



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 12th September 2021

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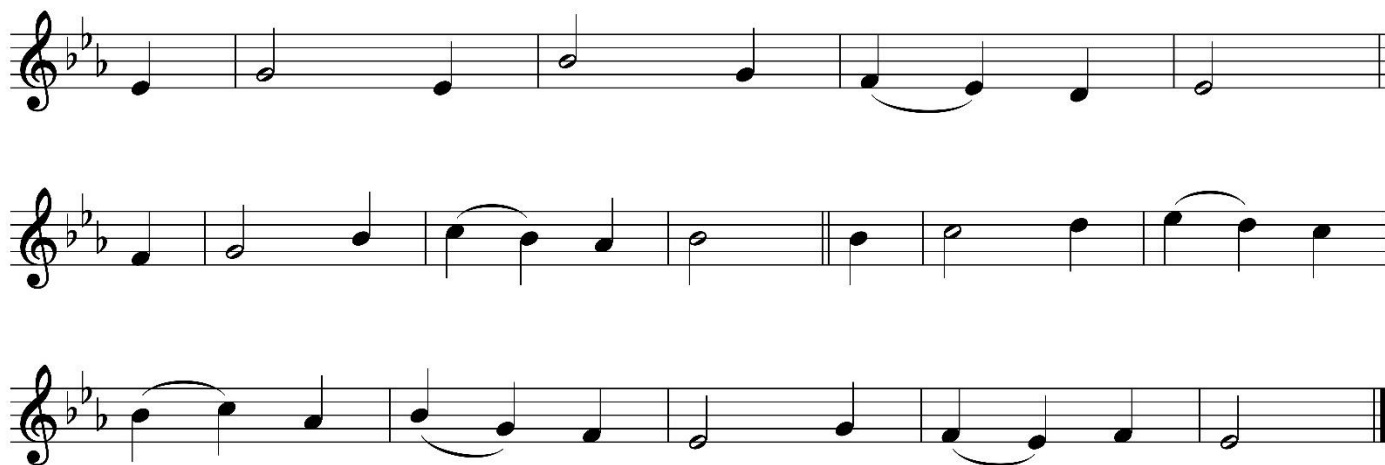
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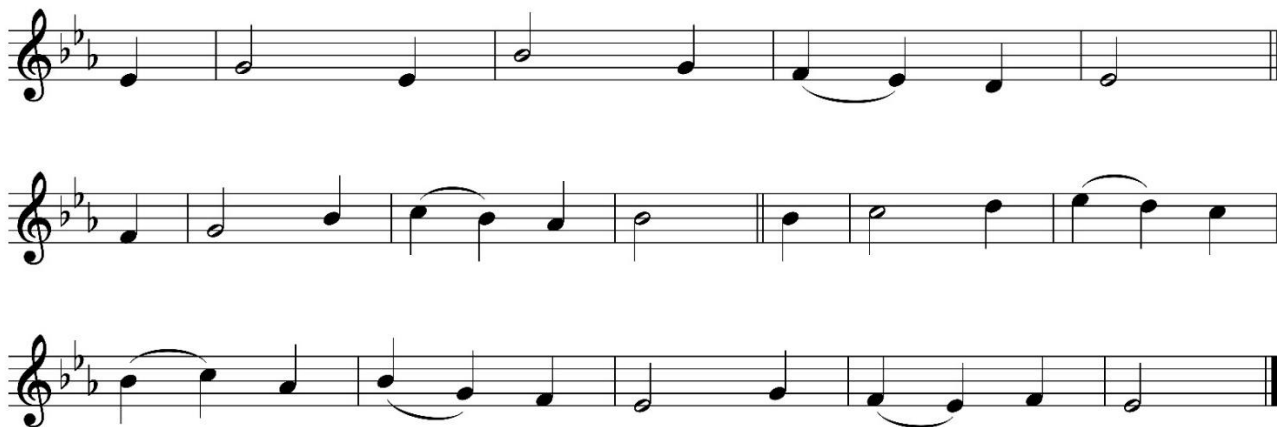
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when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns.
We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings
throughout the service.

Organ Prelude: Two voluntaries Thomas Weelkes (c.1575-1623)

Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy and to sing **HYMN 106***:



**O Jesus, King most wonderful,
thou conqueror renowned,
thou sweetness most ineffable,
in whom all joys are found!**



**Thee, Jesus, may our voices bless,
thee may we love alone,
and ever in our lives express
the image of thine own.**

**Abide with us, and let thy light
shine, Lord, on every heart;
dispel the darkness of our night,
and joy to all impart.**

**Jesus, our love and joy, to thee,
the Virgin's holy Son,
all might and praise and glory be
while endless ages run.**

*Words: 12th cent. tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)
Tune: ST BOTOLPH, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

Welcome – The Dean

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.

Setting: William Byrd (1543-1623), with Stone Lord's Prayer

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 65:**

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:

and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer:

unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me:

O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee:

he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation:

thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains:

and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea:

and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens:

thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it:

thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water:

thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof:

thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness:

and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness:

and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep:

the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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: Percy Buck

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 18:13-26

Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?' Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.' Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace.'

So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves.

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: Fauxbourdon Service Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON: Matthew 7:1-14**

‘Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

‘Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.’

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: Fauxbourdon Service Thomas Morley (c.1557-1602)

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:

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through 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:**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes :
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law :
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments :
for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies :
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity :
and quicken me in thy ways.

O stablish thy word in thy servant :
that I may fear thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Words: Psalm 119:33-38

Music: William Byrd (1543-1623)

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**

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

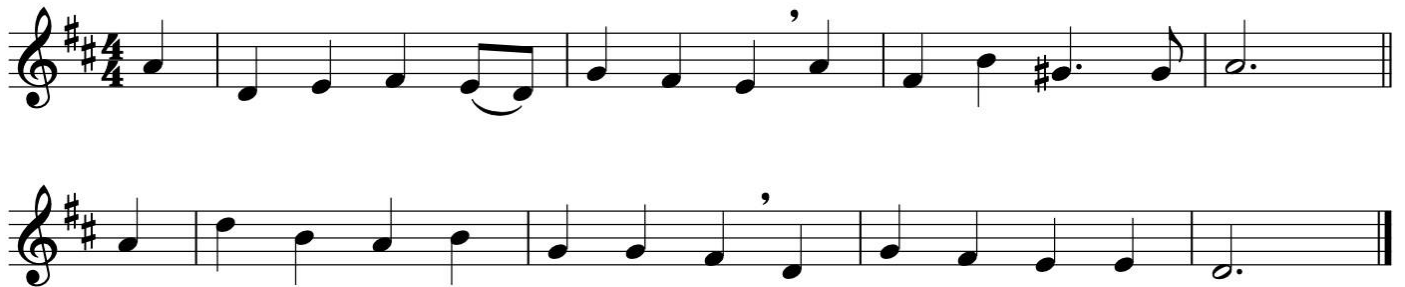
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All respond: Amen.

All:

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 **HYMN 101***:



**Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blessed name,
O Saviour of mankind!**

**O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!**

**Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.**

Words: 12th century, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: ST BERNARD, adapted from Tochter Sion (Cologne, 1741)

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 Postlude: A Fancy William Byrd (1543-1623)

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NOTICES



Cathedral Weekday Prayers Resume Tuesday 14th September

Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Cathedral

Friday 1.00-2.00pm Cathedral Hall

Sunday 19th 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: Bishop of Connor

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