

# CHORAL EVENSONG The First Sunday after Trinity Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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

Organ Prelude: Prelude on 'Nicaea', Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Please stand to sing **HYMN 361**:



Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessèd peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-78) Tune: NEH 413 NUN DANKET, later from of melody from Johann Crüger's Praxis Pietatis Melica (Berlin, 1647 edn.). Harmony adpt. from Mendelssohn's Lobgesang (1840)

#### WELCOME

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 Morley (1557 – 1602)

### Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 100**

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

#### 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 Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 24:1-27

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, 'Put your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac.' The servant said to him, 'Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?' Abraham said to him, 'See to it that you do not take my son back there. The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, "To your offspring I will give this land", he will send his angel before you; you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.' So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was towards evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. Let the girl to whom I shall say, "Please offer your jar that I may drink", and who shall say, "Drink, and I will water your camels"—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.'

Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder. The girl was very fair to look upon, a virgin whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, 'Please let me sip a little water from your jar.' 'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, 'I will draw for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose-ring weighing a half-shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, and said, 'Tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?' She said to him, 'I am the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.' She added, 'We have plenty of straw and fodder and a place to spend the night.' The man bowed his head and worshipped the LORD and said, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness towards my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the way to the house of my master's kin.'

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.

Text: St Luke 1, vv 46-55

Music: Fauxbourdon Service, William Byrd 1543-1623)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" 'He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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: St Luke 1, vv 29-32

Music: Fauxbourdon Service, William Byrd 1543-1623)

## 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

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee;

Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

O lux beata Trinitas, Et principalis unitas, lam sol recedat igneus, Infunde lumen cordibus. O Trinity of blessed light, O Unity of princely might, The fiery sun now goes his way; Shed Thou within our hearts Thy ray. Te mane laudum carmine, Te deprecemur vespere: Te nostra supplex gloria Per cuncta laudet sæcula. To Thee our morning song of praise, To Thee our evening prayer we raise; Thy glory suppliant we adore Forever and forevermore.

Deo Patri sit gloria, Ejusque soli Filio, Cum Spiritu Paraclito, Et nunc et in perpetuum. Amen. All laud to God the Father be; All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

Text: Attributed to Saint Ambrose of Milan (c. 339-397), translated by J.M. Neale (1818-66)

Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

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 660**:



Thine for ever! God of love, hear us from thy throne above; thine for ever may we be, here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life, shield us through our earthly strife; thou the Life, the Truth, the Way, guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! O how blessed they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide, all our wants by thee supplied, all our sins by thee forgiven, lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Words: Mary F. Maude (1819-1913) Tune: NEH 463 (2) NEWINGTON William D. Maclagan (1826-1910)

#### 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:** Allegro Moderato (Sonata I, BWV 525, i) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

# COURAGE TO

A SERVICE TO REFLECT ON THE PAIN
OF THE TROUBLES AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



All are welcome to join us for 'Courage to Lament', an ecumenical service at St. Anne's Cathedral, on Tuesday 21 June. Using the biblical practice of lament, this service will offer a space to reflect on the conflict in and about Northern Ireland and the future that is before us. It will seek to create a space to acknowledge our deep hurt and pain, to reflect on what we might have done or might still do, and to commit ourselves to ensure such suffering and loss never happens again.

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Our thanks to everyone from the cathedral congregation who served refreshments at the Connor Diocesan Synod, held in the cathedral on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

# Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 11.30am – 12.30pm COURAGE TO LAMENT SERVICE

# Sponsored by Belfast Cathedral and Corrymeela with Healing Through Remembering and the Wave Trauma Centre

On the longest day of the year, this service, involving prayer, reflection and liturgy, will remember those whose lives were lost during the Troubles.

The event will be led by two victims and survivors, Toni Johnston and EJ McClay who both lost their fathers in the conflict, as well as by Archbishop Eamon Martin and the Presbyterian Moderator Dr David Bruce.

Open to the public, the organisers hope the service will be attended by people from all sections of the community, so that through liturgy and music, a common space will be created to enable participants to emerge as active agents for hope in this society.

## **Lunchtime Prayers at Belfast Cathedral**

I.00-I.15pm Wednesday of this week. Friday Healing Service in the Cathedral Hall. All most welcome.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
The Renowned Grace Church Choir, Broadway, New York, will perform a concert at Belfast Cathedral from 12.30pm.

Do not miss this lunchtime musical opportunity.

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