



**CHORAL EVENSONG  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR  
CHURCH AND CATHEDRAL ORGANISTS, CHURCH  
MUSICIANS  
AND THE WORK OF  
THE DOWN, DROMORE AND CONNOR ORGAN  
SCHOLARSHIP BOARD**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast.  
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 place this service sheet in the box provided as you leave the cathedral at the  
end of the service.*

*These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.  
Thank you.*

*Members of the Congregation will be seated  
in the designated seats at the front of the Nave.*

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

**Telephone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_





**Music before the Service:** *Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy as the choir sings the **HYMN** (ICH 350\*):*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled,

For thy Church for evermore  
lifting holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,

*Words: F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

*Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE David Evans (1874-1948)*

*Please remain standing as the Dean welcomes the congregation and for the **OPENING RESPONSES:** Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)*

*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.

*Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM:** 126 chant by Eric Ware*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion:

then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter:

and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen:

The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already:

whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord:

as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears:

shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:

shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

*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:** Ezekiel 37:15-28*

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it'; and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions.

I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT**:*

*Evening Service in D Sir George Dyson (1883-1964)*

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 READING:** I John 2:22-29

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him.

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:**

Evening Service in D Sir George Dyson

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.

Standing, we 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.

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

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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:** *Antiphon* *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly,

the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*



Please remain seated for the **SERMON** by the Reverend Julie Bell, Minor Canon of Belfast Cathedral

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 as the choir sings the **HYMN** (ICH 70):

O Strength and stay, upholding all creation  
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,  
yet day by day the light in due gradation  
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;

grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,  
an eve untouched by shadows of decay;  
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending  
with dawning glories of the eternal day.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,  
through Jesus Christ, thy co-eternal Word,  
who, with the Holy Ghost, by all things living  
now and to endless ages art adored.

*Words: Ambrose (340-97) tr. John Ellerton (1826-93) and F.J.A. Hort (1828-92)*

*Tune: STRENGTH AND STAY John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

## **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 quiet during the **ORGAN VOLUNTARY:**

*Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-40)*

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.

# **DIOCESES OF DOWN, DROMORE AND CONNOR ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

## **Scholars:**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

Rebekah Wilson	All Saints', Belfast
Callum Whiteside	St Mark's, Ballysillan
Jane Knowles	Broomhedge
Victoria Irwin	St John's, Whitehouse
Amy Norris	Kilmore

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

Glenn English	St John, Magherally
Jack McCabe	Killinchy, Kilmood and Tullynakill
Sean Turner	Ballymoney, Finvoy and Rasharkin
Tanya Zachara	St Mark's, Dundela

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year**

David Dunlop	All Saints', Belfast
Clare Kelly	St Patrick's, Jordanstown

### **New Scholars**

Larissa Fleck	St Patrick's, Armoy
Mark McKinty	St Cedma's, Larne
Hannah Shaw	St Cedma's, Larne
Grace Steed	St Mark's, Dundela

### **Tutors**

Mr Michael McCracken  
Dr Joe McKee  
Reverend Dr Ian Mills



## NOTICES



### **Services Sunday 4 October 2020:**

11.00am A Shortened Service of the Word  
*followed by the Easter General Vestry Meeting at 11.50am*

2.00pm Blessing of Pets on the Cathedral Steps

3.30pm Choral Evensong

### **Annual General Vestry Notice**

The Annual General Vestry Meeting (usually Easter Vestry) for Belfast Cathedral will be held following the Morning Service  
**from 11.50am on Sunday 4 October 2020**  
in the Cathedral Nave.

This year is a Triennial year, with the election of representatives to the Cathedral Board, as Parochial Nominators and as Representatives to Diocesan Synod.

*Please plan to attend and vote if you are a Registered as a General Vestry member.*

### **Blessing of Pets on the Cathedral Steps**

**Sunday 4 October at 2.00- 3.00pm**

This year we are unable to host a Pets Service within the cathedral.

However, marking the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 3 October, we encourage owners to bring their pets or working animals to the steps of the cathedral for a Blessing and in Thanksgiving for the aid these animals give to mental health.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm – Service of Choral Evensong**

### **Harvest Sunday and Cathedral Gift Day**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Even throughout the Pandemic of the past six months, there is much for which we can give thanks to God though His provision to our places of greatest need.

Our services of Harvest Thanksgiving, with the return of flowers to the cathedral and other tokens which reflect today's world, give us opportunity to return thanks.

The Cathedral Gift Day also allows us to make a special financial thanksgiving to the significant financial needs of our cathedral in this year.

Please make a donation in your regular FWO envelope for 10<sup>th</sup> October or in a specially marked envelope of your own.