



**SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**The Sunday after Ascension**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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*

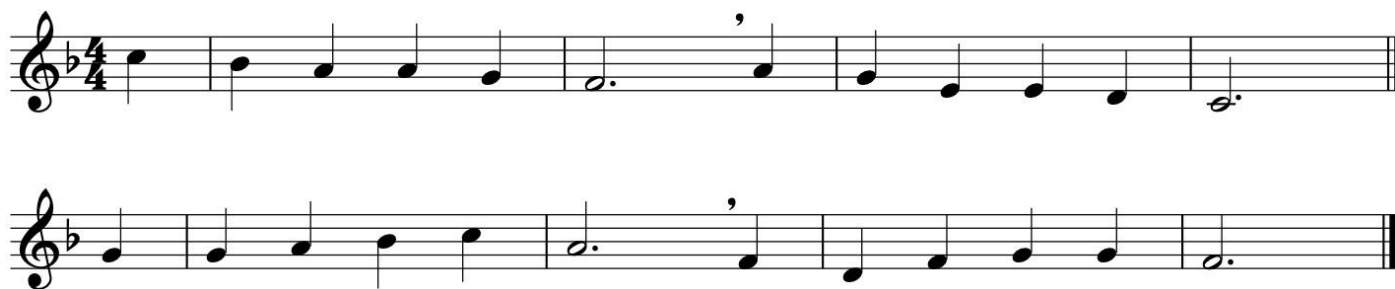
**Organ Prelude:** Präludium D-dur, BWV 532, i J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing **HYMN 509:**



**Your kingdom come, O God;  
your rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with your iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.**

**Where is your reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease  
as in the realms above?**

**When comes the promised time,  
the end of strife and war;  
when lust, oppression, crime  
and greed shall be no more?**

**O Lord our God, arise  
and come in your great might!  
Revive our longing eyes  
which languish for your sight.**

**On lands both near and far  
thick darkness gathers yet:  
arise, O Morning Star,  
arise and never set!**

*Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)  
Tune NEH 499: ST CECILIA, Leighton George Hayne (1836-83)*

Please remain standing for **THE ASCENSION GREETING**

Our God has gone up with shouts of praise  
**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

*Psalm 47:5*

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 cantor sings the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite,  
Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-94) Missa Brevis*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and 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 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings* **PSALM 97:**

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof:

yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him:

and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world:

the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord:

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness:

and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images,

and that delight in vain gods:

worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced:

and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements,

O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth:

thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil:

the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them

from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous:

and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous:

and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

*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.

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA**:

1st time: Cantor

2nd time: All

Verse: Cantor

Repeat: All



I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord: I am coming to you. *John 14:18*

Please remain standing for the **GOSPEL READING**: John 17:20-26

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



'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by Melanie Sloan (*Student Intern CITI*)

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:*

Almighty Father, who through your great love raised your Son into glory, help us to know that we are not alone, to know that we dwell in you and you in us, to know that the ascended Lord is with us always, and that your Spirit comes to guide and strengthen us.

Mighty God, as we come before your glory, fill us with your Spirit, renew our vision, restore our faith, refresh your church.

O Lord, we pray that your church in every place may wait upon you and show the gifts of the Spirit in everyday lives.

We pray especially for those who are losing their vision of God, all who have lost their faith in Christ and any who are without hope

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

We pray for the leaders of the nations and those with authority in our land, that they may serve only with integrity and justice, that they may recognise that their gifts and authority come only from you.

We pray for peace across this world, and especially in Ukraine, for an end to gun violence in many nations, and for that day when this world will become the kingdom of Christ on earth.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**



O Lord, we pray that our homes may be places where we learn to wait on you, watching carefully for those we live amongst.  
As you give us gifts, so may we share them freely with others, that we grow more gracious and giving in all that we say and do.  
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, may the glory of your presence transform lives that feel dull or drab. We bring to you all who are broken or discouraged, and all who live with depression or despair. We pray that each may know your uplifting hope and transforming joy. And for all who are struggling, ill or weary, may they know your strength beyond their own.  
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that when we face death, we are held in hope.  
We remember before you all who have passed through death and who now rejoice in life eternal.

