



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

## A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR USE AT HOME

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### HYMN: ICH 492

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name:  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall  
sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the  
Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Tune: PADERBORN Trad. German in Paderborn Gesangbuch (1765)*

### OPENING RESPONSES:

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

### PSALM: 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings:  
**thou Lord of hosts!**

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
**even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
**they will be always praising thee.**

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:  
**in whose heart are thy ways.**

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:  
**and the pools are filled with water.**

They will go from strength to strength:  
**and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold, O God our defender:  
**and look upon the face of thine Anointed.**

For one day in thy courts:

**is better than a thousand.**

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:

**than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**

For the Lord God is a light and defence:

**the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.**

O Lord God of hosts:

**blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.**

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.**

### **FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 4:1-37**

The wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, 'Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.' Elisha said to her, 'What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?' She answered, 'Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.' He said, 'Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.' So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, 'Bring me another vessel.' But he said to her, 'There are no more.' Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.'

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' When he had called her, she stood before him. He said to him, 'Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' She answered, 'I live among my own people.' He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.'

The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you.' So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Look, there is the Shunammite woman; run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?' She answered, 'It is all right.' When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone,

for she is in bitter distress; the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.' Then she said, 'Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?' He said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.' Then the mother of the child said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.' So he rose up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, 'The child has not awakened.'

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' So he called her. When she came to him, he said, 'Take your son.' She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

#### **THE CANTICLE 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.**

**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.**

#### **SECOND LESSON: Acts 16:1-15**

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to

Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

**THE CANTICLE 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy Spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen  
**and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness  
**and make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people  
**and bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

#### **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. **Amen.**

#### **THE GRACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

#### **HYMN: ICH 559**

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
in his presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
humbly at his feet I bow,  
worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
take me, Jesus, take me now.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessèd Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
make me, Saviour, wholly thine;  
let me feel thy Holy Spirit,  
truly know that thou art mine.

All to Jesus, I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power;  
let thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender;  
now I feel the sacred flame.  
Oh, the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory, to his Name!

Words: J.W. Van Deventer (1855-1939)  
Tune: ALL TO JESUS W.S. Weedon (1842-1908)

#### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

### **Belfast Cathedral Reopening**

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