



CHORAL EUCHARIST
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 8th May 2022
11.00am

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



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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: Chorale Prelude on Vulpius *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 398***:



**Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore?'**

**Alleluia! bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98) based on Acts 1:3-11
Tune NEH 271: HYFRYDOL Melody by Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955) based on 1 Peter 2:6-10*

Please be seated as the Dean welcomes the congregation

Please stand for **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:

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 choir sings the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b. 1962)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.'

Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 23:**

The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

Tone VIII

Please stand to sing the **ALLELUIA:**

1st time: Cantor

2nd time: All

Verse: Cantor

Repeat: All

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord: 'I know my own and my own know me.' *John 10:14*

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING:** John 10: 22-30

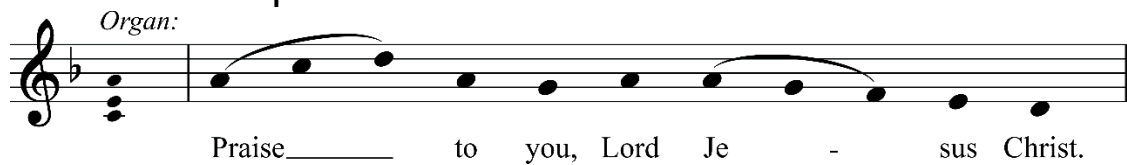
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my

voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Reverend Janice Elsdon

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit

Seeking the glory of God in all things, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father, fill the Church with grace, that you may be glorified in her worship. Keep all Christian people faithful to the great commandment of love.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Give to the people of the world a new spirit: of love in place of anger, and trust in place of suspicion. Especially at this time, grant that those who lead the nations may know the responsibility they bear, and work for peace.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray that we, with our families, friends and neighbours, may grow ever deeper in the bonds of love for one another. Help us to offer ourselves, as witnesses to the glory of God.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Pardon and restore those who have failed in love and betrayed their trust. Have mercy on all who suffer from the unfaithfulness of any who are dear to them. Comfort and support the innocent who are betrayed into the hands of unjust powers, praying especially for the victims of war in Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed who in this life put their trust in Christ. Lead us, with them, to follow our Master, and abide in the safety of his love.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Please stand 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*

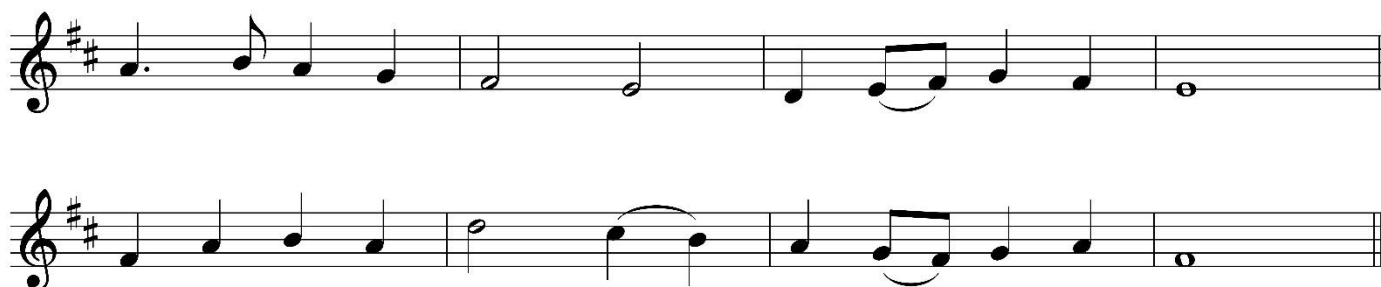
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 644:**



**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where your steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with you beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
make my faith grow clearer,
help me love you more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain.
be my only treasure,
all I hope to gain.**

**Day by day prepare me,
as you see is best,
then let angels bear me
to your promised rest.**

Words: Thomas B. Pollock (1836-96)

Tune NEH 282: PASTOR PASTORUM (SILCHER) Frederick Silcher (1789-1860)

Please remain standing

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Lord___ is here. His spi - rit is with___ us.

Lift_____ up your___ hearts.____ We lift them to___ the Lord.____

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.____

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 choir sings the **SANCTUS** *and* **BENEDICTUS**:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b. 1962)

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

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.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:***

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Setting: Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b. 1962)

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: Prelude on Song 34 Alan Gray (1855-1935)

*During communion the Cathedral Choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

I am the heart that houses the cone,
the cone enclosing the cedar,
I am the cedar sawn for the cradle,
forest of the body, body of the tree.

