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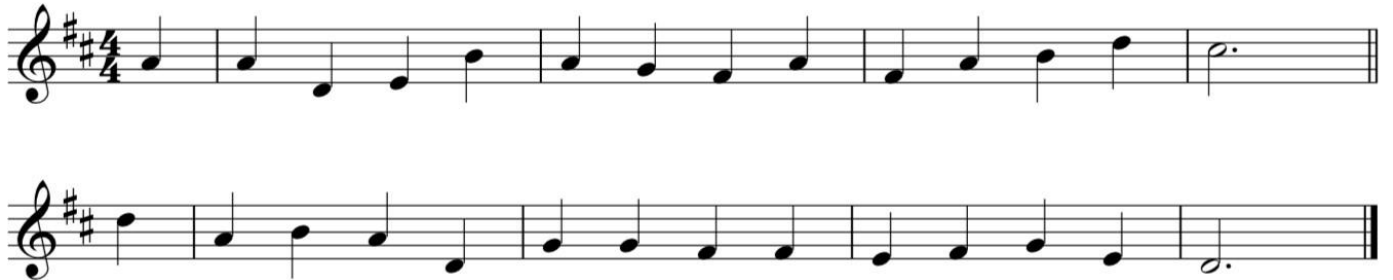
**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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

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**Organ Prelude: Pastorale Op 88, No 5 Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)**

*Please stand to sing **HYMN 374\***:*



**When all thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view, I'm lost  
in wonder, love, and praise.**

**When worn with sickness, oft hast thou  
with health renewed my face;  
and when in sins and sorrows sunk,  
revived my soul with grace.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
my daily thanks employ;  
nor is the least a cheerful heart,  
that tastes those gifts with joy.**

**Through every period of my life  
thy goodness I'll pursue;  
and after death, in distant worlds,  
the glorious theme renew.**

**Through all eternity to Thee  
a joyful song I'll raise;  
for O eternity's too short  
to utter all Thy praise!**

*Words: attrib. Joseph Addison (1672-1719)  
Tune NEH 124: ST FULBERT Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)*

*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: Thomas Ebdon (1738-1811)*

*Please sit while the choir sings* **PSALM 41:**

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy:  
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon  
earth:

and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed:  
make thou all his bed in his sickness.

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me:

heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Mine enemies speak evil of me:

When shall he die, and his name perish?

And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity:

and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he cometh  
forth he telleth it.

All mine enemies whisper together against me:  
even against me do they imagine this evil.

Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him:  
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.

Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted:

who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord:

raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

By this I know thou favourest me:

that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me:

and shalt set me before thy face for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:  
world without end. Amen.

*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: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 63:7-14*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit;  
therefore he became their enemy; he himself fought against them.  
Then they remembered the days of old, of Moses his servant.

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them his holy spirit,  
who caused his glorious arm to march at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble.  
Like cattle that go down into the valley,  
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.

Thus you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

*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 C, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Please sit for the* **SECOND LESSON:** Luke 24:36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

*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 C, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*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 showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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**:

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Words: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) (from 'Messiah')

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 263\***:



**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**



**Crown him the Lord of life  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

*Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94) and Geoffrey Thring (1823-1903) based on Revelation 19:12  
Tune NEH 352: DIADEMATA George J. Elvey (1816-93)*

## **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:**  
Old Easter Melody John Ebenezer West (1863-1929)*