



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 1st August 2021

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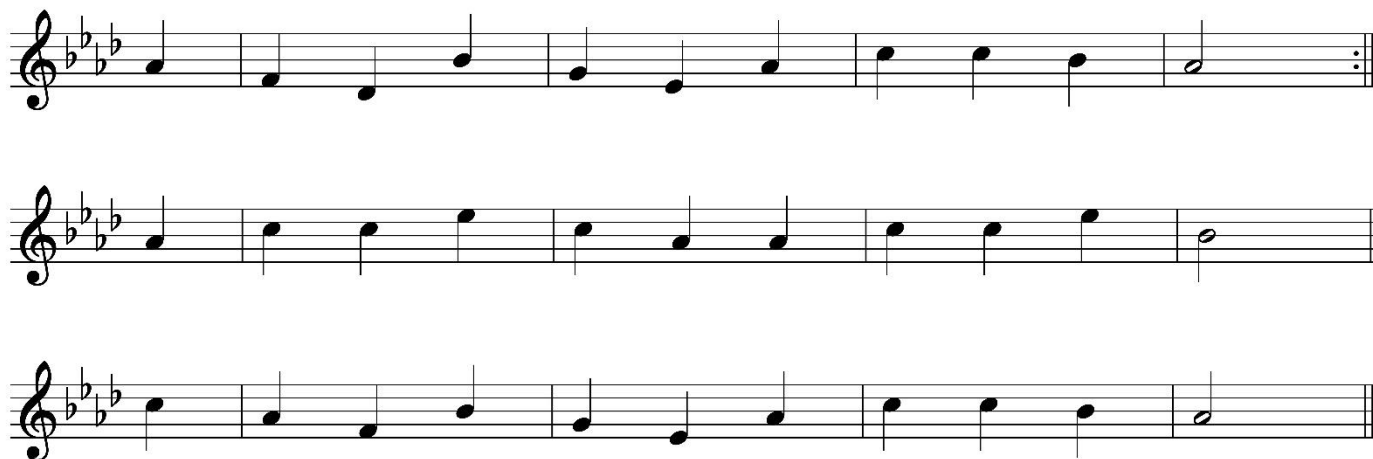
Under Covid restrictions, the congregation may now join in singing the hymns. Please ensure that your face covering is in place throughout the service, and sing softly.

Organ Prelude: Salix (Plymouth Suite) Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Please stand for the entrance of the clergy and to sing the **HYMN: 6**



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**



**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: ST DENIO Welsh hymn melody (1839) founded on a folk tune

The Dean welcomes the congregation

*Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:***

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.

Music: David Terry (b.1975)

*Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM:***

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:
thou that hast set thy glory above the heav'ns!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordain'd
strength, because of thine enemies:
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
For I will consider thy heav'ns, even the, works of thy fingers:
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordain'd.
What is man, that thou art mindful of him:
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower · than the angels:
to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands:
and thou hast put áll things in subjection under his feet;
All sheep and oxen:
yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea:
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
O Lord our Governor:
how éxcellent is thy Name in all the world!

*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.

Chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

*Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Job 28*

'Surely there is a mine for silver,
and a place for gold to be refined.
Iron is taken out of the earth,
and copper is smelted from ore.
Miners put an end to darkness,
and search out to the farthest bound
the ore in gloom and deep darkness.
They open shafts in a valley away from human habitation;
they are forgotten by travellers,
they sway suspended, remote from people.
As for the earth, out of it comes bread;
but underneath it is turned up as by fire.

Its stones are the place of sapphires,
and its dust contains gold.

‘That path no bird of prey knows,
and the falcon’s eye has not seen it.
The proud wild animals have not trodden it;
the lion has not passed over it.

‘They put their hand to the flinty rock,
and overturn mountains by the roots.
They cut out channels in the rocks,
and their eyes see every precious thing.
The sources of the rivers they probe;
hidden things they bring to light.

‘But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
Mortals do not know the way to it,
and it is not found in the land of the living.
The deep says, “It is not in me”,
and the sea says, “It is not with me.”
It cannot be bought for gold,
and silver cannot be weighed out as its price.
It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
in precious onyx or sapphire.
Gold and glass cannot equal it,
nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
the price of wisdom is above pearls.
The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it,
nor can it be valued in pure gold.

‘Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?
It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
and concealed from the birds of the air.
Abaddon and Death say,
“We have heard a rumour of it with our ears.”

‘God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
For he looks to the ends of the earth,
and sees everything under the heavens.

When he gave to the wind its weight,
and apportioned out the waters by measure;
when he made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt;
then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.
And he said to humankind,
“Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
and to depart from evil is understanding.” ’

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT:***

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.

*Music: Sir George Dyson KCVO (1883-1964)
Evening Service in C minor*

*Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 11:17-31*

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, ‘It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.’ He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—

and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, 'bowing in worship over the top of his staff.' By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:***

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.

*Music: Sir George Dyson KCVO
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*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:

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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:**

Long since in Egypt's plenteous land
Our fathers were oppressed;
But God, whose chosen folk they were,
Smote those who long enslaved them there,
And all their woes redressed.

The Red Sea stayed them not at all,
Nor depths of liquid green;
On either hand a mighty wall
Of waters clear rose at his call,
And they passed through between.

In deserts wild they wandered long,
They sinned and went astray;
But yet his arm to help was strong,
He pardoned them tho' they did wrong,
And brought them on their way.

At last to this good land they came,
With fruitful plenty blest;
Here glorious men won endless fame,
Here God made holy Zion's name,
And here he gave them rest.

Oh, may we ne'er forget what he hath done,
Nor prove unmindful of his love,
That, like the constant sun,
On Israel hath shone,
And sent down blessings from above.

*Music and Text: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
from the Oratorio 'Judith'*

*Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS***

THE PRAYERS conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

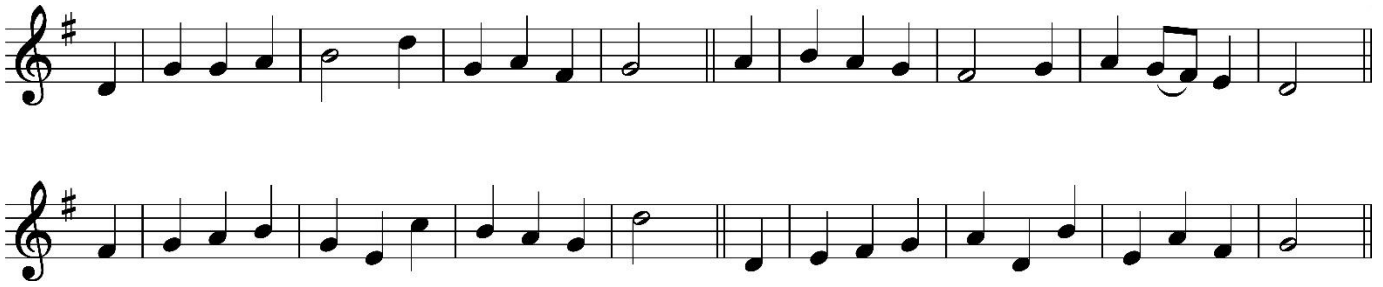
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient 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: 34****



- worship the King all-glorious above;
- gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

- tell of his might, ○ sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

- measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) based on Psalm 104

Tune: HANOVER from 'A supplement to the New Version (1708) probably by William Croft (1678-1727)

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.

Response: **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Voluntary:

Toccata (Plymouth Suite) Percy Whitlock

Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.

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Sunday 8th August 2021:
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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