

# BELFAST CATHEDRAL

## CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

11.00am

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Under current Covid conditions, and guidance issued by the Church of Ireland, you are asked to continue to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please join in singing the hymns with face coverings in place, and singing 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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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

## Organ Prelude:

Berceuse (24 Pièces en style libre pour ORGUE ou HARMONIUM)

Louis Vierne 1870-1937



## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 52**



**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee:  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Tune: RATISBON Melody from J.G. Werner's Choralbuch (Leipzig 1815, Harmony by W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)*

**WELCOME – THE DEAN**

**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*

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Please kneel or sit in silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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 whilst the choir sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.*

Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu  
Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius  
Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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

*Setting: Messe Basse Gabriel Fauré arr. Philip Moore (b. 1943)  
Northern Ireland Premier*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 4:1-16

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all

things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to say the* **PSALM: 51:1-13**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
**according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.**

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned ♦  
**and done what is evil in your sight,**  
So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
**and righteous in your judgement.**

I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
**a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
**and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
**wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
**that the bones you have broken may rejoice.**

Turn your face from my sins ♦  
**and blot out all my misdeeds.**

Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence ♦  
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

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 remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



One does not live by bread alone: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (*Matthew 4:4*)

Please remain standing

**THE GOSPEL READING:** John 6:24-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



*Please kneel or sit*

Let us pray for God's blessing on the Church and on the world:

Make the Church a channel for the life that comes from heaven for the salvation of the world. Guide your people to trust not in the outward signs of success but in the spiritual power that works silently and unseen. Today we pray your blessing upon our Ecumenical Canons: Dr Ruth Patterson and the work of Restoration Ministries, Ruth Patterson and the parish of Monkstown and Edward O'Donnell and the parish of St Brigid's, Malone.



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

Be merciful to a world where many live only for the material things of life. Instead bless all people with thankfulness for past mercies and insight to see and follow the new signs of your love for all.

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

Grant to us, who have been blessed with the gift of faith, grace to live as those who are fed with the bread of life. Help us to bring our neighbours and those with whom we work into that holy fellowship.

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

Have mercy on those who are so burdened by want and care that they cannot feel the love that could be theirs. Come to those who have never known the words of hope, release from chains of fear and feed them with the bread of life. Bless those who are sick in hospital and at home, and those who care for them, especially within our cathedral family.

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

We commend to your gracious keeping the souls of those who have died in faith, especially those who we love. As we receive in our time on earth the bread of toil, may we come with them to rejoice in the bread of heaven.

*concluding with:*

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 continued strength to all who work in hospitals, nursing homes and in the community. Guide those who are tracking new levels of infection and administering the vaccines to those who are hesitant. 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.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

*Please stand*

## THE PEACE

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

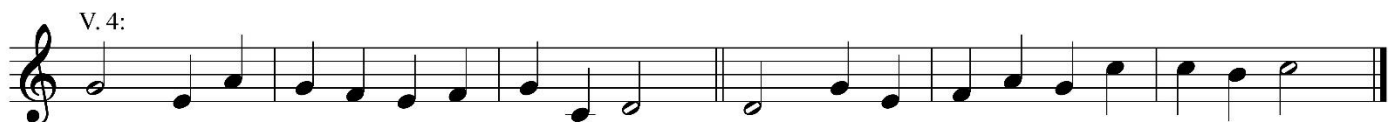
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**



## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



*Please remain standing for the* **HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: ICH 408**



**Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests: the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.**

**We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand;  
'This is my body'; so thou givest yet;  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.**

**One body we, one Body who partake,  
one Church united in communion blessed;  
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.**

**One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,  
who art one Saviour and one living Head;  
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;  
be known to us in breaking of the bread.**

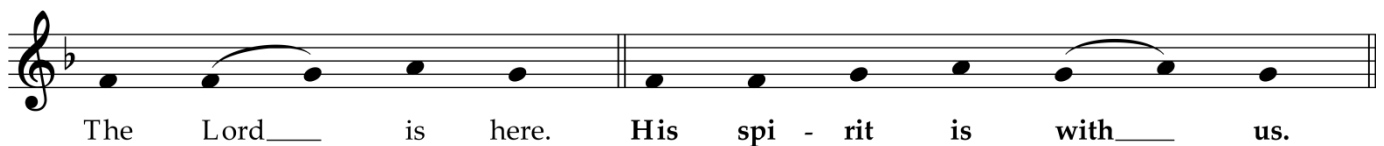
*Words: George W. Briggs (1875-1959) based on Luke 22:15-23  
Tune: FARLEY CASTLE Melody and most of bass by Henry Lawes (1596-1662)*

*Please remain standing*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*The choir sings the* **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: Messe Basse Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

*Setting: Messe Basse Gabriel Fauré*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*The choir receive communion first, whereupon the clergy will administer to the congregation. Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.*

*During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria  
Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum in  
cruce pro homine, Cujus latus  
perforatum vero fluxit cum sanguine;  
Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in  
examine. O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili  
Mariae. Tu nobis miserere. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of Mary Virgin,  
truly suffering, was sacrificed on the  
cross for mankind, From whose  
pierced side flowed with true blood;  
Be for us a foretaste In our final  
judgment. O pious, O sweet Jesus,  
Son of Mary. You have mercy on us.  
Amen.

*Setting: Gabriel Fauré*

## **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.*



## **GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**



*Please stand for the **HYMN: 647***



**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee.**

*Words: William Williams (1717-91) tr. Peter Williams 1722-96) and William Williams  
Tune: CWM RHONDDA John Hughes (1873-1932)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **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**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Organ Voluntary:**

Improvisation No. 7 *Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)*

*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.*

***There is a Retiring Collection at this service.***

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## NOTICES



**3.30pm This Afternoon**

**Please join us for**

**Cathedral Choral Evensong in August**

*Setting: David Terry. Canticles: Dyson in C Minor. Anthem: Long Since in Egypt's  
Plenteous Land – CHH Parry.*

**Sunday 8th August 2021:**

**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White*

**3.30pm Choral Evensong**

*We regret that during July & August Morning Worship will not be livestreamed.  
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