

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 20th June 2021 3.30pm

Choral Evensong with the Installation of The Venerable Kenneth Higgins as Chancellor in the Cathedral Chapter

Welcome 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 in your seat at the end of the service. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. The congregation will be seated in the designated seats at the front of the Nave. Thank you.

Name(s):	 	
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Organ Prelude: Minuet (from Fireworks Music) George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy and to sing the **HYMN:** ICH 3



God is love: let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.

God is love: and is enfolding all the world in one embrace; his unfailing grasp is holding every child of every race; and when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939) Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH Cyril V. Taylor (1907-91)

The Dean's Vicar welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

ACT OF INSTALLATION

The Reverend Canon Gareth Harron shall say:

Bishop George, I present to you the Venerable Kenneth Higgins, Archdeacon of Down, to be installed as Chancellor of this Cathedral.

The Reverend Canon Ronnie Nesbitt reads the mandate

Maintaining social distance, the Bishop of Connor shall then lead the new Chancellor to his stall and, seating him there, say:

I, George, Bishop of Connor, do receive and install you, the Venerable Kenneth Higgins, to be Chancellor of this Cathedral Church of St. Anne, and I do assign to you this stall in the cathedral and do invest you with all the rights and privileges thereto belonging; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, mercifully behold your servant now called to the office of Chancellor of this Cathedral and so replenish him with the truth of your doctrine and adorn him with innocency of life, that both by word and good example he may faithfully serve you in this office, to the glory of your name and the welfare of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:** setting by Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

without end. Amen.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM**: 104:24-35 chant by Sir Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works;

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also;

wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan; whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee;

that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it;

and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled;

when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made;

and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him;

if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him;

my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end;

praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

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 FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 10:1-16 read by Mrs Ann Higgins

Hear the word that the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

Do not learn the way of the nations,

or be dismayed at the signs of the heavens;

for the nations are dismayed at them.

For the customs of the peoples are false:

a tree from the forest is cut down.

and worked with an axe by the hands of an artisan;

people deck it with silver and gold;

they fasten it with hammer and nails

so that it cannot move.

Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk.

Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor is it in them to do good.

There is none like you, O LORD;
you are great, and your name is great in might.
Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?
For that is your due;
among all the wise ones of the nations
and in all their kingdoms
there is no one like you.
They are both stupid and foolish;
the instruction given by idols
is no better than wood!

Beaten silver is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz.

They are the work of the artisan and of the hands of the goldsmith; their clothing is blue and purple; they are all the product of skilled workers.

But the LORD is the true God;

he is the living God and the everlasting King.

At his wrath the earth quakes,

and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

Thus shall you say to them: The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens.

It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth.

He makes lightnings for the rain,

and he brings out the wind from his storehouses.

Everyone is stupid and without knowledge; goldsmiths are all put to shame by their idols; for their images are false, and there is no breath in them.

They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. Not like these is the LORD, the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT**: Knaresborough Service, Philip Wilby (b.1949) - Northern Ireland Premiere

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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 LESSON:** Romans I 1:25-36 read by the Venerable Ken Higgins So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;

he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

'And this is my covenant with them,

when I take away their sins.'

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

'For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counsellor?'

'Or who has given a gift to him,

to receive a gift in return?'

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:** Knaresborough Service, Philip Wilby (b. 1949) - Northern Ireland Premiere

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Standing, we face east to recite the **APOSTLES' CREED**:

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Priest: The Lord be with you. Choir: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us. Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us. Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir:

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O

God.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir: Amen.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord: and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

The choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Words: 'God's Grandeur' Gerald Manley Hopkins (1844-89) Music: Philip Wilby (b.1949) — Northern Ireland Premiere

Please kneel or sit for the OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

The prayers conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All respond: Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship, of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All respond: Amen.

Please stand to sing the **HYMN:** ICH 108*



Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise; in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

O generous love! that he who smote in Man, for man, the foe, the double agony in Man, for man, should undergo;

and in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high, should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise; in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90) from 'The Dream of Gerontius' Tune: GERONTIUS John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Please remain standing as the Bishop of Connor pronounces THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All respond: Amen.

Please remain standing for the departure of the clergy

Organ Voluntary:

Carillon Herbert Murril (1909-52)

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.

Sunday 27th June 2021: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity 11.00am A Service of the Word

We encourage you to join us in person for our services.

For those who cannot do so, there will be a Morning Worship livestream on the Belfast Cathedral Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral/



Special Day of Reflection Event: Monday 21st June, 'Courage to Lament'

On Monday 21st June, Belfast Cathedral will host a 'Courage to Lament' event, including a midday service, in partnership with the Corrymeela Community and Father Martin Magill of St John's Parish, Falls Road.

21st June is marked as an annual Day of Reflection acknowledging ongoing consequences of the Northern Ireland conflict. The event will provide an opportunity to acknowledge and lament the ongoing hurt and division caused by the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Between I I am and 2pm, the Cathedral will host a number of interactive exhibition spaces to encourage reflection and remembering. This will include a space to show the film 'Vacancies', which highlights vacant places left behind for the over 3600 people who were killed during the 40 years of the Troubles. Readings from the Book 'Lost Lives' will personalize the impact of lives taken through the violence. There will also be opportunities to signpost a range of organisations who offer support. Finally the cathedral's own 'Lives Reflected' project will feature the additional losses of those who have died during the past 15 months of the Covid pandemic.

12 noon - 1.00pm Service of Lament

The service will include film, drama, music, prayer, reflection and silence. Participants will be seated and socially distanced within the Cathedral nave.

All welcome to come in and spend some time at any stage during the 3 hours.

Please remember to make your FWO contribution to the Cathedral as you leave the cathedral this morning. Or via On-line Banking:

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