

BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 22nd August 2021

11.00am

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Final Sunday for Jack Wilson

as Assistant Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral

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.

For the singing of hymns we request members of the congregation to wear their face coverings and sing softly.

Name(s): _____

Telephone contact: _____



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.

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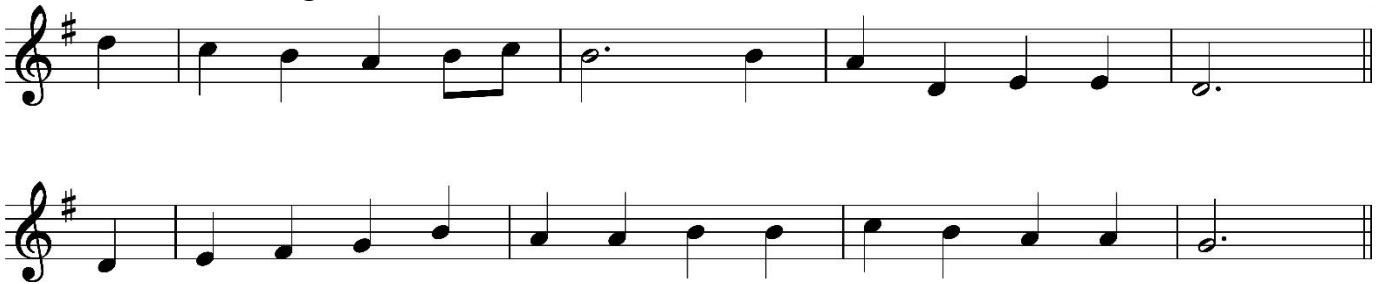
Organ Prelude



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 487**



**Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
through his eternal Son;
strong in the Lord of hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.**

**Stand, then, in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.
To keep your armour bright
attend with constant care,
still walking in your Captain's sight,
and watching unto prayer.**

**From strength to strength go on,
wrestle, and fight, and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;
That, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand complete at last.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: ST. ETHELWALD William Henry Monk (1823-89)

The Dean welcomes the congregation

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Our help in in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:7*

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: Missa Brevis, Palestrina (1525-94)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for

me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **PSALM: 84**

O how amiable are thy dwellings:

thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:

in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:

and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength:

and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender:

and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts:

is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:

than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence:

the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts:

blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Chant: Tone 1

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 remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA**:

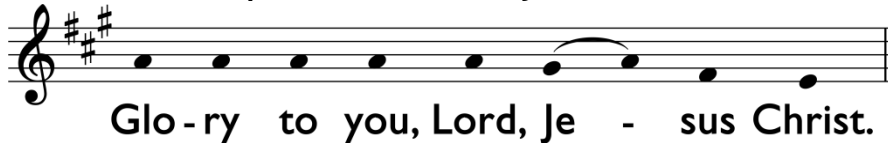


It is the spirit, Lord, that gives life: you have the words of eternal life. (*John 6:63, 68*)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69

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



Jesus said to the Jews, ‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

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

In the life of the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

Keep the Church faithful in word and sacrament and action to the gospel entrusted to her. Make her ministers and people worthy of the service to which they have been called by the Father. We pray especially for George, bishop of Connor, and David, bishop of Down and Dromore, that they be strengthened for the pastoral and leadership roles they perform.

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

Bring the light of the Spirit into the world where many trust in the flesh and walk in darkness. Bless those who teach and all those who learn, that the words of truth may be known to all. We pray for those who, having received exam results, are moving into a new chapter of education, especially those who are moving from home to do so. Look in mercy on the people of Afghanistan in their present suffering and grant generosity to those who are called to receive refugees in their midst.

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

Grant that we never betray, by word or deed, the faith which we profess. Empower us as examples of love to those whose lives touch our own. Bless all in this community who are charged with the guidance of others, that they may speak in truth and live according to their own teaching.

