



CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 23rd January 2022

11.00am

**The Third Sunday after The Epiphany
in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. 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. 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



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 384***:



**Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**O that we, discerning,
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!**

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)

Tune: RAVENSHAW Melody from M. Weisse's Ein Neu Gesangbüchlen adpt. William Henry Monk (1823-89)

The Dean welcomes the congregation

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. *Titus 2:11*

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

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

*Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings the **KYRIE:***

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Missa Sanctae Annae, Simon Beattie (b.1975) (world premiere)

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.

*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.*

Domine Fili Unigenite,
Iesu Christe,

*Lord Jesus Christ,
only begotten Son,*

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,

*Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,*

qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;

*you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;*

qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostrum.

*you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.*

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.

*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 Sanctae Annae, Simon Beattie (b.1975) (world premiere)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 19:**

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another:

and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language:

but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands:

and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:

which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again:

and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul:

the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught:

and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth:

O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me:

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart:

be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord:
my strength, and my redeemer.

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 III

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



The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor: to proclaim release to the captives. *Luke 4:18*

Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:14-21

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



Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON by *The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast*

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 for the intercessions marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022, written by the Churches of the Middle East and published by CTBI.

With faith and confidence, we come in prayer, before God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

The Magi came from the East to pay homage and offer special gifts from their cultures and countries. We pray today for all Christian communities around the world in all of their diversity of worship and tradition: Lord we ask you to preserve these treasures, particularly in areas of the world where the presence and survival of Christians is threatened by violence and oppression.
○ Lord, hear our prayer.

The early years of the Lord's life were marked by violence and massacres at the orders of the despot Herod. We pray for children living in places in the world where violence continues and where its results are tangible: Strengthen, O Lord, the bonds of unity and mutual love among our churches and help us to cooperate and witness to your holy Name. Inspire us to work without ceasing in order to defend the oppressed and include the marginalized. Encourage us to stand together in the face of tyranny and oppressive regimes as we seek your Kingdom among us.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

After the visit of the Magi, the holy family experienced migration through the wilderness and became refugees in the land of Egypt. We pray for all the refugees and uprooted people in this world: Equip us, Lord, to show hospitality to those driven from their homes, and grant us the spirit of welcome to those looking for a safe haven.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

The birth of Jesus was good news for all, gathering people from different nations and religions in worship of the holy child. We pray for our efforts to seek harmony and dialogue with other religions: Lord, give us humility and patience to walk with others with respect on their journey.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

The Magi returned to their home by a different way. We pray for our churches in this changing world: Lord, help us to find new and creative ways to follow you and to witness to you so that the world may believe.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

When the Magi saw the holy child, they rejoiced with great joy. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes on him so we do not lose our way. Unite us in the Lord Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. *cf Isaiah 9: 6,7*

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

Please stand to sing **HYMN 421***:



**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and, as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b.1936)

Tune: ST BOTOLPH Gordon Slater (1896-1979)



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

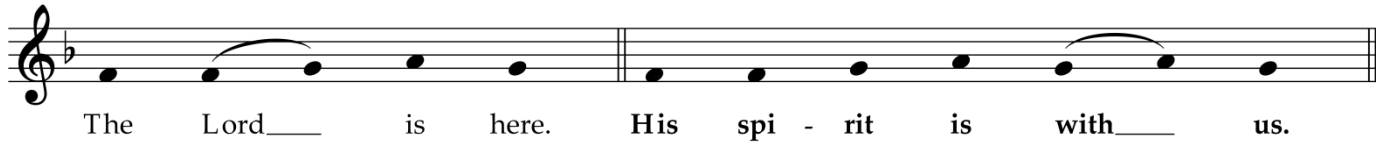


Please remain standing

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

For Jesus Christ our Lord who in human likeness revealed your glory, to bring us out of darkness into the splendour of his light:

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 Sanctae Annae, Simon Beattie (b.1975) (world premiere)

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 remain seated 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 Sanctae Annae, Simon Beattie (b.1975) (world premiere)

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: Offertoire (Dix pièces, 1887) Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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

Small wonder the star,
small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus,
the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings,
small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense,
the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross -
no small wonder!

Small wonder the love,
small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory,
the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart -
no small wonder!

Words: Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)

Setting: Paul Edwards (b.1955)

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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 438***:



**O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
 that all thy Church might be for ever one,
 grant us at every eucharist to say
 with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done'.
 O may we all one bread, one body be,
 one through this sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
 make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
 draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
 by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
 thus may we all one bread, one body be,
 one through this sacrament of unity.**

*Words: William Henry Turton (1856-1938)
 Tune: SONG I Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world: 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: Prélude et Danse Fuguée *Gaston Gilbert Litaize (1909-91)*

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

It had been intended that the members of the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir would be inducted as part of this morning's Cathedral Service. Regrettably the occurrence of positive Coronavirus contacts prevented the choir from rehearsing this week. We wish those who have been infected a speedy recovery. We hope that the induction of members to the Cathedral Children's Choir will now take place on Sunday 6th February, which is also the 70th Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

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NOTICES



Please join us today at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong:

Choral Evensong will be a tribute to Dr Francis Jackson CBE (1917-2022), former Organist of York Minster, who died earlier this month aged 104:

Francis Jackson *'Procession' from 'Three Pieces for Organ'*

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 115 (chant by South)

Francis Jackson *Evening Service in G minor*

Francis Jackson *A Prayer of John Donne*

Francis Jackson *'Pageant' from 'Three Pieces for Organ'*

Services Sunday 30th January 2022:

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon

3.30pm Choral Evensong

7.00pm 'Let us Dream': Common Ground, Common Good

The Opening Event of the 10th Annual "4 Corners Festival"

with Dr Austen Ivereigh, Biographer of Pope Francis.

Free admission by downloading tickets from:

www.4cornersfestival.com

Doors open from 6.30pm (*see below for further details*)

Revision of the Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members

The Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members is now open for revision. If you have subscribed to cathedral parish finances in the past year and are over 18 you are eligible to register. Please complete one of the Registration Forms at the West End as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.

Belfast 4 Corners Festival 2022: 30 January – 6 February

The 10th Anniversary 4 Corners Festival 2022 is a celebration that begins in St Anne's Cathedral and ends in St Peter's. This year the week long series of thought-provoking events will be around the theme 'Common Ground, Common Good' and includes participants as diverse as boxer Carl Frampton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr Austen Ivereigh, the Pope's biographer. There's sure to be something to pique your interest at this unique Christian Festival. Browse the full festival programme at the website above.

Please remember to make your Free Will Offering contribution as you leave the cathedral or via online banking.