

**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

**SUNG EUCHARIST
WITH THE BAPTISM OF
LUCY ISABELLA HURSON**

**Sunday 24th April 2022
11.00am
The Second Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.*



GUIDANCE WITH THE EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

With the easing of Covid restrictions, but a need for continued caution, we are making some changes as follows:

While moving through the cathedral and making your way for communion, we ask you to continue to wear face coverings.

However while seated or standing in your seat, you may wish to remove your face covering. We encourage you to join in singing. However, please continue to leave a seat vacant between family groups. Rows are currently at 0.75m apart.

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 Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland.

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.

We have resumed distribution of Communion in both kinds. The wine will be in individual cups. When you approach the clergy you will receive the wafer bread, which you should consume immediately. There are tables on the north and south aisles where you will receive the wine. Please approach the table on the side on which you are seated. Empty cups should be placed in the basin provided.

Seating is by alternate rows. Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat.

Please indicate if you require a gluten-free wafer, or if you require Communion to be brought to your seat.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

Post-service Refreshments

Once you are guided by the cathedral wardens, you may wish to collect coffee or tea from the West End of the Cathedral.

PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SERVING TABLES.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service

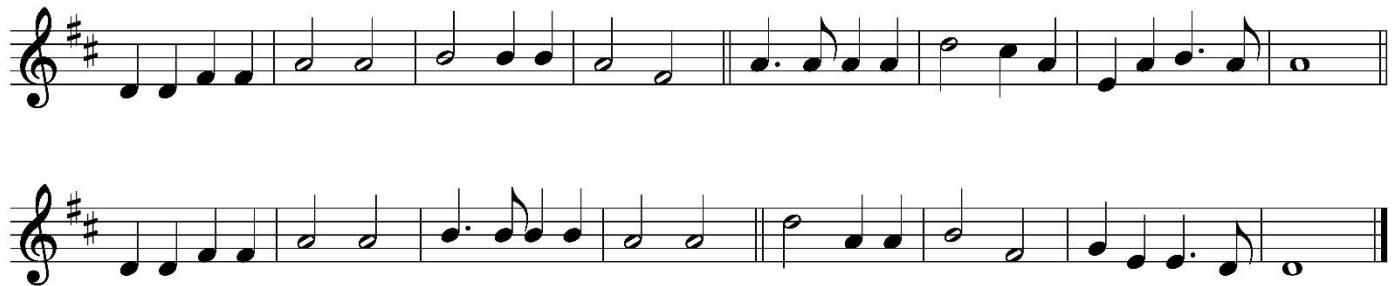
Organ Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 711 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 321:**



**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy: there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Words: Reginald Heber (1781-1826) based on Revelation 4:8-11; Isaiah 6:1-8
Tune NEH 146: NICAEA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

THE EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Please kneel or sit in silence

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 cantor 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,

*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,*

qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
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,
have mercy on us;
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 Resurrectionis, Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



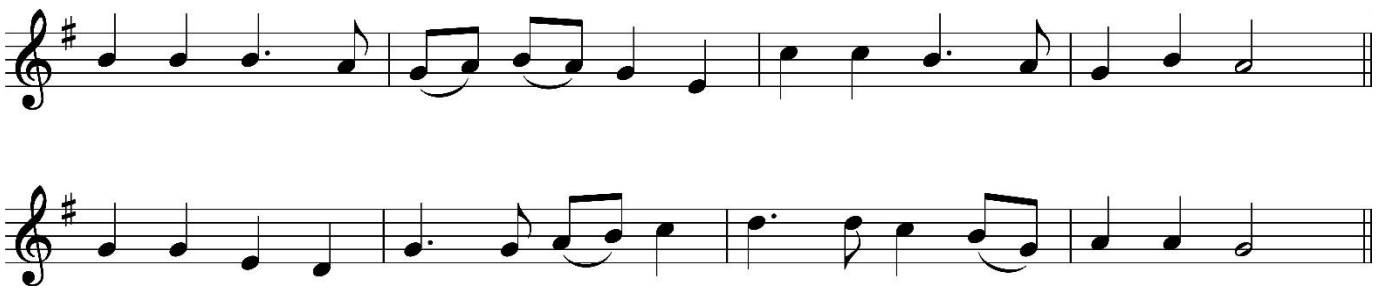
Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing **HYMN 385:**



**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age-long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

Words: H.C.A. Gaunt (1902-83) based on Mark 4:1-20

Tune NEH 357: SUSSEX English traditional melody arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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



Jesus said, 'Have you believed because you have seen me?': 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe.' *John 20:29*

*Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31*

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



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

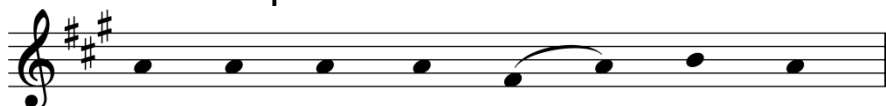
After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

SERMON by the Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar



THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM



Please stand as the presiding minister invites the candidate's sponsors to stand in view of the congregation and present the candidate.

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ. Here we find rebirth in the spirit, and set our minds on his heavenly gifts. As children of God, we are continually created anew, as we walk the path of faith, and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

THE PRESENTATION

We welcome those who come to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer

We present Lucy Isabella to be baptized.

