



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**MORNING PRAYER:  
A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
11.00am  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

The service will be followed by the  
Annual Easter General Vestry Meeting 2021

*In due course we hope to resume congregational singing. However, unfortunately, due to ongoing Public Health concerns, we ask members of the congregation not to sing the hymns during this morning's service.*

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.  
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.  
We ask you to wear a face covering throughout your visit.  
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.  
These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.  
Thank you.*

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Organ Prelude:** Ruhig bewegt (Sonate II) *Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)*

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 260\***

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)*

*Tune: TRURO Melody from Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)*

*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. *1 Peter 1:3*

**PENITENCE**

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: 22:25-31***

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦

**those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦

**and he rules over the nations.**

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦

**or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?**

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦

**this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦

**declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

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 **READING:** John 15:1-8

Jesus said to the eleven, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to say the **EASTERTIDE 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.**

**SERMON FOR EASTER VESTRY SUNDAY** *by the Dean*

## **ANTHEM:**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:      Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a way as gives us breath;      such a light as shows a feast;  
such a truth as ends all strife;      such a feast as mends in length;  
such a life as killeth death.      such a strength as makes a 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: David Cooper (1949-2008)*

## *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.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession that our prayer may be perfected by his prayer:

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, where your Church is broken, teach it to serve in humility and love.

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

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, bless the world, that leaders and politicians may be subject to your just and gentle rule.

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

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, bless those in need, distress, or sorrow, praying especially for the people of India in their current crisis.

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

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround us with your saints and angels make us strong to trust your promises and obey your will.

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 in this country and across the world. Stand with those who grieve. Give your strength to all who work in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide scientists tracking the new variants of the infection, and those who administer the vaccines. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading our Nation. 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.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your**  
**Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand for the **CLOSING HYMN: ICH 289**

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:	My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber; till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:
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*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

*Words: George R Woodward (1848-1934) Refrain based on 1 Corinthians 15:13-14, v.2 based on Psalm 16:9  
Tune: VRUECHTEN (EASTER CAROL) Melody in David's Psalmen (Amsterdam, 1685) harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

## **THE BLESSING**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: 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:** Lebhaft (Sonate II) Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.*

**We ask that members of the congregation  
not planning to attend the Annual Easter General Vestry Meeting  
exit the building straight away.**

**Please do not congregate on the west steps.**

*Thank you.*

Soloist: Susan Shepherd

Organist: Matthew Owens

**ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY FOLLOWS THIS SERVICE****Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)**

11.00am Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word

*Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader***This service will be held in the Quire of the Cathedral. Please enter via the Cathedral Offices and not the West Doors.****Please remember that you can continue to make your FWO contribution to the Cathedral via On-line Banking:**

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