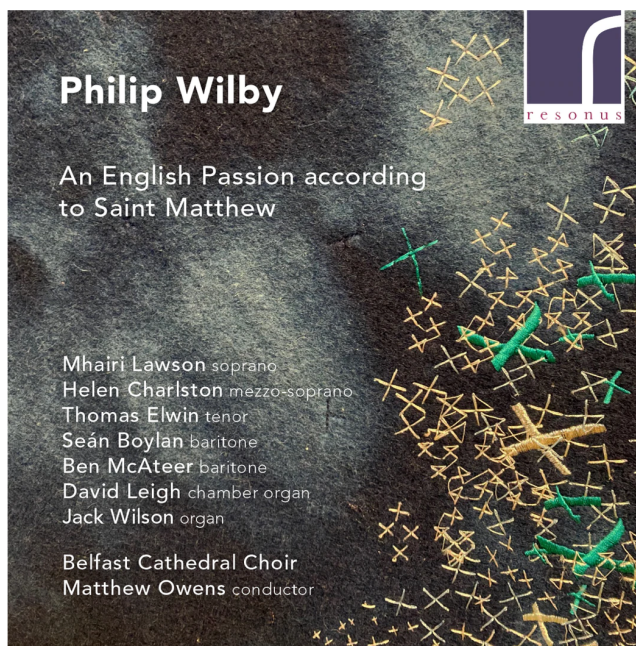




Services and Music List

April 2022

NEW RELEASE FROM BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR



Following Belfast Cathedral Choir's highly acclaimed debut release on Resonus Classics, the choir is proud to present its second release for the label, the world premiere recording of Philip Wilby's powerful and accessible setting of the *St Matthew Passion* alongside two other first recordings of recent works by the composer.

Recent acclaim for the choir: *"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)

For sale after services during April at the special price of £10

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 international and national musical press which have been full of praise for the choir's recent 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)

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)

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.

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.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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

APRIL

3 SUNDAY: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Leighton *Fantasy on 'Aus der Tiefe', Op. 72, no. 2*

Berkeley *Missa Brevis*

Psalm 126 (Tone IV)

C.P.E. Bach *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

Leighton *Solus ad victimam*

Widor *Allegro Vivace (5e Symphonie)*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Ratcliffe *Reflection on the Passion Chorale*

Ayleward *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 18, vv 1-6 (chant by Goss)

Walmisley *Evening Service in D minor*

Stainer *God so loved the world*

Finzi, arr. Ridout *Prelude*

Weekday Cathedral Prayers 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.

APRIL

10 SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Parry *Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham'*

Stanford *Communion Service in C and F*

Psalm 118, vv 1-2, 19-29 (Tone VI)

Demessieux *Hosanna Filio David* (from *12 Chorale*

Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8)

Handel *Lift up your heads* (from *Messiah*)

Widor *Matheus-Final*

5.00 p.m. PALM SUNDAY PASSION

Philip Wilby *An English Passion according to*

Saint Matthew (Northern Ireland Premiere)

This is a powerful and accessible setting of the St Matthew Passion, set to music by one of the UK's foremost living composers, and involves the congregation in singing Passiontide hymns using hymn tunes of Vaughan Williams's.

Belfast Cathedral Choir is joined by guest soloists, two organists, Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, and Songbirds for this devotional performance, in the presence of the composer.

Tickets (£10) for this performance are available at the door on the day or from Eventbrite (search under 'Philip Wilby' on [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk))

APRIL

On Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 of Holy Week there will be a 1.00 p.m. Lunchtime Service with coffee

13 WEDNESDAY: Wednesday of Holy Week

1.00 p.m. LUNCHTIME SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Plainsong *Preces and Responses*
Tonus Peregrinus *Magnificat*
Tone IV *Nunc dimittis*
Tallis *Lamentationes Jeremiae prophetae (I)*

14 THURSDAY: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

10.30 a.m. DIOCESAN SERVICE with the renewal of
Ordination Vows

7.30 p.m. EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER
Messiaen *Le Banquet céleste*
Walton *Missa Brevis*
Psalm 116 vv 1, 10-17 (Tone II)
Durufié *Ubi caritas et amor*
Langlais *Communion (Hommage á Frescobaldi)*
Messiaen *O sacrum convivium*

APRIL

15 FRIDAY: **GOOD FRIDAY**

12 noon THREE HOURS DEVOTION

7.30 p.m. A SERVICE OF REFLECTION ON THE CROSS
Psalm 22, vv 1-11 (Tone II)
Victoria *Popule meus*

16 SATURDAY: **EASTER EVE**

8.00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL SERVICE
Shephard *Exultet*
Matthew Owens *The Song of Moses and Miriam*
(first performance)
Howells *Like as the hart*
Langlais *Acclamations (Suite Médiévale)*

APRIL

17 SUNDAY: EASTER DAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Howells *Sarabande for the morning of Easter*
(*Six Pieces, no. 2*)

Mozart *Krönungsmesse, K. 317*

Barry Rose OBE *Risen Lord*

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

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

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

Willan *Chorale Prelude on 'Easter Hymn'*

Matthew Owens *This joyful Eastertide*

Dupré *Prélude et Fugue en si majeur, Op. 7, i*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Mendelssohn *Allegro assai Vivace (Sonata no. 1)*

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 66, vv 1-11 (chant by Havergal)

Dyson *Evening Service in D*

Hadley *My beloved spake*

Downes *Paraphrase on 'O filii et filiae'*

The Cathedral and Cathedral Offices will be closed on Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday.

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APRIL

24 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday of Easter

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST (with cantor)

J.S. Bach *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 711*

Naji Hakim *Missa Resurrectionis*

Peeters *Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing*

Handel *I know that my redeemer liveth*

(from *Messiah*)

Dandrieu *O filii et filiae*

3.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER (said, with hymns)

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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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