The presiding minister says to the sponsors

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Lucy for baptism and answer on her behalf. By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us from darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

The presiding minister says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers: **We will support them.**

The presiding minister makes the sign of the cross on Lucy's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith. **Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
Amen.

THE BAPTISM

The baptismal party goes to the place where the water for baptism is, and the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving prayer. Water is poured into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Lucy to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister shall ask the sponsors:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Lucy is to be baptized?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The presiding minister baptizes the child, saying

Lucy Isabella., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister and those who have been baptized may return from the font

The minister continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister, saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

Please remain standing for **THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciple and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20:19,20*

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

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 431*:**



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia ,alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.**

**Here for faith's discernment praying,
lest we fail to know thee now,
here our deepest homage paying,
we in loving reverence bow;
alleluia ,alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Great High Priest of our profession,
through the veil thou wentest in,
by thy mighty intercession
grace and peace for us to win;
alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.**

**Life-imparting, heavenly manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with one hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb that died.
alleluia ,alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

*Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)
Tune NEH 296 (1): ST. HELEN George C. Martin (1844-1916)*



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



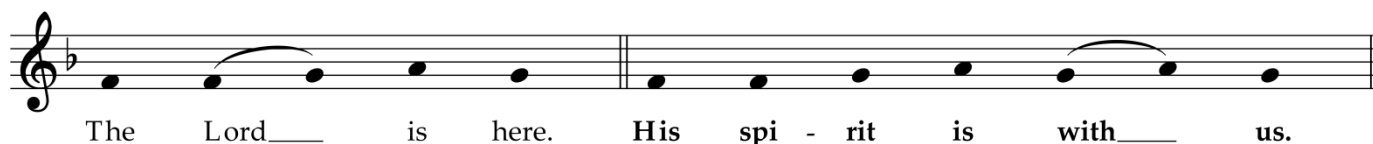
Please remain standing

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 116:12-14

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:

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life:

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 cantor sings the **SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he who comes

in nomine Domini.

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Missa Resurrectionis, Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

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 cantor 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 Resurrectionis, Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

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: Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing Flor Peeters (1903-86)

During communion the cantor sings the **ANTHEM**:

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Words: Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Music: G.F. Handel (from Messiah) (1685-1759)

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

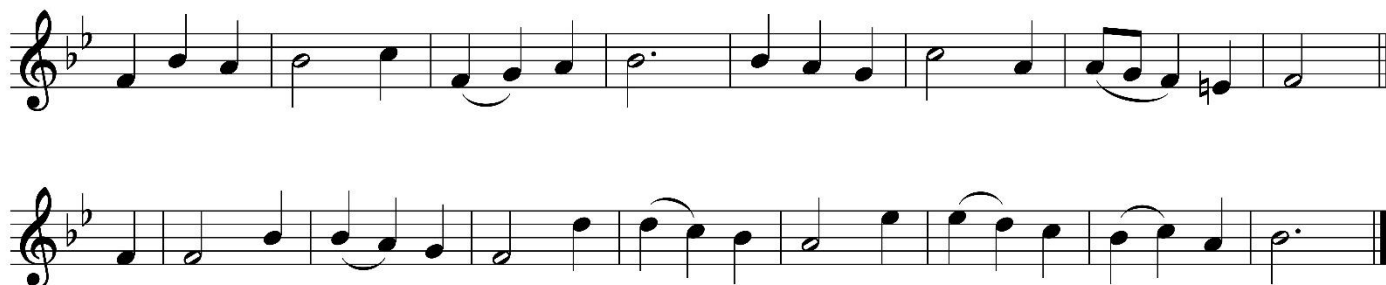


EASTER BAPTISMAL POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Author of life divine, in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us the mystery of his triumph over sin and death; may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth rise to newness of life and find the promised presence of your abundant grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 491***:



**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Words: Edward J. Burns (b.1938)

Tune NEH 486: FULDA (WALTON) William Gardiner (1770-1853) Sacred Melodies (vol. 2, 1815)

THE EASTER BAPTISMAL BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The presiding minister gives the newly baptized a lighted candle, and she is sent out with these words:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Lucy, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude: O filii et filiae Jean François Dandrieu (1684-1740)

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



NOTICES



Please stay for refreshments, following the directions at the beginning of this order of service. We are appealing for volunteers to assist with providing refreshments on rotation, please consider signing up for this if you are able.

Today at 12.20pm
Adjournment Meeting for Cathedral Wardens
to reschedule Easter Vestry to Sunday 22nd May, 2022

Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm
for
Evening Prayer with sung Hymns.

Next Sunday 1st May, 2022

**Due to the Belfast City Marathon which is being held across the city
on Sunday 1st May,
MORNING ACCESS TO BELFAST CATHEDRAL WILL BE
SEVERELY RESTRICTED.**

**For this reason the 11.00am morning service will be a said service of
Holy Communion (1662) held in the choir stalls for those who can
manage to attend. There will be no music at this service.**

**The Principal Cathedral Service for 1st May will be
FULL CHORAL EVENSONG with ADDRESS
Held in the cathedral at 3.30pm.**

***If you usually attend morning service please plan to attend Evensong on
this day.***

As you leave, please remember to make your Free Will Offering
contribution to support the ongoing work and life of Belfast Cathedral,
or give via online banking to:

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