



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**The Third Sunday after The Epiphany**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

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

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The musical settings for Choral Evensong today are a tribute to Dr Francis Jackson CBE (1917-2022), former Organist of York Minster, who died earlier this month aged 104.

**Organ Prelude:** 'Procession' from 'Three Pieces for Organ' *Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

Please stand to sing **HYMN 594\*** (Tune ICH 423):



**Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.**

**Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.**

**Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from you **Word**.**

**Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart,  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.**

*Words: Jack C. Winslow (1882-1974)*

*Music: SLANE Irish traditional melody harm. Erik Routley (1917-82)*

*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 115:**

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise:  
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore shall the heathen say:

Where is now their God?

As for our God, he is in heaven:

he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

Their idols are silver and gold:

even the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, and speak not:

eyes have they, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not:

noses have they, and smell not.

They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not:

neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them:

and so are all such as put their trust in them.

But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord:

he is their succour and defence.

Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord:

he is their helper and defender.

Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord:

he is their helper and defender.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us:

even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord:

both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more:

you and your children.

Ye are the blessed of the Lord:

who made heaven and earth.

All the whole heavens are the Lord's:

the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not thee, O Lord:  
neither all they that go down into silence.  
But we will praise the Lord:  
from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

*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: Charles South (1850-1916)*

*Please sit for the* **FIRST LESSON:** Numbers 9:15-23

On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp. At the command of the LORD the Israelites would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they would remain in camp. Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle for many days, the Israelites would keep the charge of the LORD, and would not set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain for a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the LORD they would remain in camp; then according to the command of the LORD they would set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain from evening until morning; and when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they would set out. Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, resting upon it, the Israelites would remain in camp and would not set out; but when it lifted they would set out. At the command of the LORD they would camp, and at the command of the LORD they would set out. They kept the charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by Moses.

*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: Evening Service in G minor, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

*Please sit for the* **SECOND LESSON:** I Corinthians 7:17-24

Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

*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: Evening Service in G minor, Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

*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.

#### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Almighty and everlasting God, Mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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**:

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity: in the habitations of thy majesty and glory, world without end. Amen.

Words: John Donne (1571-1631)  
Setting: Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

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 39**:

The image shows four staves of musical notation for Hymn 39. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff features a more rhythmic pattern with eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a final whole note and a double bar line.



**For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God!  
For his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God!  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping;  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God!**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done:  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing;  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God!  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us;  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God!**

*Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Tune: EAST ACKLAM Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

## **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.

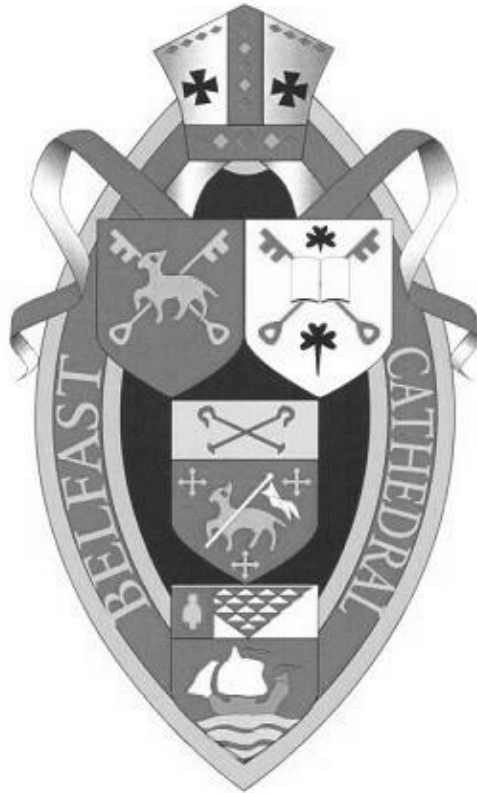
*Response: **Amen.***

*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

**Organ Postlude:** 'Pageant' from 'Three Pieces for Organ' *Francis Jackson (1917-2022)*

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## NOTICES



**Services Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "4 Corners Festival"

with Dr Austen Ivereigh, Biographer of Pope Francis.

Free admission by downloading tickets from:

[www.4cornersfestival.com](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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