



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

**MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 13th June 2021
11.00am
The Second Sunday after Trinity**

*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.

Name(s): _____

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Organ Prelude: Paziienza (No. 2 from Reflections) Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 634**



**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Matthew 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 5:17

Tune: BLAENWERN William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)

Please sit

The congregation is welcomed

Please stand

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

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.

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

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.

Please remain standing to say the PSALM: 20

May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble, ♦
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his sanctuary ♦
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings ♦
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire ♦
and fulfil all your mind.

May we rejoice in your salvation and triumph in the name of our God; ♦
may the Lord perform all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed; ♦
he will answer him from his holy heaven, with the mighty strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, ♦
but we will call only on the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down and fallen, ♦
but we are risen and stand upright.

O Lord, save the king ♦
and answer us when we call upon you.

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:** I Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated for the **ANTHEM:***

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit, and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be
compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: accredited to 'R.H.' in 'Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs', 1784

Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-87)

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said to the crowd, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by the Reverend Janice Elsdon

Please remain seated for the **ANTHEM:**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119: 33
Music: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

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

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **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

Let us pray that the will of God shall be fulfilled in the Church and in the world:

Strengthen the Church to nourish and to spread the good seed of your Word entrusted to her care. We pray for those who work in education and those who have been called to the work of evangelism and Christian formation. Bless your ministers as they work for the coming of the Kingdom. We pray for George, bishop of Connor, and David, bishop of Down & Dromore, and for the clergy and readers under their care. Use them and enable them, so that the harvest may be abundant.

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

Bring your grace to work silently in the hidden places of the world, to bring to fruition the good that is as yet unknown. We pray for those whose faith brings danger, discrimination or disdain, and all who are imprisoned for conscience. May your Kingdom come, not only through those who have authority, but through all the humble and unregarded who seek to live in love and peace.

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

Come to us in the little things, in the daily round of home and work, in the passing encounters with those we may not see again. Help us to live more in the present, and grant us the gift of gratitude for the things we have, rather than longing for things we do not. Bless this community, to be a refuge for the afflicted and a shelter for those in need.

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

Comfort all who despair because their labour seems to be in vain. We pray for families who are struggling with debt, relationship breakdown or violent abuse. Give them hope and the strength to persevere until your will for them is completed. We pray for those with authority in the world, and for the Leaders of the G7 Nations as they grapple with the dilemmas of the present, and concerns for the future.

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

We give thanks for all whose lives have grown through this world until the end. Grant them new life, fulfilling beyond all earthly understanding the promises in which they trusted and the joy that they have known, and bring us in our time to the same rest and joy.

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 today. Stand with those who grieve the losses of the last year. Give your strength to all who work in hospitals, nursing homes, and in the community. Guide those who are tracking new variants of the infection, and those who are administering the vaccines. Give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church, politics and society in all the decisions they must make. 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.**

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

Please stand for the **CLOSING HYMN: ICH 549***



**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

Words: John Whittier (1807-92)

Tune: REPTON C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: 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:

Andante Tranquillo (from Five Short Pieces) Percy Whitlock

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.
We ask that members of the congregation exit the building straight away
and **do not congregate on the west steps.***

Thank you.

<p>Please join us for Choral Evensong this afternoon at 3.30pm</p>
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NOTICES



3.30pm This Afternoon – 13th June
Resumption of Cathedral Choral Evensong

(for the next two Sundays)

Evening Service in D *Ernest John Moeran*

The Cherubic Hymn *Mikhail Glinka*

**Do please take the opportunity to join us for the glory and beauty of
Choral Evensong**

Sunday 20th June 2021: The Third Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Celebrant: Rev Janice Elsdon

(Marking the 25th Anniversary of her Ordination as Priest)

3.30pm Cathedral Choral Evensong

With the Installation of Archdeacon Ken Higgins

As Chancellor in the Cathedral Chapter of St Anne.

Welcoming his family, friends

and the Parishioners of St Donard's Parish, Bloomfield.

We encourage you to join us in person for these services.
For those who cannot do so, there will be a Morning livestream
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