



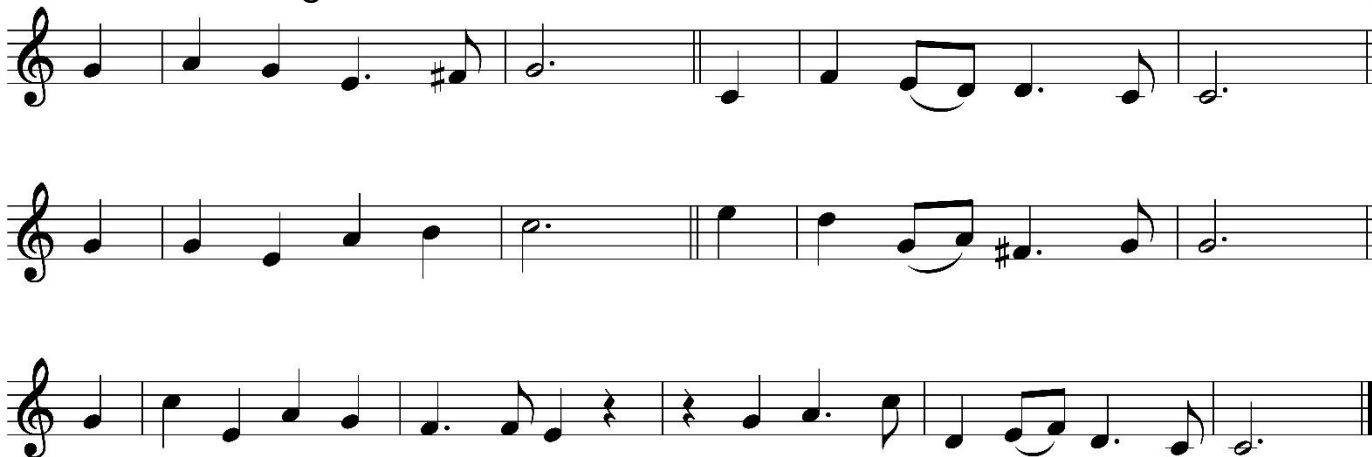
BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday 22nd May 2022

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

Organ Prelude: Easter March, *Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)*

Please stand to sing **HYMN 281***:



Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: Rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Philippians 4:4

Tune NEH 443: GOPSAL G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*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: William Smith (1603-45)

*Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 109 vvi-4, 20-30:***

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

Hold not thy tongue, O God of my praise:

*for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened
upon me.*

And they have spoken against me with false tongues:

*they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me
without a cause.*

*For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part:
but I give myself unto prayer.*

*Thus have they rewarded me evil for good:
and hatred for my good will.*

*But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name:
for sweet is thy mercy.*

O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor:
and my heart is wounded within me.
I go hence like the shadow that departeth:
and am driven away as the grasshopper.
My knees are weak through fasting:
my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.
I became also a reproach unto them:
they that looked upon me shook their heads.
Help me, O Lord my God:
O save me according to thy mercy;
And they shall know, how that this is thy hand:
and that thou, Lord, hast done it.
Though they curse, yet bless thou:
and let them be confounded that rise up against me;
but let thy servant rejoice.
Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame:
and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke.
As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth:
and praise him among the multitude;
For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor:
to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

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.

Chants: John Goss (1800-80) & Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says 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: Short Service John Blow (1649-1708)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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: Short Service John Blow (1649-1708)

*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:

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform 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**

Regina coeli laetare, Alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia.

Iam Resurrexit sicut dixit,
Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you were worthy to
bear, alleluia.

Now has risen, as He said,
alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Words: A medieval antiphon to the Virgin Mary (author unknown).

Music: Francesco Soriano (1549-1621).

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 260***:



**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune NEH 388 I : TRURO, melody from Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)

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:** Improvisation on “Alleluia, Pascha Nostra” Howard Everett Titcomb (1884 – 1968)

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OLIVIER MESSIAEN
(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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NOTICES



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

Olivier Messiaen

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L' ASCENSION

Four Symphonic Meditations for Organ (1934)

**Matthew Owens (Organ) and Ali Darragh (Reader in French)
with Donations to the Dean's Ukraine Appeal**

Please note that for the next two Sunday afternoons (29th May and 5th June) the Cathedral's Talbot Street Carpark will not be available for parking by members of the congregation. Please use the Academy Street carpark. This is due to special services being held on each of these afternoons.

Sunday 29th June, 2022.

The Twentieth Annual RUC GC Service of Thanksgiving

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.
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