

BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 5th September 2021

11.00am

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Face coverings **must be worn**

when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns.

We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service.

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.

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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.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service

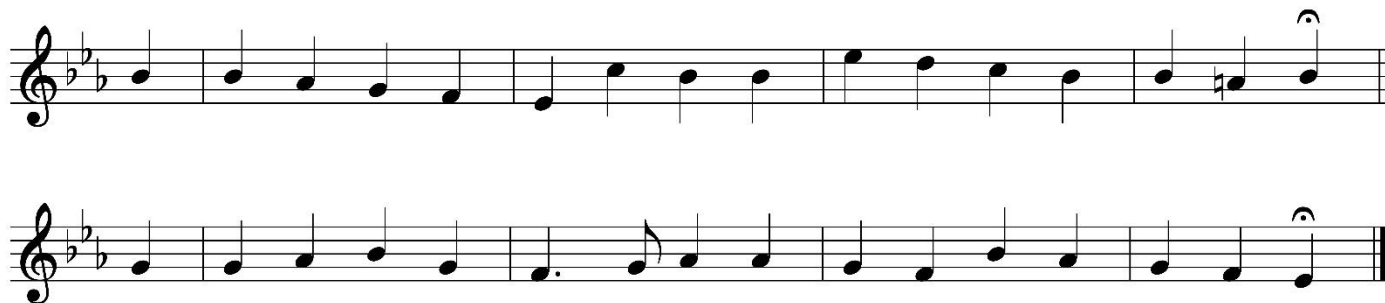
Organ Prelude: Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele *Johannes Brahms (1833-97)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 54:**



**Lord, as I wake I turn to you,
yourself the first thought of my day:
my King, my God, whose help is sure,
yourself the help for which I pray.**

**There is no blessing, Lord, from you
for those who make their will their way,
no praise for those who will not praise,
no peace for those who will not pray.**

**Your loving gifts of grace to me,
those favours I could never earn,
call for my thanks in praise and prayer,
call me to love you in return.**

**Lord, make my life a life of love,
keep me from sin in all I do;
Lord, make your law my only law,
your will my will, for love of you.**

*Words: Brian Foley (1919-2000) based on Psalm 5
Tune: MELCOMBE, Melody by Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816) in his Essay on the Church Plain Chant
(London, 1782)*

The Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

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:**

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Communion Service in F, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 125:**

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion:
which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem:

even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth
for evermore.

For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous:

lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

Do well, O Lord:

unto those that are good and true of heart.

As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness:

the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon
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.

Chant: Tone VII

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



Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.

1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:24-37

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



From the land of Gennesaret Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—

the demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON by the Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar

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 wholeness of life in the Church and in the world:

Father, in whose Son we see your heart of compassion and love, bless the Church in her universal mission and make her open to receive all who come. Give to her ministers the spirit of compassion, and wisdom to discern the needs of those who turn to them. Grant repentance and healing where the Church has refused care or withheld love.

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

We pray for the Chapter and the parishes they represent, today especially remembering Canon Ronnie Nesbitt and the parish of Bangor Abbey, and Canon Nigel Baylor and the parish of Jordanstown.

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

Have mercy on all in the world who seek for help and are uncertain of their direction. Open the ears that have not heard the words of salvation, and loose the tongues that have not learned to praise. We pray for all affected by violence or its threat, and for the many who have been displaced from homeland and family.

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

Bless our families with health and strength and with grace to acknowledge the great mercies that we have been given. Help us to care about and to relieve the troubles of those we meet in our daily lives. May your grace be our guide, and your love our highest aim.

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

Have compassion on all sick children, and on the parents who grieve for them. Come in mercy for the healing of any who are afflicted in hearing or speech. Give skill and wisdom to those who work for their relief. We pray for all who are sick and those suffering the pain of bereavement.

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

We give thanks for the departed who worship not through their ears and tongues of flesh but in the fellowship of the spirit. May they rest and rejoice in eternal life.

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 work in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide all who seek new understanding 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 **HYMN 400***:



**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that brought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our hope so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.**

Words: William Bright (1824-1901)

Tune: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Setting: Communion Service in F, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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:**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Setting: Communion Service in F, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 **COMMUNION MOTET:**

Oculi omnium in te sperant,
Domine et tu das escam illorum
in tempore oppotuno.
Gloria tibi, Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee,
O Lord: and thou givest them their meat
in due season.
Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.*

Words: Psalm 145:15

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE GREAT SILENCE

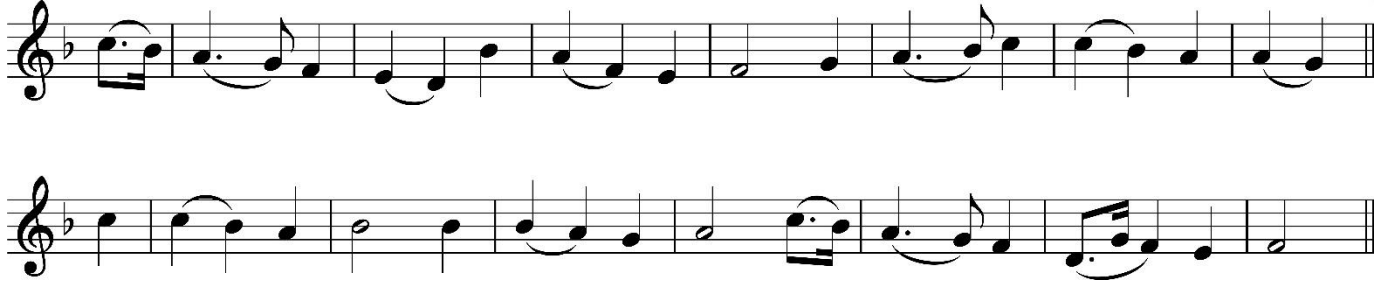
When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.



GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 211***:



**Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea!**

**We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown;**

**but warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.**

**Alone, O Lord ineffable,
thy saving name is given;
to turn aside from thee is hell,
to walk with thee is heaven.**

Words: John G. Whittier (1807-92) based on Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 10:6-7; Mark 5:25-29

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE, melody and bass from Gardner's Select Portions of the Psalms (London, c.1786) ascribed to Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love: Keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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 Postlude: Allegro con brio (Sonata in B flat major, Op. 65, no. 4) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.
There is a retiring collection, please leave your offering in the plate at the west end.
Thank you.*



NOTICES



Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong:

Preces and Responses: *William Smith (1603-45)*

Psalm: 29 (chant by Thomas Attwood)

Canticles: Fauxbourdon Service *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Sunday 12th September 2021: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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