



BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 30th January 2022

11.00am

**The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany
marking the Feast of the Presentation
of Christ in the Temple**

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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AT THE WEST END OF THE 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 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: Intrada from Dies Natalis *Gerald Finzi (1901-56), arr. Gower*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 125***:



**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

**O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is Love.**

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72
Tune NEH 55: CRÜGER Adpt. by William Henry Monk (1823-89) from a chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
in his Gesangbuch (Berlin, 1640)*

Please sit as the Dean welcomes the congregation

Please stand for **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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people of his own. Let us confess our sins.

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;

*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;

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.

*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 Brevis, Sir Lennox Berkeley (1903-89)

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 48:**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth:
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in
her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth:
are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things:
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow *
as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea:
through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in
the city of our God:
God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end:
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad:
because of thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her:
and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses:
that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever:
he shall be our guide unto death.

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 VIII

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



'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord: 'no one comes to the Father except through me.' *John 14:6*

Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:22-40

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



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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

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

In the light of Christ's glorious revelation, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, grant that the Church shall offer her worship in holiness and reverence. Give her the spirit of prophecy, to speak to the world the message of salvation and to praise the mighty works of her Lord.

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

Come in power and love to those who walk in darkness, and lighten the dark places of the world. Give the grace of understanding, that all may delight in the innocence of the young and listen to the wisdom of the old.

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

Bless our families, when we come to worship and when we are together in our homes. Guide those who care for the elderly in our community. Bless all care workers at this difficult time.

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

Have mercy on all who mourn the loss of those they have loved, whether partner, parent, child or friend, especially those recently bereaved. Comfort the mothers who suffer anguish for the troubles of their children. Bless the sick and watch over them, especially those within the cathedral community known to us. Lighten the darkness that closes around the dying.

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

We give thanks for those who have died and now rejoice in a greater light than this world can give. Grant that we in our time may depart in peace and find salvation.

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 in healthcare, the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities.

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 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.

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 St. James tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)

Tune NEH 295: PICARDY French traditional carol melody



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

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:

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 Brevis, Sir Lennox Berkeley (1903-89)

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 his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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 Brevis, Sir Lennox Berkeley (1903-89)

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: *My lovely one* Gerald Finzi (1901-56), arr. Brunelle

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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Matthew 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 5:17
Setting: Howard Goodall (b.1958)*

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

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love. Help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 365***:



**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.**

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-80) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)
Tune NEH 440: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Joachim Neander's Alpha and Omega (1680) as set in The Chorale Book for England (1863)*

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: *Ite, Missa est* (from 'Missa de Gloria') *Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

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



Presentation of Christ in the Temple.
From a fresco in the Capella degli Scrovegni – Padua, Italy



NOTICES



Please join us today at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong:

Howells Preludio 'Sine Nomine'

Rose Preces and Responses

Psalm 147 (chant by John Bertalot)

Howells Evening Service 'Collegium Regale'

Warlock Bethlehem Down

Howells Paean

This evening at 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

Services Sunday 6th February 2022: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

and Induction of the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir

Preacher: Melanie Sloane, Ordinand, Church of Ireland Theological Institute

3.30pm Good Samaritans' Service

Distribution of £150,000 raised during the Black Santa Sit Out Appeal 2021

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 through Free Will Offering, Standing Order, Cheque or Credit Card, 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.

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