



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Third Sunday of Easter
& Feast of St Philip and St James
Sunday 1st May 2022

Welcome to Belfast Cathedral. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens

Organ Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei ehr J G Walther (1684-1748)

Please stand to sing **HYMN 277:**



**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save:
where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven,
praise to thee by both be given;
thee we greet triumphant now,
hail, the resurrection thou.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune NEH 113: SAVANNAH (HERRNHUT) Melody from MS. Choralbuch (Herrnhut, c.1740) as given in John Wesley's Foundery Collection (1742)

*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 I:***

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor
stood in the way of sinners:

and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord:

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side:

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither:

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face
of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement:

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

*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: William Beale (1784-1854)

*Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 38:9-20*

A writing of King Hezekiah of Judah, after he had been sick and had
recovered from his sickness:

I said: In the noontide of my days I must depart;
I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.
I said, I shall not see the Lord in the land of the living;
I shall look upon mortals no more among the inhabitants of the world.
My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent;
like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom;
from day to night you bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning;
like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove.

My eyes are weary with looking upwards.

○ Lord, I am oppressed; be my security!

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.

All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

○ Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit.

○ restore me to health and make me live!

Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness;
but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you;
those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.
The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day;
fathers make known to children your faithfulness.

The Lord will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments
all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord.

*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: Evening Service in D, Ernest John Smeed Moeran (1894-1950)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** John 11:17-44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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: Evening Service in D, Ernest John Smeed Moeran (1894-1950)

Please remain standing 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:

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same 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 – COLLECT OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES’ DAY**

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words: The Collect of St Philip and St James’ Day
Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977) (world premiere)*

SERMON by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

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 286:**



**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:**

Alleluia!

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:**

**On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:**

**He broke the bonds of death and hell,
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:**

*Words: From the Latin Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum (Cologne 1695) tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909) based on 1
Corinthians 15:53-57*

*Tune NEH 107: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT) Melody from M. Vulpius's Gesangbuch (1609) harm. Henry G. Ley
(1887-1962)*

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 during the **Organ Postlude:**
Allein Gott in der Höh' sei ehr Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*