



**THE BELFAST LIEUTENANCY
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
TO MARK THE
PLATINUM JUBILEE
OF
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
3.30PM SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 2022.**



***A Message from
Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle DBE DStJ
Lord Lieutenant, Co Borough of Belfast***

By any measurement, 70 years of committed and devoted service is an outstanding achievement. In a world that is too often transient and fickle, Her Majesty the Queen embodies the steadfast integrity and constancy that inspires us all. In this special service, we take the opportunity to say “Thank You” both to, and for, this remarkable monarch and woman.

On this island, we most particularly salute the contribution that The Queen has made to building peace and reconciliation, and we acknowledge the grace of both her words and actions during her historic Dublin visit in 2011.

May her example guide us all, and, as we recognise her selfless service to this Nation and The Commonwealth, let us be truly proud and grateful to be Elizabethans.

***A Message from
The Very Reverend Stephen Forde,
Dean of Belfast.***

On 13th May, 2002 the Queen, with Prince Philip, visited St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast for a special Service of Thanksgiving, marking the 50th year of her reign. Today we are honoured to welcome each of you to Belfast Cathedral as together we celebrate this Platinum Jubilee and Her Majesty's remarkable 70 year reign as Queen.

With music drawn from across the four nations of the United Kingdom, and with participants in this service from across these islands, we celebrate the faith, courage and service of a monarch who has served her people across three generations and who has placed the reconciliation of peoples at the heart of her reign.

ORDER OF PROCESSIONS

3.15pm – Clergy assemble in the Ambulatory

**3.20pm – Choir Crucifer and Belfast Cathedral Choir
with the Director of Music process to the Quire Stalls**

3.28pm

The Congregation Stands

**THE DEAN leads to their seats the
Lord Lieutenant of the City of Belfast and her Cadets**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**3.30pm – AT PROCESSIONAL HYMN
PROCESSION OF CLERGY**

Cathedral Crucifer

Cathedral Wardens

Gillian McGaughey (Cathedral Diocesan Reader)

A Verger

The Chapter of Belfast Cathedral

A Verger

The Dean of Belfast

A Verger

The Very Reverend Edward O'Donnell

(Representing the Bishop of Down and Connor)

and The Venerable David Pierpoint, Archdeacon of Dublin

(Representing the Archbishop of Dublin)

The Reverend Sam McGuffin

(Former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland)

and The Right Reverend Dr David Bruce

(Presbyterian Moderator and Preacher)

The Right Reverend David McClay (Bishop of Down & Dromore)

A Verger

The Right Reverend George Davison (Bishop of Connor and Ordinary)

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast



Organ Preludes:

Crown Imperial

Sir William Walton OM (1902-83), arranged by Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

Allegro Vivace (St Andrew's Suite)

Sir James MacMillan CBE (b. 1959)

*Please stand, as the Dean escorts Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast to her seat, and remain standing for the **NATIONAL ANTHEM***

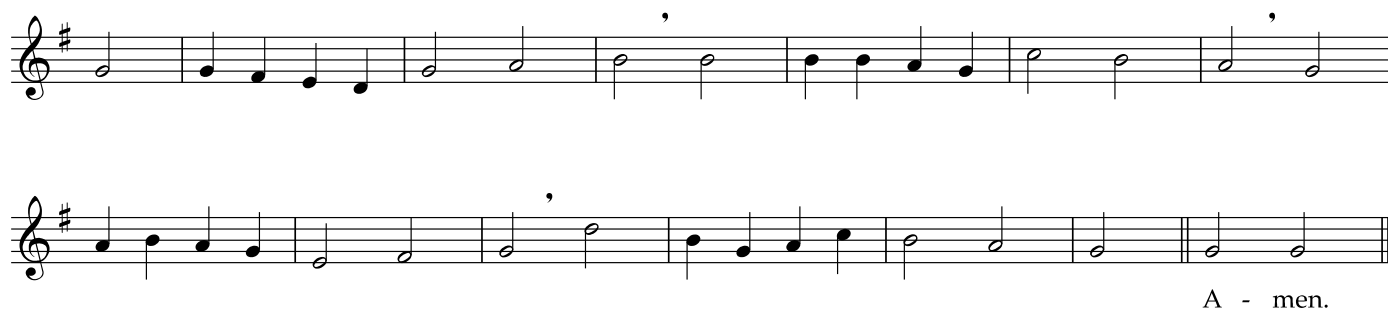
**God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.**

Text: anonymous

Music: origin obscure, popularised 1745 by the setting by Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-78), arranged Gordon Jacob CBE (1895-1984)

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 683**



**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*Words: William Kethe (d. 1594) based on the Canticle 'Jubilate Deo' (Psalm 100)
Tune: NEH 334: OLD HUNDREDTH, Melody from Genevan Psalter (1551)*

WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER – THE DEAN

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: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941), formerly a Lay Vicar of Westminster Abbey.

