



**10.15AM – SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**  
**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**BBC RADIO ULSTER BROADCAST MORNING SERVICE**  
**A SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE**  
**THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VJ DAY**  
**on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1945**



*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.  
Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.  
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**Organ voluntary: Plymouth Suite: Lantana, Percy Whitlock**

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

*Please remain standing as the choir sings the **HYMN: ICH 10\****



All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, - he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil is builded,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power - hour by hour  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore - from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call - one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) altd. based on Joachim Neander (1650-80)*  
*Tune: MICHAEL Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **THE GREETING**

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:7*

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.**

*Please sit as the choir sings* **PSALM 46** (Chant from Martin Luther)

God is our hope and strength:

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:

and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell:

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God:

the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed:

God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved:

but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord:

what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world:

he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*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* **FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:8-13

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek.'

Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **CANTICLE:** Jubilate Deo, music by Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

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.

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **ANTHEM:** Blest are the pure in heart (Philip Stopford (b. 1977), first performance.*

Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God, The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.	Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart, And for his dwelling and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.
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The Lord, who left the heavens Our life and peace to bring, To dwell in lowliness with men, Their pattern and their King;	Lord, we thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for thee.
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**SERMON** *by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Reverend Stephen Forde*

*Please stand as the choir sings the Hymn: ICH 502*



God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind  
how hate and war diminish humankind,  
we pause - and seek in worship to increase  
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall  
the lives of those who gave and give their all.  
We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men  
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,  
high hope to share with all the newly born,  
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:  
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,  
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.  
May we, im-passioned by your living Word,  
remember forward to a world restored.

*Words: Fred Kaan (b.1929)*

*Tune: THE SUPREME SACRIFICE Charles Harris (1865-1936)*

*Please remain standing and face east for 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**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **COLLECT FOR VJ DAY**

God our Father, in the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ, you have brought life and salvation out of cruelty and death. We mark Victory in Japan in gratitude for the courage of the Allied forces who suffered for freedom in the Far East campaign and in sorrow for all that hinders the coming of your kingdom of peace. Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war, and hearts that long for the unity of all nations. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, in whom there is no east or west, no north or south, but one fellowship of love across the whole earth. **Amen.**

## **COLLECT 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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR PEACE AT THE COMMEMORATION OF VJ DAY**

Let us make our prayers to God, who made us and all creation, who in Christ has triumphed over evil and death, and whose Spirit is given anew to every generation:

In this service of Commemoration, we give thanks for the victory achieved 75 years ago in the Far East on land, at sea and in the air, and for the liberation of so many from the cruelty of occupation and oppression.

O Lord, hear our prayer: **and let our cry come before you.**

We remember those who endured captivity, starvation, torture or death as combatants or prisoners of war, that others would live in freedom and build a world of peace.

O Lord, hear our prayer: **and let our cry come before you.**

We pray for those whose health was broken, and whose minds were scarred by the atrocities of the war in the East. For those who carried their burdens in silence across the decades, or believed their sacrifice had been forgotten, may this commemoration stand for our remembrance and their ultimate healing.

O Lord, hear our prayer: **and let our cry come before you.**

We remember the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, whose cities were destroyed by atomic annihilation, who paid the supreme price to end the

most cruel of wars, may their memory compel us to strive for a world of peace.

O Lord, hear our prayer: **and let our cry come before you.**

We acknowledge the responsibilities laid upon us, in our generation, to strive for peace between the nations of the world, and not rest until it is achieved; to seek leadership which respects the other and protects the weak; to build societies which learn from the mistakes of history and embrace diversity as a strength, that the Kingdom which Christ came to build, would be no impossible dream, but God's gracious gift for all peoples.

O Lord, hear our prayer: **and let our cry come before you.**

Let us then pledge ourselves to the cause and service of Christ's peace in the face of war, oppression and division, that our remembrance this day may be consecrated for practical service to God, and the world be made better for our children's children.

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 all who are returning to work across the economy, and all who are planning for the future. 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.**

*Please stand as the choir sings the **HYMN: ICH 528\****



The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900)  
Tune: AURELIA S.S. Wesley (1810-76)

## 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.**

**Organ Voluntary:** Plymouth Suite: Allegro Risoluto, Percy Whitlock

The Choir was conducted by Mr Matthew Owens, Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral, and the organ was played by Mr Jack Wilson, Assistant Director of Music.



*We regret that due to COVID-19 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 Dean Sammy Crooks.*