I am the cradle rocking the baby,
I am the baby containing the man,
I am the man nailed on the cross,
tree of the body, body of the forest.

I am the cross sawn from the cedar,
I am the cedar enclosed in the cone,
I am the cone housed in the heart,
here in my heart Jesus, springing.

Words: Kevin Crossley-Holland (b. 1941)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 670***:*



**Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed;
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.**

**There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.**



**O sweet and blessèd country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country,
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father,
and spirit, ever blessed.**

*Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th century), tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66) based on Revelation 7:14; 21:1-7
Tune NEH 381: EWING Adpt. From St Bede's, a tune in triple meter by Alexander Ewing (1830-95)*

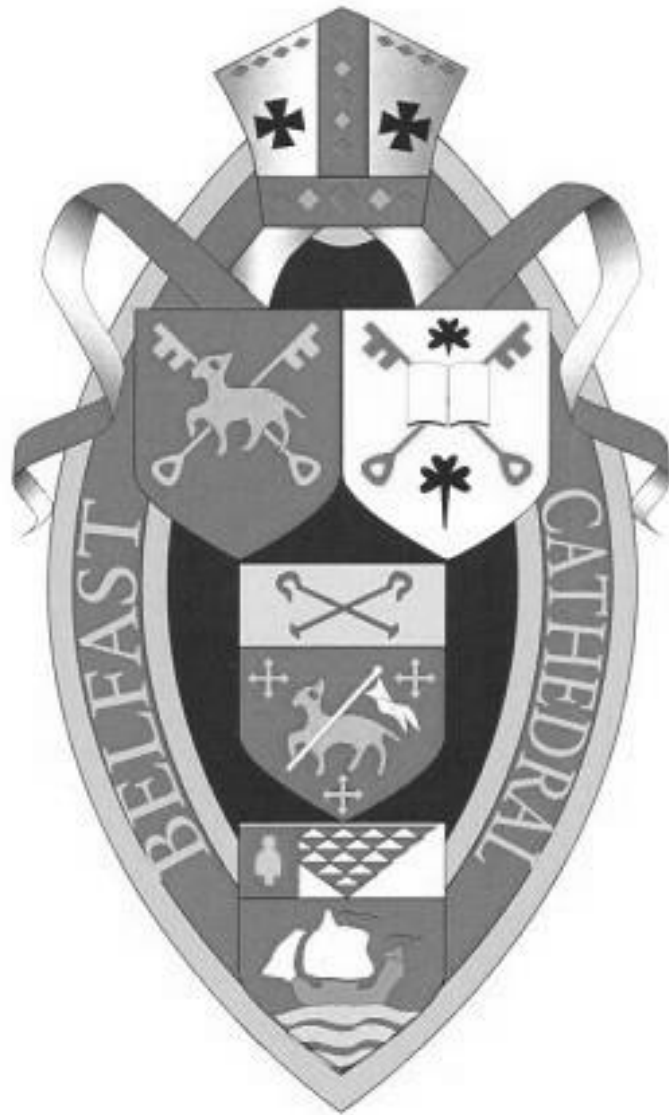
THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude: Easter Offertory *Henri Deshayes (1838-1913)*



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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.

Please join us for Choral Evensong this afternoon at 3.30pm:

Stanford Pastorale Op 88, No 5

Ebdon Preces and Responses

Psalm 41 (chant by Bairstow)

Stanford Evening Service in C

Handel Since by man came death (from 'Messiah')

West Old Easter Melody

From 9th to 16th May, in case of a pastoral emergency or a bereavement, please contact Canon Raymond Fox, former Dean's Vicar, on 075 1175 2160 or speak to Cate Cox, Cathedral Admin Officer on 028 9032 8332.

**Mothers' Union Sale: Saturday 14 May
from 10 15am till noon**

BELFAST CATHEDRAL MOTHERS' UNION

invites you to a Coffee Morning & Sale
in the Cathedral Hall.

Cakes, groceries, plants, bath & beauty, jewellery etc

Proceeds to MU funds

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 15th May 2022: 5th Sunday of Easter

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Gillian McGaughey

3.30pm "Pause for Hope":

A special service focussing on those who suffer from cancer

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