



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

**MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 11th April 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter**



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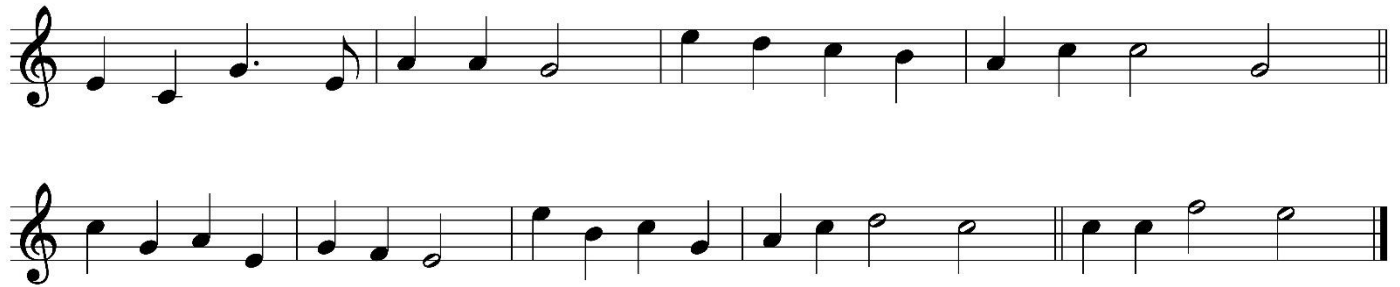
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Organ Prelude

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 272***



Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives: by this we know
now the grave cannot enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Words: Christian F. Gellert (1715-69) tr. Frances E. Cox (1812-97)

Tune: ST ALBINUS Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)

The congregation is welcomed

THE 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. / *Peter 1:3*

PENITENCE

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Please kneel or sit

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.**

Please stand

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

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

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ 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.

*Please remain standing to say the **PSALM:** 133*

Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,

Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing: ♦
even life for evermore.

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.**

Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** The Easter Anthems (*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*)

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
**therefore let us celebrate the feast,
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more;
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying, he died to sin once for all;
in living, he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin;
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead:
the firstfruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death,
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**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.**

Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

ANTHEM:

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Henry Loosemore (c.1605-1670)

Please stand to say the **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.

Please kneel or sit

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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS DURING A TIME OF NATIONAL MOURNING FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

Eternal God, Creator of the universe and Lord of all life,
we remember today the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
We give thanks for his long and full life,
For his strength of character and devotion to family, nation and
Commonwealth.

We recall with gratitude his service in the Royal Navy,
His enthusiasm for science, and his commitment to wildlife conservation
and the environment.

We celebrate his commitment to generations of young people
through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme and many other causes.
Now we pray that he may know the rest of your everlasting kingdom,
where sorrow and pain are no more.

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

Most merciful God, Whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
In these days of mourning, surround the Queen and the whole Royal Family
with your love and strength,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your
goodness.

Be their refuge and strength, O Lord;
and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence.
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying has destroyed our death, and by
rising, has restored our life. In this season of Easter, come alongside your
people,
to remind them of your eternal presence and give them your comfort and
strength.

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort:
Deal graciously, we pray, with all whose lives have been touched by the life and
work of Prince Philip, and all who mourn his death across this Nation and
throughout the Commonwealth;
May they cast all their cares on you,
and may they may know the consolation of your peace;

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and
returned to you in glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we
entrust your servant Philip into your eternal keeping in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord, who, though he died, is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived
and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

*Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.***

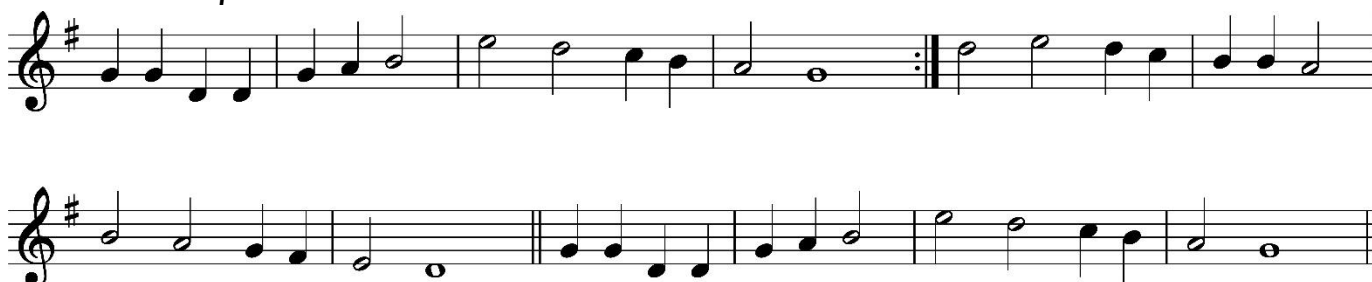
A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

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, though exhausted, 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 a way 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.

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Please stand for the **CLOSING HYMN: ICH 262**



Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia, now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia, yet again,
to the Spirit raising!

*Words: John of Damascus (c.675-c.750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) based on Exodus 15; Luke 24
Tune: ST JOHN DAMASCENE Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)*

THE BLESSING

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

Organ Voluntary

Soloist: Matthew Quinn

Organist: Jack Wilson

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11.00am Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon

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