



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 31st October 2021

11.00am

All Hallows' Eve

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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CATHEDRAL AS YOU LEAVE

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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: Tiento de 4° tono de falsas *Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia (1561-1627)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 366:**



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still, the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL John Goss (1800-80)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. *Hebrews 12:1,2*

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.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of goodwill.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnum gloriam tuam,
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.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
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: Missa 'O quam gloriosum', Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548-1611)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING**: Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 24:1-6:**

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is:
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas:
and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord:
or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart:
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his
neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him:
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

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:**



Be faithful until death: and I will give you the crown of life. *Revelation 2:10*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 11:20-27, 32-44

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



Glo-ry to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

SERMON by the Reverend Dr Maithrie White

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

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness:

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

Bless George, bishop of Connor, and David, bishop of Down and Dromore, and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

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

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

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

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

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

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

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

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We pray for all those in our cathedral community who are struggling with ill health, anxiety for family members and living with bereavement, asking your blessing upon each one.

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

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

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

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

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

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, 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.

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

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. **Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power, be to our God for ever and ever. 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 to share **THE PEACE**

Jesus said, A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 427:**



**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture—
in the Body and the Blood—
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spread its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most High.**

Words: From the Liturgy of At. James tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-85) Tune: PICARDY French traditional carol melody



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to 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.

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 choir sings the **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra
 gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.
 Benedictus qui venit
 in nomine Domini.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy
 Lord God of Hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of
 your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Setting: Missa 'O quam gloriosum', Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548-1611)

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.

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

*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.*

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

Setting: Missa 'O quam gloriosum', Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548-1611)

THE COMMUNION

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 **ANTHEM:**

O quam gloriosum est regnum
in quo cum Christo gaudent
omnes sancti.

Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum quocumque
ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom
in which, with Christ, all the saints
rejoice.*

*Clothed in white robes,
they follow the Lamb
wherever he goes.*

Words: All Saints, Second Vespers, Antiphon to the Magnificat; cf. Revelation 7:9

Setting: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548-1611)

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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we, who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through 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.

Please stand to sing **HYMN 346:**

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory: 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: 'Kleines' Präludium e-moll *Nicholas Bruhns (1665-97)*

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



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



Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong
Preces & Responses: *Howard Skempton*
Psalm: *Charles Villiers Stanford*
Canticles: *The Wells Service, Howard Skempton*
Anthem: *Holy is the true light, Sir William Harris*

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 7th November 2021: The Third Sunday before Advent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon

3.30pm RIR Remembrance Service

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