



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

**EVENING PRAYER
The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 24th April 2022**

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

Please stand to sing **HYMN 268:**



**Hail, thou once-despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean king!
Thou didst suffer to release us,
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Saviour,
bearer of our sin and shame;
by thy merits we find favour;
life is given through thy name!**

**Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou has full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
we are reconciled with God.**



**Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide!
All the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading,
there thou dost our place prepare,
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honour, power and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
loudest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Saviour's merits,
help us chant Emmanuel's praise.**

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819)

Tune NEH 271: HYFRYDOL Melody by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1811-87)

Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:**

○ Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Please remain standing to say **PSALM 108:**

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:

I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp:

I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:

I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens:

and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens:

and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered:

let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness:

I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine:

Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot:

over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city:

and who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God:

and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy:

for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts:

and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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.

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up,

and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Please stand to say 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.

**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.**

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Please stand to say 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.**

**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.**

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.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty Father, who hast given thine 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 alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All respond: **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.

All respond: **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.

All respond: **Amen.**

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 629**:



**Abide among us with thy grace,
Lord Jesus, evermore,
nor let us e'er to sin give place,
nor grieve him we adore.**

**Abide among us with thy word,
Redeemer whom we love;
thy help and mercy here afford,
and life with thee above.**

**Abide among us with thy ray,
O Light that light'nest all;
and let thy truth preserve our way,
nor suffer us to fall.**

**Abide with us to bless us still,
O bounteous Lord of peace;
with grace and power our spirits fill,
our faith and love increase.**



**Abide among us as our shield,
O Captain of thy host;
that to the world we may not yield,
nor e'er forsake our post.**

**Abide with us in faithful love,
our God and Saviour be,
thy help at need O let us prove,
and keep us true to thee.**

Words: Joshua Stegman (1663-1713) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-78)

Tune NEH 57: DUNDEE Melody from The CL Psalmes of David (Edinburgh, 1615). Harmony from Thomas Ravenscroft's Psalmes (London, 1621)

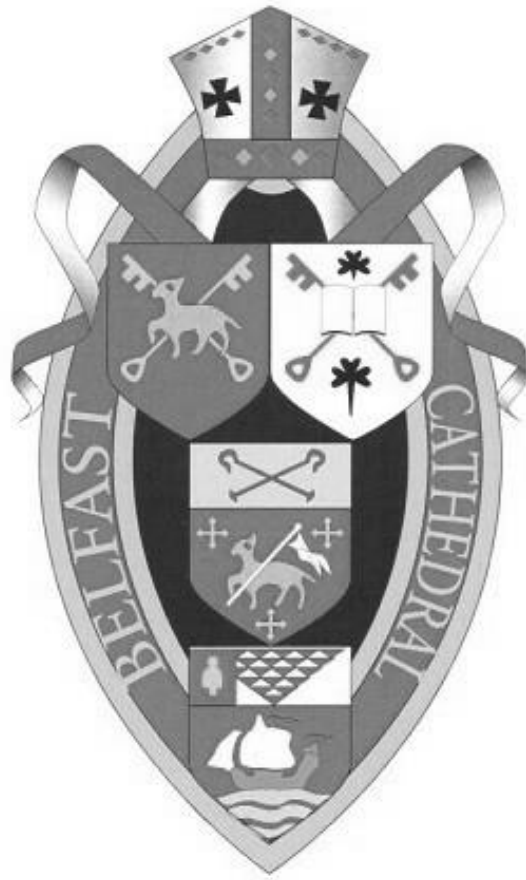
THE BLESSING

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 clergy depart

*Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens
There is a Retiring Collection at this service*





NOTICES



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.***

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