



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Second Sunday before Lent
Sunday 20th February 2022
marking Scouting's Founder's Day

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Following the downgrading of Covid restrictions to guidelines we respectfully ask you to wear a face covering when inside the building during the service, but especially when singing the hymns. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.



Organ Prelude: Lantana (Plymouth Suite) Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Please stand to sing **HYMN 509***:



**Your kingdom come, O God;
your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

**Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?**

**O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!
Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.**

**On lands both near and far
thick darkness gathers yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise and never set!**

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)

Tune NEH 499: ST CECILIA Leighton George Hayne (1836-83)

Please remain standing 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: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 104 vv 24-35:**

O Lord, how manifold are thy works:

in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also:

wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan:

whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee:

that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it:

and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:

when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their
dust.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made:

and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever:

the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of him:

if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will praise my God while I have my being.

And so shall my words please him:

my joy shall be in the Lord.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly
shall come to an end:

praise thou the Lord, O my soul, 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: Sir Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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: Fauxbourdon Service, Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** 2 Timothy 2. 3-13 *read by Billy Miskimmin*

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David -- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful -- for he cannot deny himself.

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: Fauxbourdon Service, Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

*The congregation is seated and the members of the Arrowheads Club remain standing for the **RENEWAL OF THE SCOUT PROMISE** led by Philip Scott, President of the Northern Ireland Scout Council:*

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best

to do my duty to God and to the Queen,

to help other people

and to keep the Scout Law.

Please stand and 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:

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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**:

Holy is the True Light,
and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict.
From Christ they inherit
a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

*Words: from the Salisbury Diurnal by Rev. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)
Music: Sir William Henry Harris (1883-1973)*

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**:

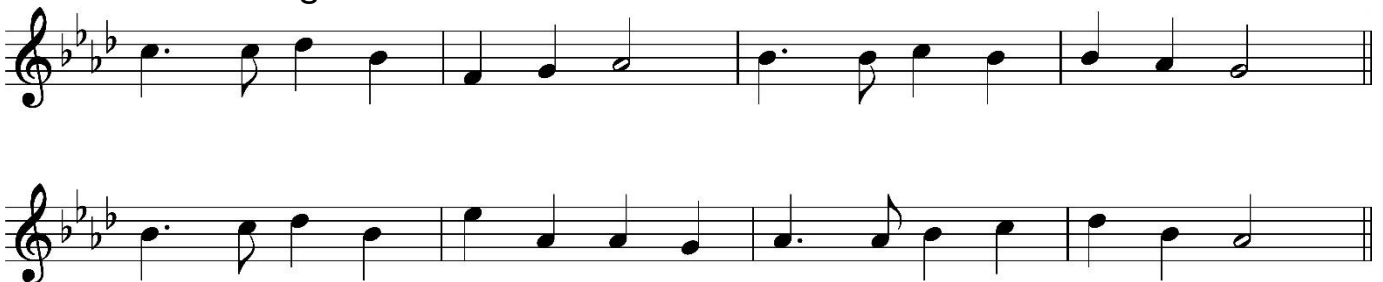
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient 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.

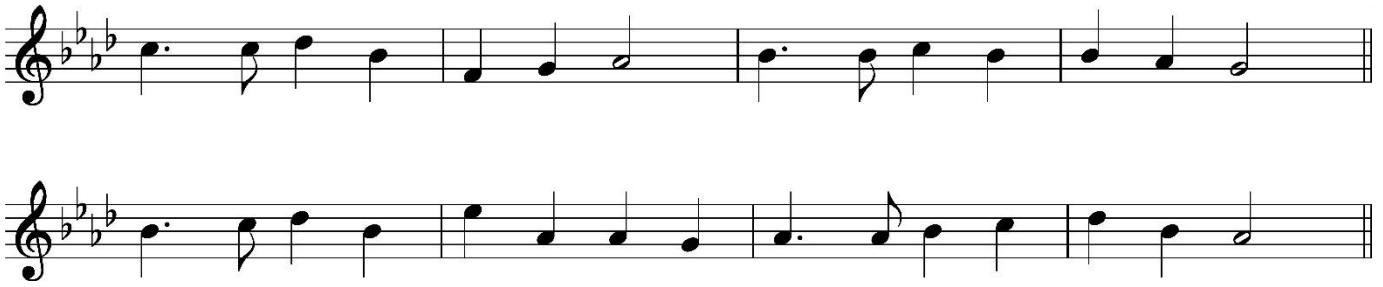
All respond: **Amen.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 655***:



**Loving Shepherd of your sheep,
keep your lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can your power withstand,
none can pluck me from your hand.**

**Loving Lord, you chose to give
your own life that we might live;
and your hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.**



**Help me praise you every day,
gladly serve you and obey;
like your glorious ones above,
happy in your previous love.**

**Where you lead me I will go,
walking in your steps below;
till, before my Father's throne,
I shall know as I am known.**

Words: Jane E. Leeson (1809-81)

Tune NEH 463(2): NEWINGTON William D. Maclagan (1826-1910)

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: Toccata (Plymouth Suite) *Percy Whitlock (1903-46)*

Sunday 27th February 2022: The Second Sunday before Lent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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