

# BELFAST CATHEDRAL

## HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

11.00am

**The Eighteenth 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. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.*

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**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.

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

**Organ Preludes:** Voluntary Benjamin Cosyn (c. 1570-c. 1652)

A Short Preludio of Four Parts Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)



## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 638\***:



**O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that's cleansèd by the blood  
so freely shed for me.**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from him that dwells within;**

**A heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine,  
perfect and right, and pure and good,  
a copy, Lord, of thine.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;  
come quickly from above:  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new, best name of love.**

*Words: Charles Wesley, (1707-88)*

*Tune: STOCKTON, Thomas Wright (1763-1829)*

### 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 cantor 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, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God: increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



*Please sit for the* **EPISTLE READING:** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,  
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the cantor sings* **PSALM 26:**

Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently:  
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me:  
 try out my reins and my heart.  
 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes:  
 and I will walk in thy truth.  
 I have not dwelt with vain persons:  
 neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.  
 I have hated the congregation of the wicked:  
 and will not sit among the ungodly.  
 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord:  
 and so will I go to thine altar;  
 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving:  
 and tell of all thy wondrous works.  
 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house:  
 and the place where thine honour dwelleth.  
 O shut not up my soul with the sinners:  
 nor my life with the blood-thirsty;  
 In whose hands is wickedness:  
 and their right hand is full of gifts,  
 But as for me, I will walk innocently:  
 O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.  
 My foot standeth right:  
 I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

*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.

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



Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth. *John 17:7*

*Please remain standing*

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Mark 10:2-16

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



Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 to say 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 for peace in the Church and among all people.

Give to the Church the innocence of children and the wisdom of experience. Guide and bless all who come in childhood, and bring them to the fullness of faith.

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

We pray for the Chapter and the parishes they represent, today especially remembering Canon Gill Withers, and the parish of Greyabbey and Ardquin with Portaferry, and Canon Stephen Fielding, and the parish of Malone.

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

Take away the hardness of heart which divides families, breeds strife between people and sets nation against nation. Let the simple trust of a child draw the peoples of the world together in peace, and the passion of youth challenge us in our complacency towards our care for your creation

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

As we give thanks for our families, we pray that we shall never lose our love for one another. Bless the homes throughout this community. Guide teachers and all who work with children.

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

Have mercy on those whose lives have been damaged through the breakdown of relationships. Heal the wounds they have suffered, and grant them the spirit of reconciliation and hope for the future.

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

We give thanks for the departed who have entered the Kingdom where there is no division, but one perfect union, no strife, but one perfect love. Grant to those who pass through this world the simple faith that leads to salvation.

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.**

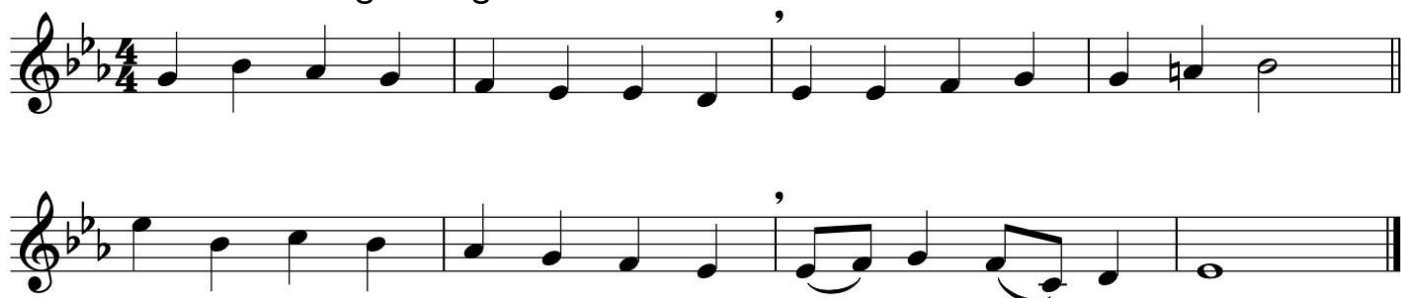
*Please stand*

### **THE PEACE**

Jesus said, *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34*

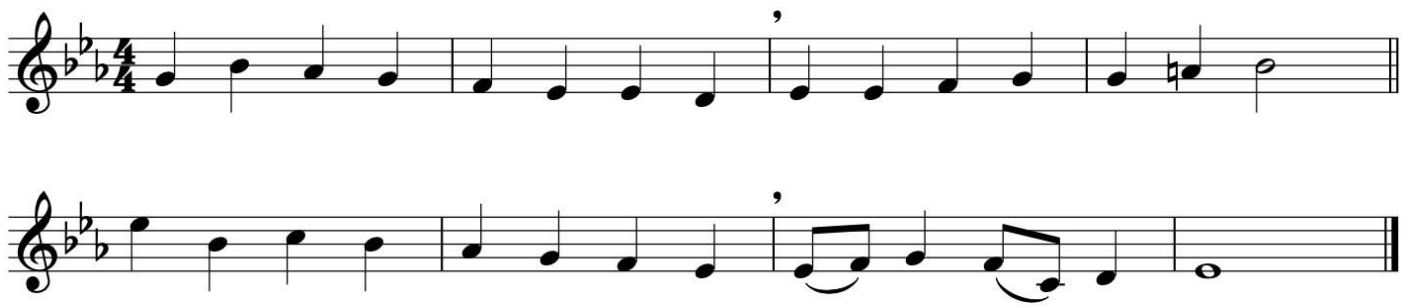
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please remain standing to sing* **HYMN 636\*:**



**May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say.**

**May the word of God enrich me  
with his truth from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through His power.**



**May the love of Jesus fill me,  
as the waters fill the sea;  
him exalting, self abasing,  
this is victory!**

**May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus,  
as I onward go.**

*Words: Katie B. Wilkinson (1859-1928) altd. based on Philippians 2: 5 & Hebrews 12: 1-2  
Tune: ST. LEONARD'S, A. C. Barham Gould (1891-1953)*



**CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**



*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.**



The Lord\_\_\_ is here. His spi - rit 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 cantor 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.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Setting: Communion Service, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

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 cantor 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, John Merbecke (c.1510-85)*

### **THE COMMUNION**

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.*

**Organ music during communion:** Voluntary in C, John Blow (1649-1708)

### **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**



### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

All praise and thanks, O Christ, for this sacred banquet, in which by faith we receive you, the memory of your passion is renewed, our lives are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given, to feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **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.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 634:**



**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art,  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Matthew 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 5:17  
Tune: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)*

## **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:** Trumpet Voluntary *John Blow (1649-1708) and Henry Purcell (1659-95)*

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.  
Thank you.*



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## NOTICES



**Today the Dean is the Harvest Preacher at Kilmore Parish, in the Diocese of Down**

**Services this week:**

**Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm** Lunchtime Prayers in the Cathedral

**Friday 1.00-2.00pm** The Church's Ministry of Healing Service in the Hall

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021: Cathedral Harvest Sunday and Gift Day**  
*Please make use of the Special White Harvest Envelope in your FWO box*  
**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Dean*

**3.30pm Choral Evensong with the Installation of the Venerable Barry Forde as Precentor**

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