



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**



FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
Easter Day

Sunday 4th April 2021

11:00am

*Welcome back 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.

*Please leave this service sheet **ON YOUR SEAT**
when you leave at the end of the service.*

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

Dean Stephen Forde

Organ Prelude: Fanfare William Matthias (1934-92)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN** (271) during the entrance of the clergy:



Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who did once upon the cross, *alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*
unto Christ our heavenly King, *alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save, *alleluia!*

But the pains that he endured, *alleluia!*
our salvation have procured, *alleluia!*
now above the sky he's King, *alleluia!*
where the angels ever sing, *alleluia!*

Words: Anon., Lyra Davidica (1708) based on a 14th century MS

Tune: EASTER HYMN Adpt. in The Compleat Psalmodist (1749) from a melody in Lyra Davidica (1708)

Welcome from the Dean and the **LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE**

THE EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6:4

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.**

Please stand whilst the choir sings the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnum gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu
Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of goodwill.*

*We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;*

qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostrum.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu
solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.*

Setting: Missa Brevis C-dur, K. 217 "Kleine Orgel-Messe" W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the crowd in Caesarea: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the **PSALM:** 118:1-2, 14-24*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:

because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious:

and that his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord is my strength, and my song:

and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous:

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence:

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live:

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me:

but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness:

that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord:

the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me:

and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused:

is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made:

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*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:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the

scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the **ALLELUIA**:

1st time: Cantor

2nd time: All

Verse: Cantor

Repeat: All



Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed: therefore let us celebrate the festival. (*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

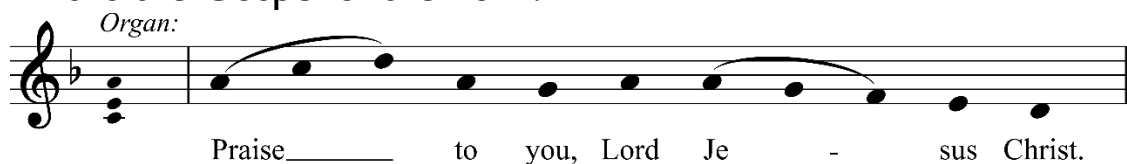


Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Reverend Stephen Forde

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit.

As disciples who know that Christ is risen let us pray for the Church and for the world:

As your Church rejoices this day in the Resurrection of her Lord and Saviour, may her worship be reverent and her proclamation faithful. May every Christian soul respond in faith to the call of the Master and make haste to tell the good news.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Let the Easter hope be known in all the world. Give light to those who seek, assurance to those who doubt, and peace to all. May Christ be known as the only Lord, the only hope of the nations.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Be with our families and friends and all who share with us the wonderful day of Resurrection. May the presence of Christ bring us close to those who are separated from us in these days, in the knowledge that no distance can part us from his love.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those who stand at the open door of faith but are held back by doubt or fear of their unworthiness. Draw them in, that they may begin the new life that Christ has brought. Help and comfort those for whom suffering and sorrow mar the happiness of this day.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who, having shared with Christ the death of the body, now share with him the eternal life of his Resurrection. May the promise that has been fulfilled in them be our hope in this world and our place in the world to come.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

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. Stand with those who grieve. Give your strength to all who continue to work in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide all who seek to understand the new variants of the infection, and those who are administering the vaccines. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading us in new ways out of the current Lockdown. 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.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciple and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **OFFERTORY HYMN: 283**



The Day of Resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light:
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor-strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.

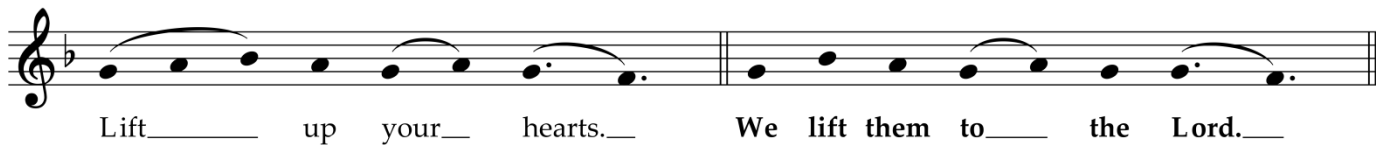
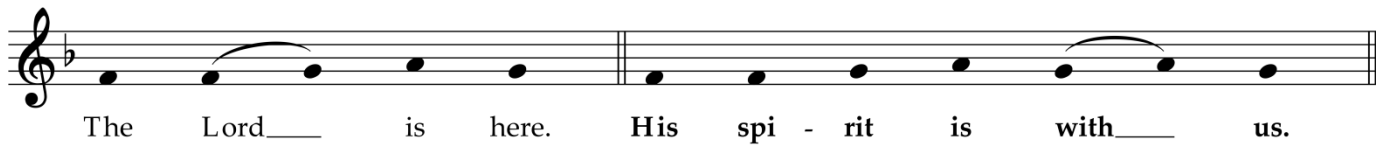
*Words: John of Damascus (c.675-750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)
Tune: ELLACOMBE Melody from Württemberg Gesangbuch (1784)*

Please remain standing.

Be present, be present Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; and make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS**: Setting: *Missa Brevis C-dur, K. 217 "Kleine Orgel-Messe"* W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**: Setting: Missa Brevis C-dur, K. 217 "Kleine Orgel-Messe" W.A. Mozart (1756-91)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

The choir receive communion first, whereupon the clergy will move to the chancel steps to administer to the congregation. Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service

During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM**:

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ. And he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of Lords, and he shall reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah (from Messiah) G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.



GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand for the **HYMN**: 288



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)

Tune: MACCABEUS G.F. Handel (1685-1759) adpt. From a chorus in Judas Maccabeus (1746)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (Symphonie pour orgue No. 5) C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

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NOTICES



We thank Mrs Lynne Paul, Mr Sam Porter and the sextoning team who have extensively cleaned and prepared the cathedral for our Good Friday and Easter Day services following building work carried out over the past two weeks.

We also thank our cathedral choir, Mr Jack Wilson and Mr Matthew Owens for all the music prepared and performed during our Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Day Services.

And from the Dean, the Cathedral Vergers and the whole Clergy Team we wish you all the joy of this Easter Day, as with renewed faith we return to worship God within the space of this cathedral.

Sunday 11 April 2021: The Second Sunday of Easter

11.00am Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word

Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

We encourage you to join us in person for this service in the cathedral.

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on the Belfast Cathedral Facebook page:

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