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**

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. *John 14:27,28*

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 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.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,  
 thee the Lord of lords we own;  
 alleluia! born of Mary,  
 earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
 thou within the veil hast entered,  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
 here proclaimed as priest and victim  
 in the Eucharistic feast.**

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98) based on Acts 1:3-11  
 Tune NEH 271: HYFRYDOL Melody by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1811-87)*

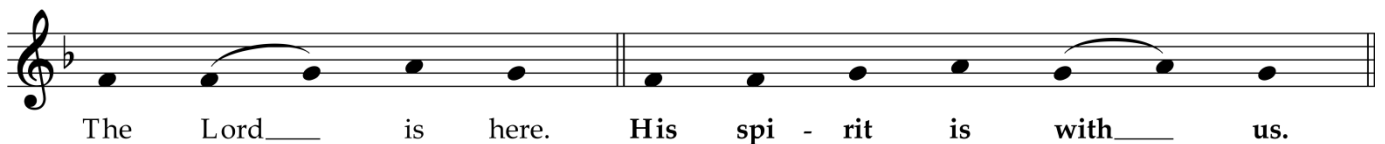
*Please remain standing*

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?  
 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.  
 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

*Psalm 116:12-14*

## **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

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



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after he had risen from the dead ascended into heaven, where he is seated at your right hand to intercede for us and to prepare a place for us in glory:

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 cantor sings the **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS**:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

*Lord God of Hosts.*

Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.

*Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.*

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

Hosanna in excelsis

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-94) Missa Brevis*

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.*

*Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-94) Missa Brevis*

## 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 during communion: Heut triumphieret Gottes sohn, BWV 630 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

## MOTET

O sacrum convivium,  
in quo Christus sumitur;  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;  
mens impletur gratia;  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
(Alleluia)

*O sacred banquet,  
wherein Christ is received;  
The memorial of his passion is renewed;  
The soul is filled with grace;  
And a pledge of future glory is given to  
us. (Alleluia)*

*William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

## 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

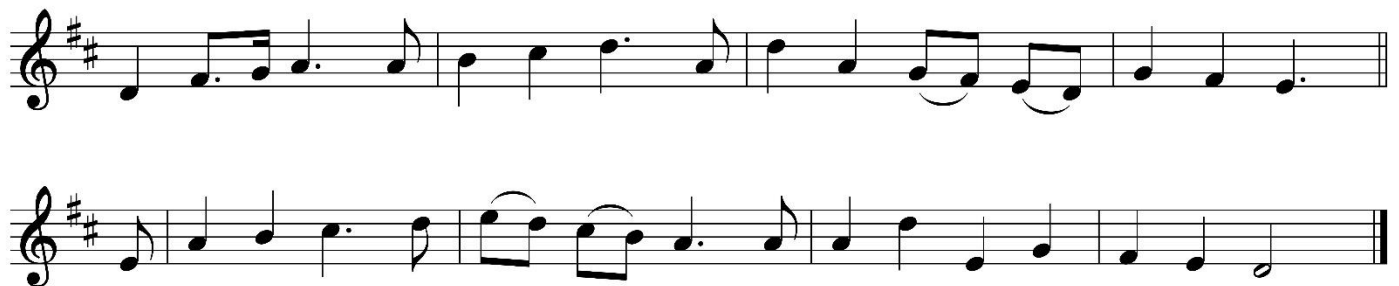


### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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 97\***:



Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like incense, shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Let all creation rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Psalm 72:12-19  
Tune: NEH 388 TRURO Melody from Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica* (London, 1789)

## **THE BLESSING**

Christ our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts make you faithful and strong to do his will that you may reign with him in glory:  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE ASCENSIONTIDE DISMISSAL**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit  
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Organ Postlude:** Fuge D-dur, BWV 532 ii *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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## NOTICES



Please stay for refreshments. This morning these will be served in the CATHEDRAL HALL. This is to allow for a security sweep of the Cathedral building before this afternoon's special service.  
Please make your way to the hall after the service.

This afternoon's 3.30pm Service is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual RUC George Cross Day Service, and marks the Centenary of the Founding of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1922.

This service will be Livestreamed on the cathedral's facebook page [www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral](http://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral).

Please note that next Sunday morning ( 5<sup>th</sup> June) the Cathedral's Talbot Street Carpark will again not be available for parking by members of the morning congregations. This is due to the special service being held that afternoon.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@belfastcathedral.org)) or phone 028 9032 8332 during office hours to secure a place.



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