



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**MORNING PRAYER:  
A SERVICE OF THE WORD  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
11.00am  
The Fourth 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:** Feuille d'album *Howard Skempton* (b. 1947)

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN:** ICH 376



**Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
or else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold your Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heav'nly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives!**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.**

*Words: Richard Baxter (1615-91) v.3 by John Hampden Gurney (1802-62)  
Tune: DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup> John Darwall (1731-1789) Descant by Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)*

*Please sit*

*The congregation is welcomed*

*Please stand*

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Jesus said: 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28:20*

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**

○ 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: 130*

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦  
**○ Lord, who could stand?**

But there is forgiveness with you, ♦  
**so that you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦  
**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦  
**more than the night watch for the morning.**

○ Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him is plenteous redemption ♦  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

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:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!

How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;

or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,

the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,

let there be no dew or rain upon you,

nor bounteous fields!

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,

the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,

from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,

nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;

they were swifter than eagles,

they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,

who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,

who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen

in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;

greatly beloved were you to me;

your love to me was wonderful,

passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Te Deum, Part 2*

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
**the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you took our flesh to set us free,  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
we believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Mark 5:21-43*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

**SERMON** by the Reverend Canon Mark Niblock

Please remain seated for the **ANTHEM:**

In the hour of my distress,  
When temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,  
Sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,  
And the world is drowned with sleep,  
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep,  
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Words: 'Litany to the Holy Spirit' Robert Herrick (1591-1633)  
Music: Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

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**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. **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**

Let us pray for healing and fullness of life in the Church and in the world:

Bless the Church with grace to be the channel of peace and renewal for those who suffer, to bring hope in despair and comfort in sorrow. Give to all faithful people the wholeness that comes by knowing the presence of Christ. Today we pray for Canon Ronnie Nesbitt and the parish of Bangor Abbey, and Canon Nigel Baylor and the parish of Jordanstown.

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

Look with compassion on a world long wearied by the sickness of war and the death of the innocent. We pray for the tensions in Ethiopia and Colombia, and for our own national and local political logjams. Where the restless multitudes struggle without direction, make known the only source of peace.

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

Draw us, our families, friends and neighbours, close to the living Christ, to reach out and feel his love. We pray for those who feel marginalized, silenced or frightened, and trapped by oppressive personal circumstances. Fill our community with the spirit of compassion, to relieve those in need and care for the lonely and those who mourn.

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

Have mercy on all who are suffering from chronic illness or disability. Give them relief in their trouble and guide the skill of those who work for their healing. We pray for pediatric doctors and nurses, and for the work of the N.I. Children's Hospice. Comfort with your unfailing love the parents who have lost children and all who are bereaved of any they have loved.

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

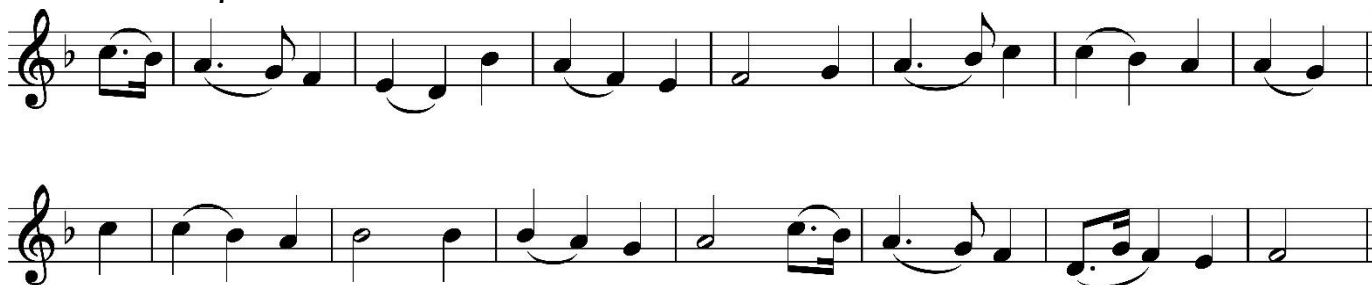
We give thanks for those whose sickness is over and whose sorrow is ended, who rest from the frailty of the body, especially those dear to us and those who have recently died. Grant us grace in this life to follow in the way of faith and at last to hear the voice that calls to eternal life.

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

#### **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.**

Please stand for the **CLOSING HYMN: ICH 211\***



**Immortal love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea!**

**Our outward lips confess the name,  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steeps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for him no depths can drown.**

**Alone, O Lord ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.**

*Words: John G. Whittier (1807-92) based on Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 10:6-7; Mark 5:25-29  
Tune: BISHOPTHORPE melody and bass from Gardner's Select Portions of the Psalms (London, c.1786) ascribed to  
Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)*

*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: Prélude (Suite Médiévale) Jean Langlais (1907-91)**

*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.*

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## NOTICES



### **Sunday 4th July 2021: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am A Service of the Word

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White

We encourage you to join us in person for Morning Worship.

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

on the Belfast Cathedral Facebook page:

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

*Please note that during July and August*

*Morning Worship at Belfast Cathedral will **not** be livestreamed.*

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