



Services and Music List

March 2022

WELCOME TO BELFAST CATHEDRAL

Belfast Cathedral, (the Cathedral Church of St Anne) is a Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion (Episcopalian). It is unusual in serving two separate dioceses, the Diocese of Connor, and the Diocese of Down and Dromore; it therefore has not one but two Bishops' Seats.

The Cathedral has stood for 120 years as a place of Christian worship in the heart of the City of Belfast. Featuring the 56-metre stainless steel *Spire of Hope* (added in 2007), detailed mosaics by the sisters Gertrude and Margaret Martin, elaborately carved stonework by sculptors Rosamond Praeger, Morris Harding, and Esmond Burton, and beautiful stained-glass windows, this Hiberno-Romanesque building is one of the ecclesiastical and architectural highlights of Northern Ireland.

The splendid acoustic of the Cathedral is the setting for the 4-manual Harrison & Harrison organ, a Wells-Kennedy chamber organ, and a 2-manual organ by the renowned Dutch firm, Klop. The fully adult, professional Cathedral Choir sings for Sunday Services as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. There is also Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, giving musical opportunities to children across Belfast and beyond, as choristers who sing regularly in cathedral services (normally once a fortnight on a Sunday morning) as well as the latest choir, the Songbirds.

Belfast Cathedral sits at the heart of The Cathedral Quarter, which is known for its unique and artisan shops, wide variety of restaurants, and buzzing nightlife, close to the Titanic Quarter, and the city centre itself.

The clergy, staff, congregation, and volunteers of Belfast Cathedral look forward to offering you a warm welcome.

INFORMATION

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Belfast Cathedral uses the New Revised Standard Version translation of the bible for all services. Reading selections are taken from the Church of Ireland Lectionary.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir, a fully adult, professional choir. It has very recently received much acclaim from the national and musical press which have been full of praise for the choir's debut release on Resonus Classics:

*The choir's tonal purity and impeccable tuning are a pleasure.
(BBC Music Magazine, five stars)*

*The clarity of the choir's singing is exceptional.
(Choir and Organ, 'pick of the festive fair')*

Matthew Owens, late of Wells Cathedral, has re-established the choir at St Anne's Cathedral as a professional adult ensemble and it could well be the finest all-adult standing choir of its kind anywhere, with near-perfect vowel harmony, blend, enunciation, nuanced awareness of phrase and an exceptional, bright and pure soprano group. (Gramophone)

Conducted by Matthew Owens, the cathedral's professional, all-adult choir alternates between the suave and the boisterous, while Gráinne Meyer's harp accompaniments on three tracks are uniformly delightful. (The Times)

*First-class singing, conducted by Matthew Owens
(The Observer, 'best classical Christmas albums of 2021')*

For further information about Belfast Cathedral Choir, please contact the Director of Music, Matthew Owens, via music@belfastcathedral.org

CHILDREN'S SINGING AT BELFAST CATHEDRAL

There are opportunities for boys and girls aged between 7 and 14 to sing in the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir. The Cathedral's Director of Music, Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers. For further information, email music@belfastcathedral.org. In addition, there is a singing club for younger singers, the Songbirds, who meet each Wednesday afternoon. Please email songbirds@belfastcathedral.org for further details.

COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever denomination you are.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Visitors and worshippers are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing whilst in the cathedral.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

No photography or recording of any kind may take place during services, concerts, or rehearsals without the express permission of the Dean.

