



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

**CHORAL EVENSONG
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 3rd October 2021**

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.

PLEASE PLACE THIS SERVICE SHEET IN THE BOX AT THE WEST END OF THE CATHEDRAL AS YOU LEAVE

Name(s): _____

Telephone contact: _____

Face coverings **must be worn** when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. Members of the congregation are requested to wear face coverings throughout the service, but certainly during congregational singing.

Organ Prelude

Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy and to sing **HYMN 535:**



**Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of your wings.**



**Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**

**Crown, O God, your own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry
with the riches of your word:
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

Tune: RHUDDLAN, melody in Edward Jones' Musical relicks of Welsh Bards (1800)

Please stand 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: Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 18:37-51:**

I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them:
neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.

I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand:
but fall under my feet.

Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:
thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me:
and I shall destroy them that hate me.

They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them:
yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.

I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind:
I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.

Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people:
and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.

A people whom I have not known:
shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me:
but the strange children shall dissemble with me.

The strange children shall fail:
and be afraid out of their prisons.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper:
and praised be the God of my salvation.

Even the God that seeth that I be avenged:
and subdueth the people unto me.

It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above
mine adversaries:

thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles:
and sing praises unto thy Name.

Great prosperity giveth he unto his King:
and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, and unto his seed
for evermore.

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.

Chants: John Stainer (1840-1901) and John Goss (1800-80)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Joshua 3:7-17

The LORD said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."' Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the LORD your God.' Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

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: Third Service, Philip Moore (b.1943)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Romans 2:1-16

You have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. You say, 'We know that God's judgement on those who do such things is in accordance with truth.' Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgement of God? Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgement will be revealed. For he will repay according to each one's deeds: to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honour and immortality, he will give eternal life; while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

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: Third Service, Philip Moore (b.1943)

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:

Lord, we beseech thee, Grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; 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:**

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.

*Words: O for a closer walk with God, William Cowper (1731-1800)
Setting: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which 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.

All respond: Amen.

Please stand to sing **HYMN 662:**



**He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

*Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) after John Bunyan (1628-88)
Tune: MONK'S GATE, English trad. Melody, coll. And adpt. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

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

*Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.
There is a Retiring Collection at this service.*



**Introducing
a brand new
singing club,
for children
aged 6–9, at
Belfast Cathedral**

Belfast Cathedral **Songbirds** will meet in a fun, relaxed environment to play musical and rhythmical games, learn new songs, and be introduced to basic theory and general musicianship.

Our Songbirds will also join Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir several times a year, such as at Christmas, to perform in Belfast Cathedral.

When? **Wednesdays at 3.30 – 5.00pm, from 15 September**
(snacks and drinks provided mid-way through each session)

Where? **Belfast Cathedral Hall, to the rear of the Cathedral building**

Cost? **£5 per session per child, payable termly**

How? **With current restrictions, places are limited, so please contact us to avoid disappointment.**

songbirds@belfastcathedral.org





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 10th October 2021: Cathedral Harvest Sunday and Gift Day
11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Dean

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

**Please remember to make your
FWO (Free Will Offering) contribution to the Cathedral
as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

Cathedral Bank Branch: **Bank of Ireland, City Centre Branch,
1 Donegall Square South, Belfast, BT1 5LR.**
Name of Account: **Parochial No 1 Current Account**
Sort Code: **90-21-27** Account Number: **10006051**

Please give your own name (and FWO number if you have one) as the Payment Reference.

Thank you for your continuing financial support for Belfast Cathedral