



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 7th November 2021

11.00am

The Third Sunday before Advent

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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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

Organ Prelude: Vorspiel d-moll *Anton Bruckner (1824-96)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 10*:**



**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**



**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) altd. based on Joachim Neander (1650-80)

Tune: MICHAEL Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28:20*

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,
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.

*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,
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: Messe Es-dur, JWV 57, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 127:**

Except the Lord build the house:

their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city:

the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness:

for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb:

are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant:

even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:

they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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.

Tone IV

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



Keep awake, therefore, and be ready: for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:38-44

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



As Jesus taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 humility and generosity in the Church and the world:

Father, bless your Church with a spirit of compassion and respect, especially for those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. May your ministers lead by example and not from self-seeking motives.

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

We pray for the world, in which so many are overlooked, victimized or cast aside because of self-interest and greed. May our leaders place the common good above the lure of wealth.

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

We pray for the communities in which we live and work, that they may be places in which young and old, comfortable and vulnerable might thrive.

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

Grant us the grace of mutual respect for those with whom we differ, but give us courage to uphold the weak and to challenge selfish and harmful practices or systems.

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

We pray for those who find themselves in straitened circumstances due to redundancy, poor health or bereavement. Help us to be generous in our use of money, and to think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

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

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.**

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**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

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

**Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we render thanks to God.**



**Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.**

**Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**Therefore approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

**He, that in this world all his saints defends,
gives to believers life that never ends.**

**He feeds the hungry with the bread of heaven,
and living streams to those who thirst are given.**

**Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow
all at the Judgement Day, is with us now.**

Words: From the 7th-century Latin Bangor Antiphonary tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: SONG 46 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)



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 Chronicle 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 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: Messe Es-dur, JWV 57, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and, by intention, his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he dies for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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: Messe Es-dur, JWV 57, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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: Präludium C-dur Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Veneremur cernui:

Et antiquum documentum

Novo cedat ritui:

Præstet fides supplementum

Sensuum defectui.

Therefore, so greatly the Sacrament

Let us venerate with heads bowed

And let the old practice

Give way to the new rite;

Let faith provide a supplement

For the failure of the senses.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et Jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise. Amen.*

Words: Medieval Latin hymn generally attributed to St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

