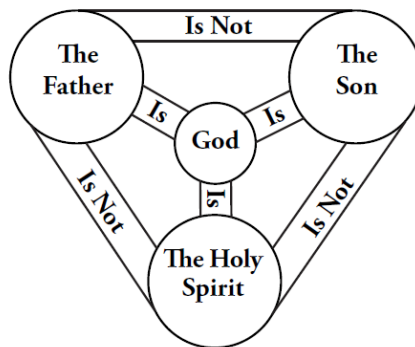




**MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 30th May 2021
11.00am
Trinity Sunday**



Please take your seat within the Quire Area of the Cathedral

*In response to relaxations of Covid restrictions,
the congregation may now join in singing the hymns.
Please ensure that your face covering is in place, and sing softly.*

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.

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Organ Prelude: O lux beata Trinitas *Matthias Weckman (1619-74)*

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN:** ICH 321

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy: there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Words: Reginald Heber (1781-1826) based on Revelation 4:8-11; Isaiah 6:1-8

Tune: NICAEA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Please sit

The congregation is welcomed

Please stand

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Round the throne of God, day and night they never cease to sing, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' *Revelation 4:8*

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.

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

cf Ephesians 4:30, 32

Please kneel or sit

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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: 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ◆
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ◆
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ◆
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ◆
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; ♦

in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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:** Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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.**

Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast

ANTHEM: Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Holy is the Father, holy is the Son,

holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.

Text: Para. Isaiah 6:3

Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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, and 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 and everlasting God, you have given us you servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **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

We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

We plead before your heavenly throne.

Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found: we pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments. We lift before you the people of Israel and Gaza at this time, also the people of Belarus and all places where there is unrest, fear or tension.

Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace:

We plead before your heavenly throne.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord: we pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours. Grant us humility, integrity, compassion and courage to live the gospel values in the circumstances of our lives.

Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace:

we plead before your heavenly throne.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: we pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying. Bless those who work in the fields of medicine, nursing care, counselling and palliative care, that they may work with compassion and respect. Hold to your care all adopted children of every age, and all separated birth mothers.

Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace:

we plead before your heavenly throne.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One: we pray for ourselves, for your Church, for all whom we remember before you. Hold us in your loving mercy and strengthen us to serve you and one another as you have called us to do.

Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity, as we worship you, saying, **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

○ 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 in every country. 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. **Amen.**

Please stand for the **CLOSING HYMN: ICH 323***

**The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sions' sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'**

**The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.**

*Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) based on the Jewish Yigdal
Tune: LEONI Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) from the singing of Meyer Lyon of the London
Great Synagogue, adpt. c.1770*

Please remain standing

CLOSING ACCLAMATIONS

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; ascribe to the Lord the honour
due to his name:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every
side, and guide you in truth and peace: 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.

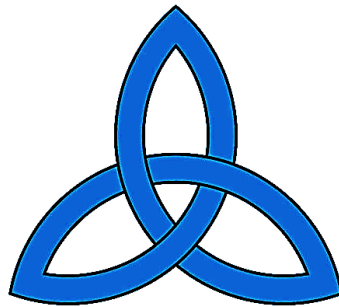
Organ Voluntary: Fugue in E flat, BWV 552, ii J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Soloist: Ali Darragh

Organist: Matthew Owens

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.
We ask that members of the congregation exit the cathedral via the Treasury Door,
down the stairs or lift, and through the Cathedral Hall.*

Thank you.



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NOTICES



Sunday 6th June 2021: the First Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White

This service will be held in the Quire of the Cathedral. However you may enter the cathedral via the West Doors, and park in the cathedral car parks.

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

For those who cannot do so, there will be a livestream

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