



MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Sixth Sunday of Easter:
Rogation Sunday
22nd May 2022

followed by a meeting of the
Annual Easter General Vestry
From 12 Noon

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



Organ Prelude: Meditation on John Keble's Rogationtide Hymn *John Ireland (1879-1962)*

Please stand to sing **HYMN 350:**



**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,**

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the wonder of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,**

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,**

**For each perfect gift of thine,
to the world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,**

**For thy Church for evermore
lifting holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,**

Words: F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Tune NEH 285(1): ENGLAND'S LANE David Evans (1874-1948)

Please sit 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*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Please kneel or sit

Heavenly Father, **we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon 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

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*Please sit as the choir sings the **MOTET:***

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father,

and he shall give you another comforter,

that he may 'bide with you forever;

E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17 (William Tyndale's translation)

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

*Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Acts 16:9-15*

In the spirit one of the seven angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 67:**

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:

and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth:

thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God:

yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad:

for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God:

let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:

and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us:

and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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 VII

Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** John 14:23-29

Jesus answered Judas, saying, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast

Please stand and face east for the **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the **Father** almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER is sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir to a setting specially composed by its Composer-in-Association, Gary Davison (b. 1961):

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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your protection, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please remain seated for the **ANTHEM** (sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir with Belfast Cathedral Choir):*

A Gaelic Blessing John Rutter CBE

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you

INTERCESSIONS

On this Rogation Sunday and the day of our Easter Vestry, let us pray to God our creator, who has given us the earth's goodness for our blessing, and entrusted it to our care as God's stewards:

For all who live in captivity to debt, whose lives are cramped by fear from which there is no turning except in the hope of an abundant harvest;

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

For all who depend on the earth for their daily food and fuel, whose forests are destroyed for the profit of a few;

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

For those trapped in the cost of living crisis, who labour in poverty, are oppressed by unjust laws, are prevented from speaking the truth, and long for a harvest of justice;

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

For so many who are captive to greed and waste and boredom, whose harvest joy is choked with things they do not need;

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

For all whose lives have been destroyed by war, for prisoners and those who have fled as refugees;

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

Save us as God's people in this cathedral parish from all that holds us captive, restore our vision and build our faith that our mouths may be filled with laughter and our tongues with songs of joy.

Lord, we pray: **may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

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

Almighty Lord, **hear our prayer and fulfil your purposes in us, as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 528:**



**The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**The world with scornful wonder
may see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?';
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

*Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900) based on 1 Corinthians 3:11 & Ephesians 5:25-27
Tune NEH 167: AURELIA S.S. Wesley (1810-76)*

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: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei ehr, BWV 676 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens

Following this service, you are invited to collect a tea or coffee. Those who are members of the Cathedral Easter Vestry are asked to return to seats at the front of the Nave for the General Vestry Meeting. Other members of the congregation are asked to make their way from the Cathedral before the start of the Meeting.

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NOTICES



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Sunday 5th June 2022.

3.30pm at Belfast Cathedral

The Belfast Lieutenancy Service of Thanksgiving
Marking the Platinum Jubilee
of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

A limited number of seats have been allocated for members of the cathedral congregation who wish to attend this landmark service.
To reserve your seats, please e-mail Cate Cox (admin@belfastcathedral.org) or phone 028 9032 8332 during office hours to secure a place.



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NOTICES



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

Merkel Easter March

Smith Preces and Responses (with Stone The Lord's Prayer)

Psalm 109, vv 1-4, 20-30 (chants by Goss, Bairstow)

Blow Short Service

Soriano Regina caeli

Titcomb Improvisation on 'Alleluia, Pascha Nostra'

THURSDAY 26th MAY – ASCENSION DAY.

10.00am

**A Said Service of Holy Communion for the Ascension
Held in the Chapel of Unity.**

**1.00- 1.30pm Ascension Day Organ Recital with Readings
Matthew Owens (Organ) and Ali Darragh (Reader in French)
with Donations to the Dean's Ukraine Appeal**

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(1908-1992)

L'ASCENSION

4 Symphonic Meditations for Organ (1934)



Belfast Cathedral

Ascension Day, Thursday 26 May, 2022

1.00-1.30 p.m.

MATTHEW OWENS organ

ALI DARRAGH reader

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