Setting: Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

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

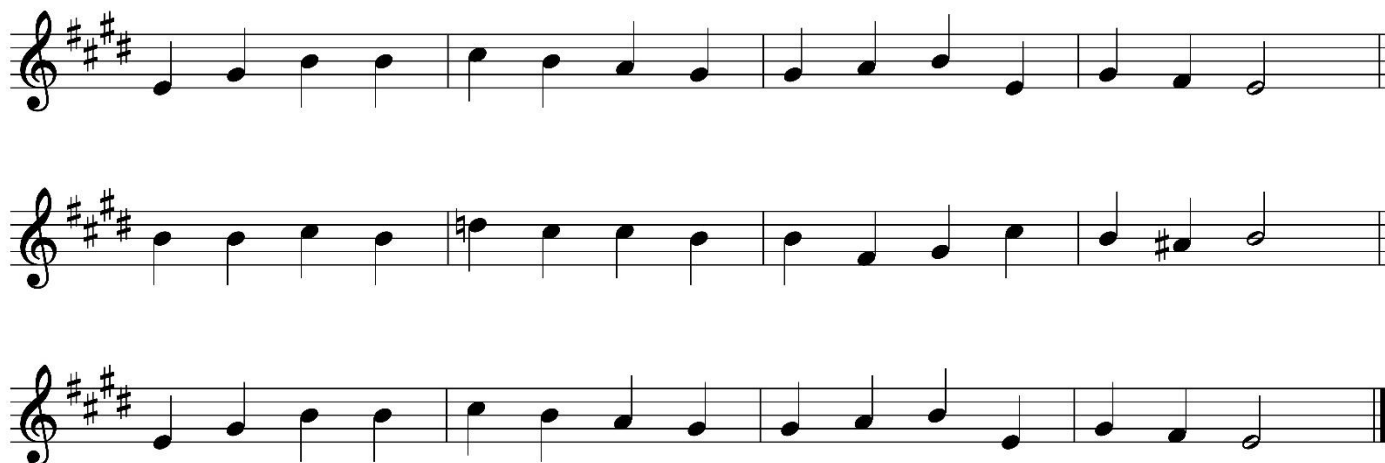


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

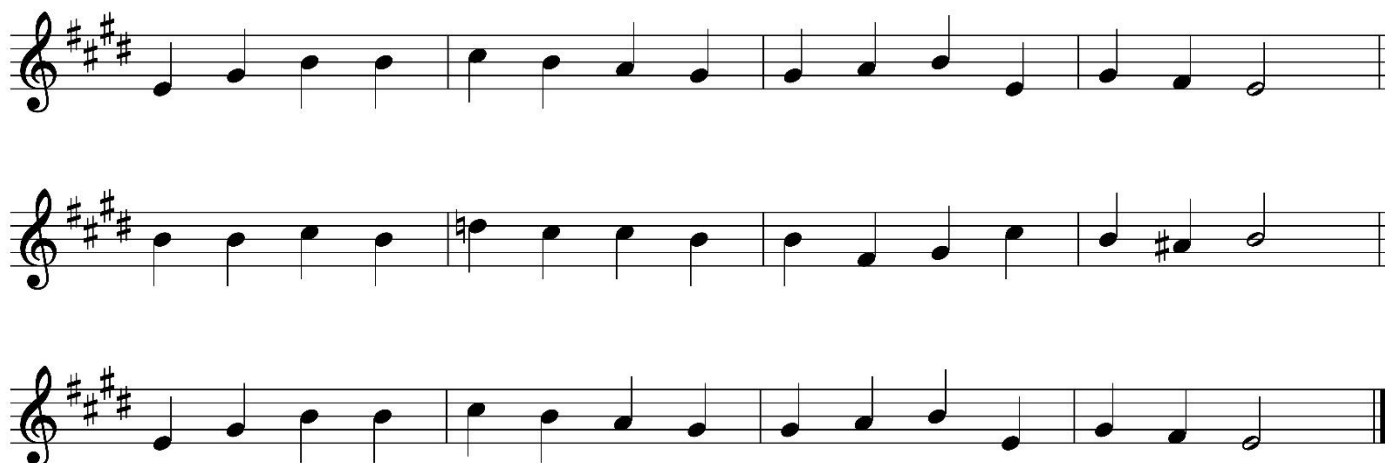
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 652:**



**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**



Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Tune: MANNHEIM Melody adapted from a chorale by Friedrich Filitz (1804-76) in his Choralbuch (1847)

THE BLESSING

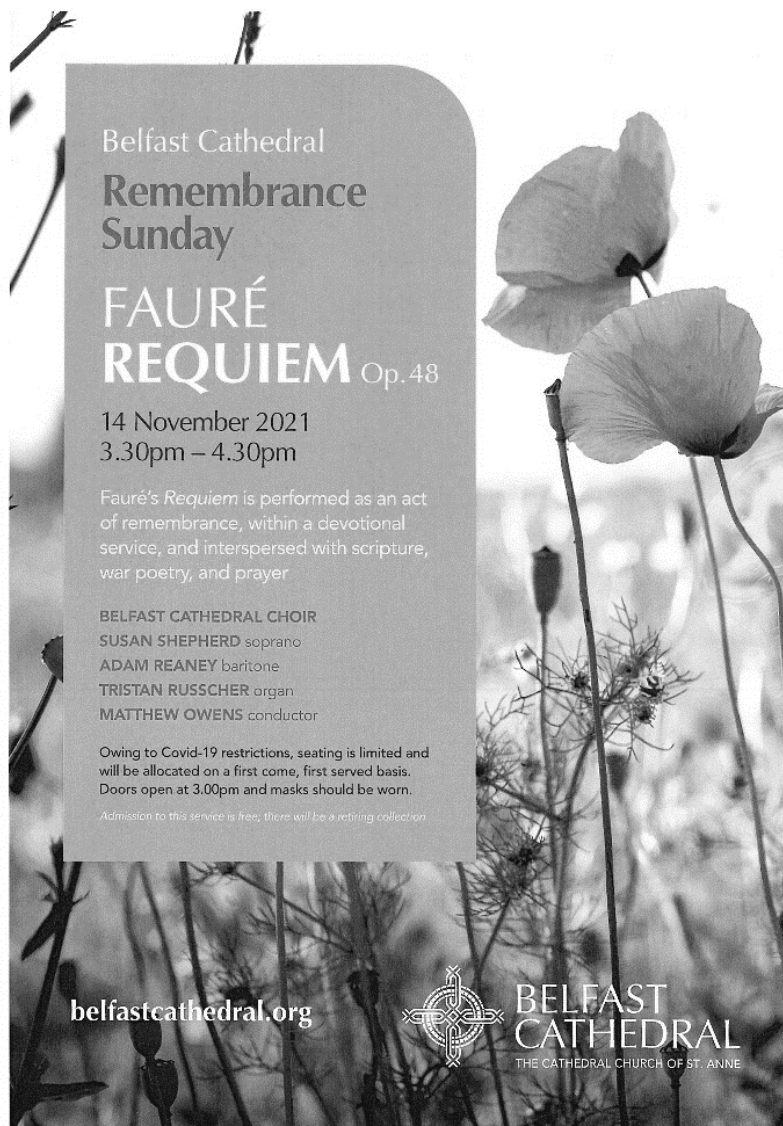
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Nachspiel d-moll Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

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



Musical must-have Christmas purchases 2021!

Belfast Cathedral Choir is releasing **A Belfast Christmas**, a varied programme of familiar seasonal carols and fresh festive offerings from composers including John Rutter, Philip Stopford, Philip Wilby, and Philip Ledger.

A second new release is **Christmas Bells**, featuring Organ Music from Belfast Cathedral, with Matthew Owens.



NOTICES



The Annual RIR Remembrance Service takes place this afternoon at 3.30pm.
*Seats have been allocated to invited guests
and, unfortunately, we are at capacity for this.*

Services this week:

Wednesday & Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Afternoon Prayer
Friday 1.00-2.00pm The Church's Ministry of Healing Service

Armistice Day will be marked in the cathedral on Thursday 11 November at 10.55am, with prayers and time of silence at 11.00am.

Sunday 14th November 2021: Remembrance Sunday **11.00am Choral Eucharist**

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 10.55AM:

**The service will commence at 10.57am in order to mark a two minute
silence at 11.00am.**

3.30pm on Remembrance Sunday

A Devotional Service of music, readings, prayer and poetry
for the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday,
which will include the Belfast Cathedral Choir singing
Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

*Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.
The cathedral doors open from 3.00pm.*

**Please remember to make your
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as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

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