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:

from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:

who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel:

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:

the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:

neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:

yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:

from this time forth for evermore.

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 Walford Davies, KCVO, OBE (1869-1941), formerly Master of the King's Music.

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 8, vv1-16** *read by The Venerable David Pierpoint, Archdeacon of Dublin.*

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

'To you, O people, I call,

and my cry is to all that live.

O simple ones, learn prudence;

acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Hear, for I will speak noble things,

and from my lips will come what is right;

for my mouth will utter truth;

wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are righteous;

there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

They are all straight to one who understands

and right to those who find knowledge.

Take my instruction instead of silver,

and knowledge rather than choice gold;

for wisdom is better than jewels,

and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

I, wisdom, live with prudence,

and I attain knowledge and discretion.

The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
I have good advice and sound wisdom;
I have insight, I have strength.
By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
by me rulers rule,
and nobles, all who govern rightly.

*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.

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Luke 22, vv 24-30 read by The Venerable Barry Forde, Archdeacon of Belfast.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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.

*Text: Luke 2, vv 29-32
Setting: Collegium Regale, Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: receive, we beseech thee, the gratitude which we offer this day for thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; and vouchsafe continually so to bless her work, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and all people may serve thee in godly quietness and true holiness; to thy honour and glory.

Choir: Amen.

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

Choir: Amen

THE 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.

THE 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: TE DEUM LAUDAMUS**

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord
God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man:
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed
with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee;
and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

*Text: Latin Christian Hymn, c. 387, translated by the Book of Common Prayer
Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

SERMON: The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,
The Right Reverend Dr David Bruce, BSSc, BD

Please stand to sing **HYMN 576**



**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast’.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found him in a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**



**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live’.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
from that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light:
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright’.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.**

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Tune NEH 376: KINGSFOLD Adapted from an English folk song by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**

A Prayer read by:

Sir Nigel Hamilton, Vice Lord Lieutenant, The Belfast Lieutenancy.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer read by:

Mr Brian Duffy MBE, Chairman, The Royal British Legion, Republic of Ireland.

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these seventy years and for all that she has given to her people.

We give you thanks especially for her commitment to peace and reconciliation on this island. Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her, and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer read by:

Dame Judith Hill DBE, The Belfast Lieutenancy.

Sovereign Lord God, we rejoice that in every generation people hear your call to commitment and faithfulness.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen,

Giving thanks for her selfless dedication throughout her reign,
that she may be blessed and strengthened in all that she does;

We pray for the Nations of the Commonwealth with whom we share this Jubilee, that we may we grow in understanding and respect;

And we pray for every place of war and violence, that your healing hand may be laid on all nations, through Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer read by:

Canon Eddie O'Donnell, Ecumencial Canon of Belfast Cathedral (Roman Catholic).

O God our king, we remember with gratitude
that Jesus cared so much that he washed his disciples' feet;
We pray for those who seek to be Christ's loving presence in our world,
We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones,
for those who are sick, for those who are anxious or disillusioned,
for those whose needs we know,
and those whose needs are known by you alone,
that through your grace,
your transforming power may bring hope and confidence,
for this time, and for the future. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM,**
read by The Reverend Canon Nigel Baylor, Canon of Belfast Cathedral.

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 288**



**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***



**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless
love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

*Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932), tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)
Tune NEH 120: MACCABEUS G.F. Handel (1685-1759), adpt. from a chorus in Judas Maccabeus (1746)*

THE BLESSING – THE BISHOP OF CONNOR

May God crown you with glory and righteousness, that you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of him whose kingdom endures forever; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All respond: **Amen.**

**There will be a Retiring Collection to support the work and ministry
of Belfast Cathedral in the community.**

*Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart during the **Organ Postlude:**
Orb and Sceptre
Sir William Walton OM (1902-83), arranged Robert Gower (b. 1952)*

**Following this Service you are invited to share in refreshments
which will be served in the Nave**

You will be guided by the Cathedral Wardens

Belfast Cathedral Choir was conducted by the Director of Music,
Matthew Owens, MA (Oxon), MusM, FRCO, PPRNCM, HonFGCM, FRSA

The organ was played by the Associate Organist,
Tristan Russcher, BA Hons (Oxon), FRCO

The Cantor was the Reverend Canon Gillian Withers

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