



**BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL**

**CHORAL EVENSONG  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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

**Organ Prelude: Voluntary in G Henry Purcell (1659-95)**

*Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy, and to sing the **HYMN: 197\****



**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in Thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
may we imitate Thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art Thou;  
that we like to Thee may be  
at Thy great Epiphany;  
and may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85) based on Matthew 2:1-11; Luke 5:17-26; John 2:1-11  
Tune: ST EDMUND Charles Steggall (1826-1905)*

*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.*

*Preces and Responses: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM: 143***

*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire:*

*hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.*

*And enter not into judgement with thy servant:*

*for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.*

*For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to  
the ground:*

*he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.*

*Therefore is my spirit vexed within me:*

*and my heart within me is desolate.*

*Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works:*

*yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.*

*I stretch forth my hands unto thee:*

*my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.*

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint:

hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust:

shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies:

for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God:

let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake:

and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies:

and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

*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: Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

*Please sit for the* **FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 12:21-27

Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this observance?" you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed down and worshipped.

*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.

*Setting: Magnificat (Modus III) Melchor Robledo (c.1510-86)*

*Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Matthew 4:23-5:20*

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’

*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.

*Setting: Nunc dimittis Tone III*

*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:**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of 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:**

Sicut cervus desiderat  
ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te,  
Deus.

*As a hart longs  
for the flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for thee,  
O God.*

*Words: Psalm 42:1*

*Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)*

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

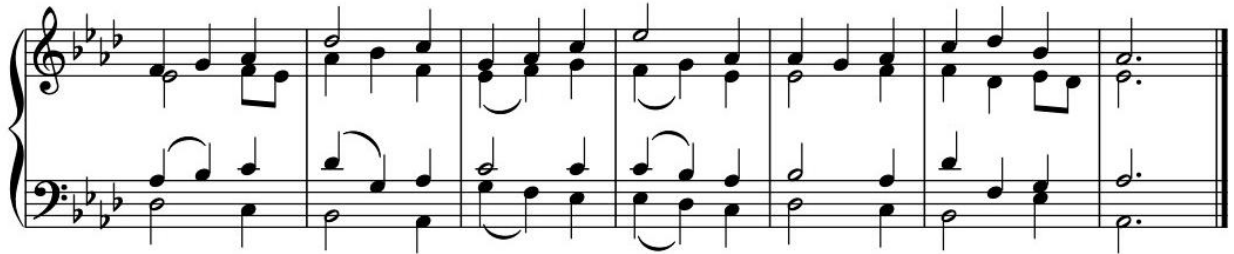
**THE PRAYERS** *conclude with* **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

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. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the* **HYMN: 522 (TUNE – D'ARBY)**



**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord,  
close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in Him meet North and South;  
all Christlike souls are one in Him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

*Words: John Oxenham [W.A. Dunkerly] (1852-1941)*

*Tune: D'ARBY Mark McGrath (b.1982)*

## **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:** *Praeludium und Fuge C-dur, BWV 545 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: Canon M. Niblock*

**3.30pm Choral Evensong**

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