



## **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **11.00am**

### **The Fifteenth 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.*

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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 1m 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*



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing the **HYMN 324:**



**God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
now to all humankind  
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might:  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
let there be light!**

*Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)*

*Tune: MOSCOW, adpt. from Felice Giardini (1716-96)*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation*

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. *2 Corinthians 5:19*

## **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,

*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,*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
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 God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
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: Mass for four voices William Byrd (1543-1623)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father,

and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings* **PSALM 19:**

The heavens declare the glory of God:  
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another:  
and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language:  
but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands:  
and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:  
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as  
a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about  
unto the end of it again:  
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul:  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever:  
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:  
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught:  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth:  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion  
over me:

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart:  
be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord:  
my strength, and my redeemer.

Please stand for the **GLORIA**:

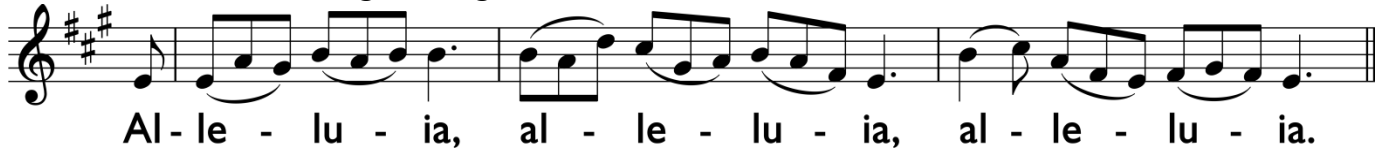
Glory be to the Father:

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 III*

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



‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life,’ says the Lord: ‘no one comes to the Father except through me.’ *John 14:6*

Please remain standing

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Mark 8:27-38

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



Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

**SERMON** by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

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 to the Lord in the confidence of faith.

As the Church proclaims Christ, the Son of God, keep her faithful to his words and his example and make her a witness to his truth. May all who profess faith in him follow in his Way of the Cross.

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

We pray for the Cathedral Canons and the parishes they serve, today especially remembering Canon Michael Parker, and the parish of Carnalea, and Canon Kevin Graham, and the parish family of Stranmillis.

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

We pray for those ordained this week as deacons and priests to serve in Connor Diocese.



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

Give wisdom to those in authority, so that they shall not abuse their power but honour the good, protect the helpless and spare the innocent, especially praying for the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan. May all who pass through this world look beyond their self-interest and find the true source of life.

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

Grant us patience and courage in these times of difficulty and make us ready to share the burdens of those around us. Make us ready to deny ourselves for the good of others.

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

Have mercy on the people whose crosses are heavy with sickness or sorrow, on the dying and the bereaved, especially those within the cathedral community. Bring them comfort and strength in the Lord who trod the way of suffering for the sake of all humanity.

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

We give thanks for those who have ended their lives in this world and been received into eternal life. May the Cross which guided them here be now the sign of their glory.

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

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Coronavirus, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work as carers, in the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour 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 to sing **HYMN 666\***:



**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;  
leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrows forgot, love's purest ways restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

*Words: Katharina von Schlegel (1752) tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-97)  
Tune: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)*

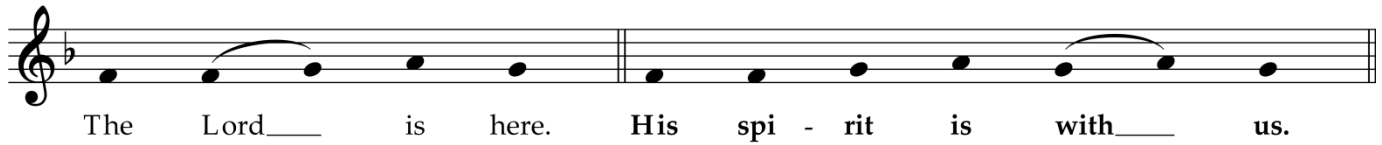
Please remain standing

Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all things come from you and of your own we give you.

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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



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: Mass for four voices William Byrd (1543-1623)*

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.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*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.

*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.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.

Setting: Mass for four voices William Byrd (1543-1623)

## 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 **MOTET**: Adoramus te, Christe

Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi:  
quia per sanctam crucem  
tuam redemisti mundum.

We adore thee, O Christ,  
and we bless thee:  
because by thy holy cross  
thou hast redeemed the world.

Words: Antiphon for Good Friday Liturgy

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.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 **HYMN 593\***:

The image shows four staves of musical notation for Hymn 593\*. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The notation is presented in a clear, black-and-white format suitable for a printed score.

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**



**O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.**

**O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control:**

**O speak and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.**

**O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.**

*Words: John E. Bode (1816-74)*

*Tune: WOLVERCOTE, W.H. Ferguson (1874-1950)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we have received these tokens of your promise. May we who have been nourished with holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom. We ask this 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.**

**Organ Postlude:** Fuge h-moll, BWV 579 *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.  
There is a Retiring Collection at this service.  
Thank you.*

Please remember those being ordained at this time serve in the diocese of Connor, and the parishes in which they will serve:

### **Deacons:**

John Lowden for the parishes of St Michael and St Stephen with St Luke, Belfast

Stephen Green (OLM) for St Bartholomew, Belfast

Peter McCausland (OLM) for Templepatrick

Glen Thompson (OLM) for St Hilda, Kilmakee

Peter Meenagh (OLM) for Lisburn Cathedral

### **Priests:**

Nathan Ervine for St Nicholas, Carrickfergus

Janet Spence (OLM) for St Stephen & St Luke

Brendan O'Loan (OLM) for St Patrick's, Jordanstown



## NOTICES



### **Cathedral Weekday Prayers Resume from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Cathedral

Friday 1.00-2.00pm Church's Ministry of Healing Service (Cathedral Hall)

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am** Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader*

**3.30pm** Connor, Down & Dromore Organ Scholarship Choral Evensong

*Preacher: The Bishop of Connor*

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