



**MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**11.00am**

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast,  
for the resumption of public worship.  
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.  
Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping  
Contact Tracing Records  
it is essential that you complete the following information  
with the pen provided, or one of your own.  
Please leave this service sheet on your seat  
when you leave at the end of the service.  
These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.  
Thank you.*

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note that next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August, the 10.15am Radio Ulster  
Morning Service will be broadcast live from Belfast Cathedral,  
marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day.  
PLEASE TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE CONGREGATION  
& BE SEATED BY 9.50AM**

**Organ voluntary:** Plymouth Suite: Lantana, Percy Whitlock

*Played by Mr Jack Wilson.*

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Jesus said: 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28:20*

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**

○ 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.**

**PSALM:** 105:1-6, 16-22, 45

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises,  
**and tell of all his marvellous works.**

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;  
**let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.**

Seek the Lord and his strength;  
**seek his face continually.**

Remember the marvels he has done,  
**his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

O seed of Abraham his servant,  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Then he called down famine over the land;  
**and broke every staff of bread.**

But he had sent a man before them,  
**Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

They shackled his feet with fetters;  
**his neck was ringed with iron.**

Until all he foretold came to pass,  
**the word of the Lord tested him.**

The king sent and released him;  
**the ruler of peoples set him free.**

He appointed him lord of his household;  
**and ruler of all he possessed,**

To instruct his princes as he willed;  
**and to teach his counsellors wisdom.**

That they might keep his statutes;  
**and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.**

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.**

*Please sit for the* **FIRST READING:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Te Deum, Part 2

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal **Son of the Father.**

**When you took our flesh to set us free,  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
we believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** by the Reverend Janice Elsdon

**SOLO** by Susan Hunter

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-80) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)*

*Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Joachim Neander's Alpha and Omega (1680) as set in The Chorale Book for England (1863)*

*Please stand to join in 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.

**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**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

Let us pray that God will guide  
and uphold the Church and bless the world in these challenging times:

Father, grant that the Church  
may hear the call of Christ her Lord  
and come to him in trust.

May all Christian people  
keep their eyes fixed on him,  
knowing that we can do nothing without him  
but in his power can do great things.

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

Correct those who, in the pride of authority,  
trust too much in their own strength  
and forget that one day they will answer to you.

Give courage to the many  
who are oppressed by fear of illness, loneliness or unemployment  
of all that seems strange to them or unknown.

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

*As this past week has marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the British Red Cross, and as that organisation is in the forefront of supporting the people of Beirut in the face of Tuesday's massive explosion, we also pray:*

When our daily lot is hard,  
when we face personal tragedy or community disaster,  
teach us to know where we must look for help.

May we strive to see Christ in the life around us  
and recognise him when he comes  
in unfamiliar and unexpected ways.

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



Have mercy on those who are  
battered by the strains of life  
and feel they are making  
no progress towards better things.  
Pardon and rescue all who have been  
drawn into foolish ways  
and can no longer see their true God.

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

We give thanks for the departed,  
who have received Christ's call to come to him.  
May those whom we love  
that have crossed the stormy sea of life  
feel the touch of his hand and find rest.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### **A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS.**

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless all who are called to care for the sick, including those suffering from or recovering from Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. Protect those who are returning to work across the economy, and all who are planning for the future. We pray for our own cathedral family, gathered here or still at home. Guard all who are ill, or in recovery of any sort. Continue to protect our community from new waves of infection, we pray, and give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church and society for leading us forward. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself in service for others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

#### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes 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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the clergy depart and sit for the **Organ Voluntary:***

*Plymouth Suite: Allegro Risoluto, Percy Whitlock*

*Please remain seated until the end of the Voluntary, and exit in rows from the back to the front, as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.*



*We regret that due to Covid restrictions flower arrangements cannot be placed in the cathedral at present. Today the flowers would have been donated by Rev. R. Lawrenson in memory of Berta McMillen.*



## **Belfast Cathedral Closure**

We regret that, due to current restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 virus, Belfast Cathedral will be closed on Sundays except for the Sunday morning service.

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Please watch the cathedral website ([www.belfastcathedral.org](http://www.belfastcathedral.org)) or our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral/>) for this morning's online Cathedral Service.

This can be experienced live at 11am, or as a recording thereafter.

You can also listen to the service through the Telephone Audio facility.

This will be posted during Sunday afternoon.

Please dial: **028 95 320 355** and follow the instructions.

The Cathedral will reopen to Tourists from 11am to 3pm on weekdays and Saturdays from this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Please spread the "good news"

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