



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 29th August 2021

11.00am

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

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

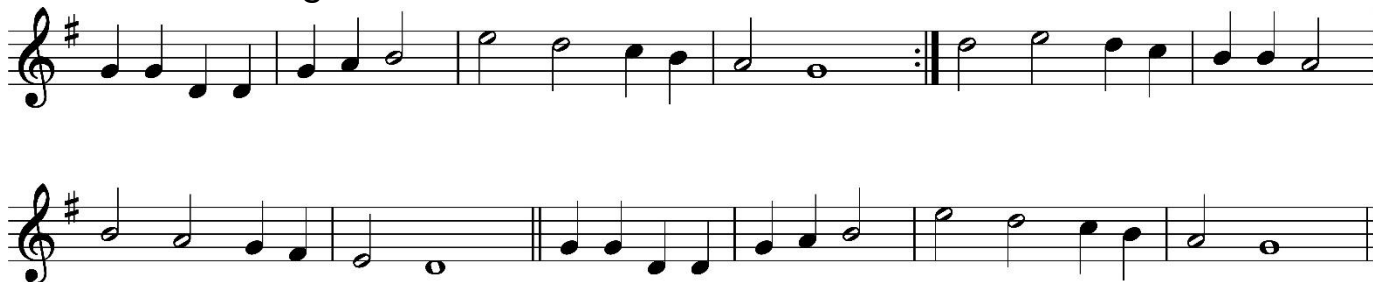
Organ Prelude: Theme with variations in D *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 262***



**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

**Alleluia, now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia, yet again,
to the Spirit raising!**

*Words: John of Damascus (c.675-c.750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) based on Exodus 15; Luke 24
Tune: ST JOHN DAMASCENE Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)*

The Dean welcomes the congregation

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*

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, Op. 83 Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **PSALM:** 42:1-2, 6-9*

My heart is inditing of a good matter:

I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

My tongue is the pen:

of a ready writer.

Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.

Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever:

the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity:

wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia:

out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

*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: Tone VIII

*Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:***



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth: so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. *James 1:18*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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



Glo - ry to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

SERMON by the Reverend Janice Elsdon

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

For right judgement in all things, let us pray to the Lord:

We pray that the Church shall be maintained in true holiness, keeping the traditions rightly received and not constrained by human convention and customs. Give grace to all Christian people to worship not only with their lips but in their lives. For the canons of this cathedral, we pray for the Venerable Ken Higgins and the parish of Bloomfield and the Venerable Barry Forde and the Chaplaincy Team at Queen's University.

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

Guide all rulers and those in authority to govern with both justice and mercy. Break through the prejudices which raise barriers between nations and races. Bring all people to set aside the things which divide them, and to embrace those which unite them in their shared humanity. We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan, and for all refugees from the country as they settle in new places. Guard them in danger and protect them by your presence.

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

Cleanse us from evil thoughts and desires and from hostility to those whose ways are different from our own. Give harmony and a spirit of mutual respect in the life of this community and province.

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

Have mercy on all who are enslaved by evil: release them and bring them to a new life of love and service. We pray for victims of prejudice who are persecuted because they do not conform to the expectations of their society.

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

We give thanks for those gone before us into the Kingdom where human strife has ended and worship is made perfect. Grant to us all such purity of faith and living that we may in our time be joined with them.

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 whose work is in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide all who seek to understand new waves of the infection, 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

