully adult, professional Cathedral Choir currently sings for Sunday Services as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. Over the years the Cathedral choirs have sung on national and local radio and television, and have undertaken concerts and tours. There is also a Children's Choir, giving musical opportunities to children across Belfast and beyond.

Belfast Cathedral sits at the heart of The Cathedral Quarter, which is known for its unique and artisan shops, wide variety of restaurants, and buzzing nightlife, close to the Titanic Quarter, and the city centre itself.

The clergy, staff, congregation, and volunteers of Belfast Cathedral look forward to offering you a warm welcome.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong takes place in the Quire (or choir section) of the Cathedral. During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, the congregation is invited to be seated in the Nave.

Evensong is taken from the centuries-old *Book of Common Prayer*. Prepared primarily by Thomas Cranmer, who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533, it was viewed as a compromise between old and new ideas. The book's service of Evensong uses elements of the ancient monastic evening services of Vespers and Compline. It is centred on two canticles, or songs: the Magnificat (the Song of Mary, from the Gospel of Luke), and the Nunc dimittis (the Song of Simeon, also from the Gospel of Luke). In addition there sung prayers (the Preces and Responses), a sung Psalm, or Psalms (from the Old Testament); and an anthem, which may reflect a particular season or Saint's Day. These choral offerings are interspersed with bible readings and spoken prayers.

Sacred music within the liturgy is one of the church's greatest cultural and religious heritages, and is enjoyed by those of all faiths and those of no faith. The choir and minister offer an evening thanksgiving to Almighty God on behalf of the congregation gathered in this iconic building. It is our hope that you will feel a very warm welcome and leave Belfast Cathedral feeling refreshed and uplifted.

INFORMATION

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Belfast Cathedral uses the New Revised Standard Version translation of the bible for all services. Reading selections are taken from the Church of Ireland Lectionary.

CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir, a fully adult, professional choir. There are also opportunities for boys and girls aged between 7 and 14 to sing in the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, which is recruiting this term. The Cathedral's Director of Music, Mr Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers. Please email him via music@belfastcathedral.org

COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever denomination you are.

HYMNS

Hymn numbers in this publication and in orders of service refer to the Irish Church Hymnal or the New English Hymnal (marked 'NEH', where applicable).

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

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A SUPERB OPPORTUNITY FOR
MUSICALLY TALENTED
BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 7-14

BELFAST CATHEDRAL IS
RECRUITING CHORISTERS

For full details about auditioning for
Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir,
please contact the Cathedral's Director of Music,
Mr Matthew Owens

Email: music@belfastcathedral.org
Telephone: 028 90 328 332

NOVEMBER

1 SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS' DAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Travers *Cornet Voluntary*

Hymn 468

Victoria *Missa 'O quam gloriosum'*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Hymn 427

Frescobaldi *Canzona Quinta*

Victoria *O quam gloriosum*

Hymn 476

J.S. Bach *Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Saint-Saëns *Pro Martyribus (Sept Improvisations)*

Hymn 104

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Proper Psalm: 150 (Stanford)

Howells *Gloucester Service*

Bullock *Give us the wings of faith*

Hymn 630

Dupré *Placare Christe servulis (from Le Tombeau de Titelouze)*

Weekday Cathedral Prayers take place Monday – Friday at 1.00 p.m., in the Nave of the Cathedral; all are welcome.

NOVEMBER

8 SUNDAY: Remembrance Sunday

11.00 a.m. ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
Thalben-Ball *Elegy*
Hymns 537, 533, 536
Psalm 130 (Walford Davies)
Guest *They shall grow not old*
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock,
Dean's Vicars
Vaughan Williams *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*
Elgar, arranged Gower *Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)*

3.30 p.m. SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
A devotional performance of Maurice Duruflé's
Requiem, Op. 9, interspersed with war poetry and
prayers

12 THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG and the launch of 'Lives Reflected' online Book of Remembrance, acknowledging the impact of Covid-19
Ayleward *Preces and Responses; Stone Lord's Prayer*
Psalm 23 (Walford Davies)
Philip Moore *Third Service*
Stanford *Iustorum animae*
Walford Davies *Solemn Melody*

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NOVEMBER

15 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday before Advent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Howells *Tranquillo ma con moto* (No. 1 from *Six Short pieces for Organ*)

Hymn 346

Howells *Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*

Preacher: The Venerable David Higgins, Archdeacon
of Down

Whitlock *Pazienza*

Hymn 324

Mathias *Jubilate, Op. 67, no. 2*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Dupuis *Trumpet Voluntary*

Hymn 250

Smith *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 78, vv 1-17 (Tone I)

Weelkes *Short Service*

Victoria *Quicumque Christe quaeritis*

Hymn 491

Frescobaldi *Canzona Sesta*

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NOVEMBER

22 SUNDAY: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Whitlock *Exultemus (from Seven Sketches on Verses
from the Psalms)*

Hymn 281

Walton *Jubilate Deo*

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*

Bairstow *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 398

Guilmant *Marche sur un thème de Hændel,
Op. 15, No 2*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG, attended by the Belfast

Cathedral Past Choristers' Association

Gibbons *A Short Prelude of Four Parts*

Hymn 34

Smith *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 108 (Randall, Cooper)

Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor*

Handel *Lift up your heads (from 'Messiah')*

Hymn 263

Boyce, arranged Gower *Allegro (from Symphony in
D, op. 2 no. 5)*

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NOVEMBER

29 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

J.S. Bach *Präludium c-moll, BWV 546, i*

Hymn 140

Byrd *Mass for four voices*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Hymn 142

J.S. Bach *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*

J.S. Bach *Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 600*

Hymn 127

Byrd *Rorate caeli, desuper*

J.S. Bach *Fuge c-moll, BWV 546, ii*

6.00 p.m. ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

A service of readings, traditional congregational carols,
and music for Advent

The congregation is asked to be seated by 5.50 p.m.

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Details of services, concerts and events can also be found on the Cathedral's website and social media channels at



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