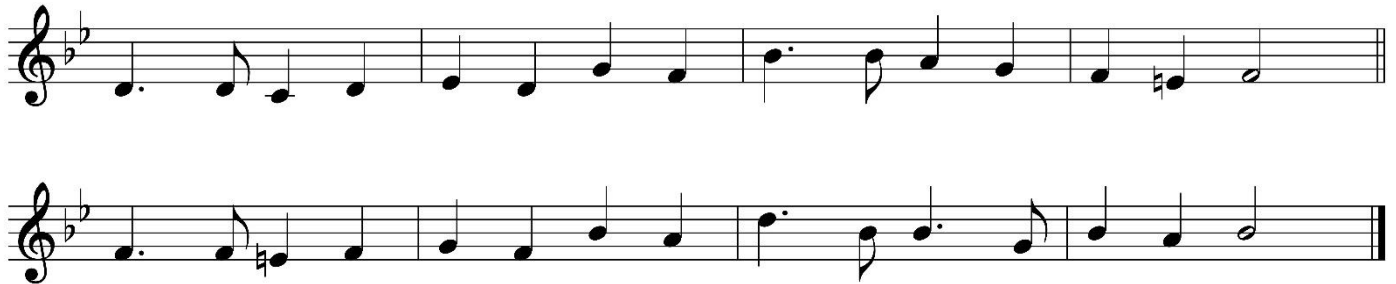




**LIVESTREAMED MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 17th January 2021
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Music before the service: Marche des Rois Mages *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

OPENING HYMN (ICH 584*):



**Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me':**

**as of old apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give to you our heart's obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)
Tune: ST. ANDREW E. H. Thomas (1834-1916)*

The Dean Welcomes the Online congregation.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord.

Malachi 1:11

PENITENCE

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins. *cf Titus 2:11-14*

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.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O 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.

PSALM: 139:1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place:
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before:
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot attain it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you:
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished:
already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned:
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God:
How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand:
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

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.**

FIRST READING: I Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Great and Wonderful (*Revelation 15:3-4 & 15:13b*)

Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God the Almighty:

just and true are your ways O King of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord:

for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb:

be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

SECOND READING: John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Words: Psalm 5:8 & Psalm 4:9

Music: S.S. Wesley (1810-76)

SERMON by Canon M. Niblock, Dean's Vicar

ANTHEM:

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. Help us all, in these challenging times, to find new ways of expressing our care and new opportunities to deepen our unity. Bless Christian leaders, praying in particular for Bishop George and Bishop David.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. Giving thanks for the dedication of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers, we ask your care and protection to rest upon them. Grant that, out of respect to them, people may be compassionate in their attitude and responsible in their conduct.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. We pray for teachers and educators, pupils and students, those facing transition and those anxious about disruptions to their grades. Bless parents struggling to conduct home learning, and hold in your care those who are vulnerable in their own homes at this time.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. We pray for those who are suffering bereavement, for those who are concerned for family members or friends, and for all who are passing through their own battle with Coronavirus. Grant strength, reassurance and peace to them, and watch over those whom they love.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever. Giving thanks for the faithful departed who loved and served you in their time, we pray for grace to stand firm in the joys and sorrows of our lives, and come to know more deeply the blessing of your presence.

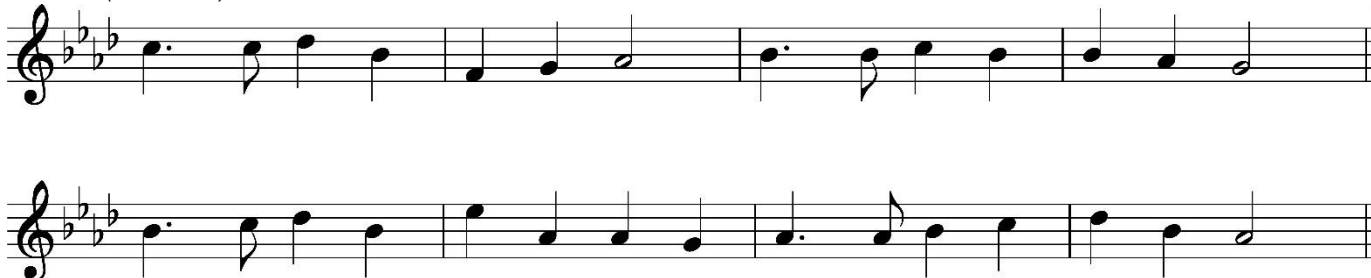
Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

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 hospitals and nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. Guide all scientists seeking to understand this new wave of infection we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading through this pandemic. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself in service of others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN (ICH 660):



**Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be,
here and in eternity.**

**Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.**

**Thine for ever! O how blessed
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.**

**Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.**

Words: Mary F. Maude (1819-1913)

Tune: NEWINGTON William D. Maclagan (1826-1910)

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world: 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.

Organ Voluntary: In dir is Freude BWV 615 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Organist: Jack Wilson

Soloist: Ethan Darby

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**Form of Declaration to apply as an
Accustomed Member for the
General Vestry of the Cathedral
Parish of St Anne, Belfast.**

I, *(Insert your Full Names)*.....

Of *(Insert your full address)*.....

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do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I have for three calendar months last past been, and now am, an accustomed member of the congregation attending the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, in the parish of St Anne, Belfast, in the diocese of Connor, and that I am not registered as a vestry member in any other church or chapel or church hall in Ireland as an accustomed member of the congregation.

Signed.....

Name (in block capitals).....

Address.....

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Date



NOTICES



A Service of Evening Prayer for use at home is available for download from the cathedral website.

Sunday 24th January 2021: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

11.00am Livestreamed Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word.

Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Following guidance issued by the Northern Ireland Executive, and the lead given by Church Authorities, Morning Worship from Belfast Cathedral will continue to be Livestreamed at 11am each Sunday morning until Sunday 14th February, 2020.

Until this date, most of the cathedral staff will also be “home working”, and so the Cathedral Offices will not be routinely open.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Revd Janice Elsdon, the Dean’s Vicar or the Dean.

A Form of Declaration to Register as an Accustomed Member of the General Vestry of the Cathedral Parish of St Anne Belfast is printed on page 7 of this service booklet. If you are over the age of 18, have contributed to the cathedral finances, and wish your name to be added to the Register of Vestry Members, please complete this form, scan a copy and e-mail it to the Dean (dean@belfastcathedral.org) by Sunday 14th February, 2021.

The Meeting to revise the Register of Vestry Members will be held on Thursday 18th February, 2021

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Name of Account: **Parochial No 1 Current Account**

Sort Code: **90-21-27**

Account Number: **10006051**

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and posted to **The Deanery, 5 Deramore Drive, Belfast. BT9 5JQ.**

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