If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

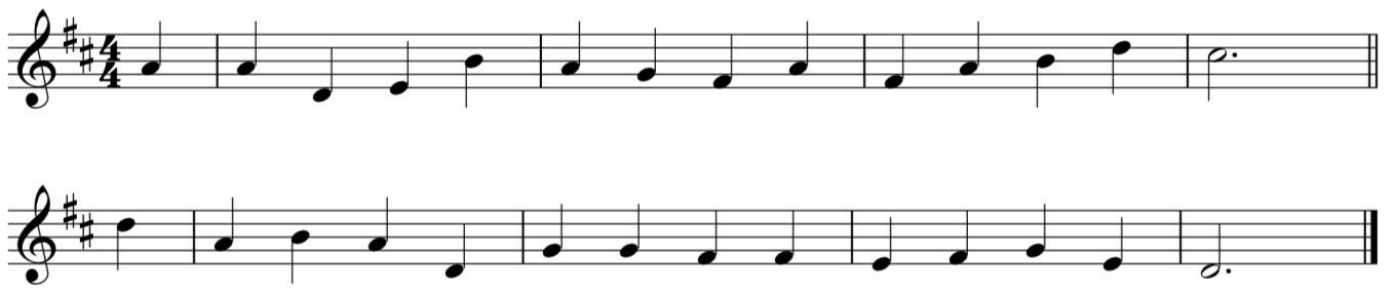
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: 374***



**When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.**

**When worn with sickness, oft hast thou
with health renewed my face;
and when in sins and sorrows sunk,
revived my soul with grace.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
nor is the least a cheerful heart,
that tastes those gifts with joy.**

**Through all eternity, to Thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O eternity's too short
to utter all Thy praise!**

*Words: attrib. Joseph Addison (1672-1719)
Tune: ST FULBERT Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)*

Please remain standing

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. *Psalm 116:12-14*

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:**

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: Missa Brevis, Op. 83 Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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: Missa Brevis, Op. 83 Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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:**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Hence so greatly the Sacrament
Let us venerate with heads bowed
And let the old practice
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.
To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise.
Amen.

Setting: Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

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



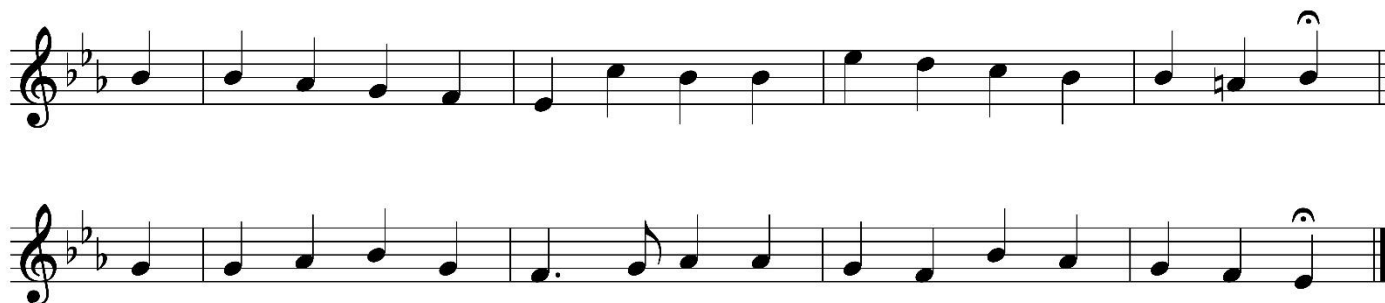
Please stand for the **HYMN: 60***



**O Jesus, Lord, of heavenly grace,
thou brightness of the Father's face,
thou fountain of eternal light,
whose beams disperse the shades of night;**

**come, holy Sun of heavenly love,
send down thy radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.**

**May he our actions deign to bless,
and loose the bonds of wickedness;
from sudden falls our feet defend,
and guide us safely to the end.**



**O Christ, with each returning morn
thine image to our hearts is borne;
O may we ever clearly see
our Saviour and our God in thee.**

Words: Ambrose (340-97) tr. John Chandler (1806-76)

*Tune: MELCOMBE melody by Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816) in his An Essay on the Church Plain Chant
(London, 1782)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven. Let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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.

Organ Voluntary: Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata IV, Op. 65, no. 4) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

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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 at 3.30pm this afternoon for Choral Evensong

Preces and Responses: Tomkins

Setting: Robledo Magnificat (Modus III) Tone III Nunc dimittis

Anthem: Sicut cervus Palestrina

Sunday 5th September 2021: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Canon M. Niblock

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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