WEEKDAY CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

These take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 1.00-1.15 p.m., in the Nave of the Cathedral; all are welcome. The Healing Service takes place in the Cathedral Hall each Friday, from 1.00-1.45 p.m. Finally, on the first 5 Fridays of Lent there are sessions to explore Contemplative Prayer, led by former Dean's Vicar, Canon Raymond Fox. These will consist of some liturgical prayer followed by periods of contemplative prayer: Fridays 04, 11, 18, 25 March, and 01 April, from 10.30-11.30 a.m. in the Chapel of Unity.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

27 SUNDAY: The Sunday next before Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Alain *Le Jardin Suspendu*
Jackson *Communion Service in G*
Philip Wilby *Make me a light*
(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)
Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*
(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)
Langlais *Méditation (Suite Médiévale)*
Matthew Owens *My eyes for beauty pine*
Judith Bingham *St Bride, assisted by angels*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Leighton *Fantasy on 'Lumetto'*
Howard Skempton *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 128 (chant by Bennett)
Leighton *Second Service*
Cooper *The Call*
Leighton *Scherzo, Op. 41, ii*

2 WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Byrd *Mass for four voices*
Allegri *Miserere mei*
Byrd *Emendemus et melius*

MARCH

6 SUNDAY: The First Sunday of Lent

- 11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Lugge *Voluntary in three parts*
Byrd *Mass for five voices*
Psalm 91, vv 1-2, 6-16 (Tone VIII)
J.S. Bach *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*
Isaac *Invocabit me*
Widor *Aria (Bach's Memento)*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Vierne *Adagio (3e Symphonie)*
Plainsong *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 32 (chant by Bairstow)
Jackson *Evening Service in G*
Bax *Lord, thou hast told us*
Messiaen *Offrande au Saint Sacrement*

MARCH

13 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday of Lent

- 11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Leighton *Fantasy on 'Aus der tiefe'*
Berkeley *Missa Brevis*
Psalm 27 (*Tone V*)
Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*
(*sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir*)
C.P.E. Bach *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*
Hurford *Litany to the Holy Spirit*
(*sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir*)
Widor *Allegro Vivace (5e Symphonie)*
- 3.30 p.m. INSTALLATION OF THE BISHOP OF CONNOR
Dubois *Fiat Lux*
David Goodenough *Behold, how good and joyful*
Howard Skempton *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 70 (*chant by Stainer*)
Wood *Collegium Regale*
S.S. Wesley *Lead me, Lord*
Widor *Marche Pontificale (1er Symphonie)*
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17 THURSDAY: **Saint Patrick, 641**

- 9.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Simon Beattie *Missa Sanctae Annae*
(*second performance*)
Bob Chilcott *An Irish Blessing*

MARCH

20 SUNDAY: The Third Sunday of Lent

- 11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Franck *Prélude Op 18, i*
Lotti *Missa Brevis in D minor*
Psalm 63, vv 1-9 (Tone VIII)
Couperin *Benedictus (Messe pour les Paroisses)*
Palestrina *Sicut cervus*
J.S. Bach *Andante (Trio Sonata No 4, BWV 528)*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE DIOCESE OF
CONNOR MOTHERS' UNION
Willan *Chorale Prelude on 'Christum wir sollen
loben schon'*
Ebdon *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 104, vv 24-35 (chant by Parratt)
Cooper *Fauxbourdon Service*
Attwood *Turn thy face from my sins*
Finzi *Prelude*

MARCH

27 SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Dupré *Prelude in G minor, Op. 7, no.1/i*

Wood *Communion Service in C minor*

Psalm 32 (*Tone VI*)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

(*sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir*)

Mendelssohn *Fugue (Sonata No 6)*

Simon Lindley *Ave Maria*

(*sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir*)

Dupré *Fugue in G minor, Op. 7 no.1/ii*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Bridge *Andante moderato in C minor*

Ayleward *Preces and Responses*

(*with Stone Lord's Prayer*)

Psalm 126 (*chant by Ware*)

Blow *Short Service*

Parsons *Ave Maria*

Howells *Master Tallis's Testament*

The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, BSc, Dip. Theol
Dean of Belfast

The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, MA (Cantab), MA
Dean's Vicar

The Reverend Janice Elsdon, BA
Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest

The Reverend Dr Maithrie White
Non-Stipendiary Part Time Curate

Matthew Owens, MA (Oxon), MusM, FRCO, PPRNCM, HonFGCM, FRSA
Director of Music

Tristan Russcher, BA Hons (Oxon), FRCO
Associate Organist

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