



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

**MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 11th July 2021
11.00am
The Sixth 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.*

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Organ Prelude

Please stand for the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 529**



**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: Edward N. Plumptre (1821-91) based on Ephesians 4:4-5

Tune: THORNBURY Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.' *Acts 1:8*

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.

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: 24**

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦
and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?' ♦
'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

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 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Benedictus (*The Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79*)

Blessed be the Lord **the God of Israel,**

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate us,

**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hand of our enemies.
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way 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 **SECOND READING:** Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus' disciples casting out demons and anointing with oil many who were sick and curing them, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and

requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Please remain seated for the **ANTHEM:**

'Take up your cross', the Saviour said,
 'if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart
 and humbly follow after me'.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
 fill your weak spirit with alarm:
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up,
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
 And let your foolish heart be still:
the Lord for you accepted death,
 upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross then in Christ's strength,
 and calmly ev'ry danger brave;
it guides you to abundant life,
 and leads to victory o'er the grave.

*Words: Charles Everest (1814-1877) based on Luke 9:23 altd
Tune: BOURBON attr. Freeman Lewis (1825) arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde (b.1956)*

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ 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 to the Lord for the rule of justice and the triumph of mercy:

Inspire and strengthen the Church to speak out against evil and not to fail in the face of opposition. Give to all Christian people the grace to endure when their faith is tested and to bear witness to the truth. We pray God's blessing upon Canon Stephen Lowry, and the parish family of Killaney and Carryduff, and Canon Mark Taylor, and the parish family of Whitehead and Islandmagee.

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

Guide and correct those in authority that their power shall not be abused and the innocent shall not suffer. Forgive those who support evil policies through fear or ambition, and give them courage to work for good. We pray for areas of tension around the world, especially remembering the people of Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Haiti at this time.

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

Shield us, our families and friends and neighbours, from all anger and violence, whether it comes from among us or from outside. Bless those who have influence in this community and give them the will to work for the common good.

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

Have mercy on all who suffer from injustice, on the weak and vulnerable who are in the hands of oppressors. Be close to those who suffer for declaring and practicing their faith and save them from their persecutors. Bless with peace and serenity those in our cathedral family who are ill at this time.

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

We remember with thanks those who have borne witness to their faith even to death. May their witness be our example of constancy until we come to share with them in the life of heaven.

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

CATHEDRAL CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

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. 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 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 250***



**All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Words: Edward Perronet (1726-92) and John Rippon (1751-1836) based on Revelation 4:9-11
Tune: MILES LANE William Shrubsole (1760-1806)*

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

*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.



NOTICES



Sunday 18th July 2021: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am A Service of the Word

Preacher: Dean's Vicar

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