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

We pray for those who have lost their faith, who have turned away from the path which they once followed. Bring them back, to hear and believe again the words of eternal life. We pray for those who are ill, especially those known to us, and for all who care.

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

We give thanks for the faithful departed, remembering especially Noreen, and all who walked with their Lord through this world who are now at rest. Bring us, with them, to the eternal life he promised.

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. Stand with those who grieve. Give your strength to all who continue to work in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide all who seek to understand the disease, and those who are administering the vaccines. Give wisdom to those who have the responsibility of leadership in church, politics and society. 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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

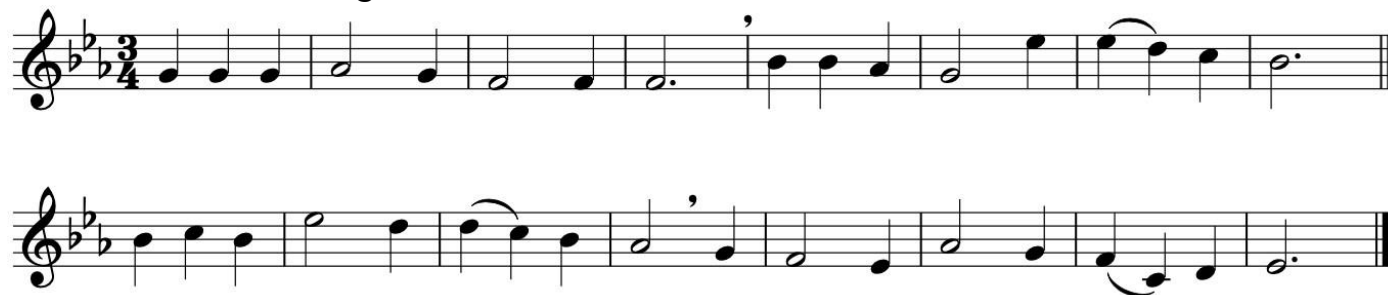
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: 425***



**Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts;
thou fount of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to thee again.**

**Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee, thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.**

*Words: 12th-century Latin attrib. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) tr. Ray Palmer (1808-87)
Tune: MARYTON Henry Percy Smith (1825-98)*

Please remain standing

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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

The Lord is here. His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:**

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| Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy,</i> |
| Dominus Deus Sabaoth. | <i>Lord God of Hosts.</i> |
| Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. | <i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i> |
| Hosanna in excelsis. | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i> |

Setting: Missa Brevis, Palestrina (1525-94)

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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and, by intention, his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he dies for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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: Missa Brevis, Palestrina (1525-94)

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:**

Ego sum panis vivus.
Patres vestri manducaverunt
manna in deserto et mortui sunt.
Hic est panis de caelo
descendens:
si quis ex ipso manducaverit non
moriatur.

*I am the living bread.
Your forefathers ate manna in the
desert and are dead.
This is the living bread that comes down
from heaven:
whoever eats of it shall not die.*

Words: The Gospel of St John 6:48-50
Music: Palestrina (1525-94)

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: 478***



**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?**



**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

Words: James E. Seddon (1915-83)

Tune: WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex (1877-1949) descant and organ part by Harry Grindle (1935-2013)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of compassion, in this eucharist we know again your forgiveness and the healing power of your love. Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that forgiveness and healing to this broken world, in the name 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

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your souls: 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.

Presentation to Jack Wilson

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in B Major *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

*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



Please join us for Choral Evensong this Afternoon at 3.30pm

Howard Spempton – Preces and Responses

Setting: David Stevens – Alternatim Service.

Anthem: John Rutter – God be in my head

This will be Jack Wilson's final service at Belfast Cathedral
before he moves to take up his position at Ely Cathedral

Sunday 29th August 2021: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon

Setting: Rheinberger Missa Brevis, Op. 83

Anthem: Bruckner Tantum ergo sacramentum

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Tomkins Preces and Responses

Robledo Magnificat (Modus III) Tone III Nunc dimittis

Palestrina Sicut cervus

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