



MORNING PRAYER: A SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Fifth Sunday before Advent
Sunday 25th October 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.
Please leave this service sheet in the box at the West End
when you leave at the end of the service.
These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.*

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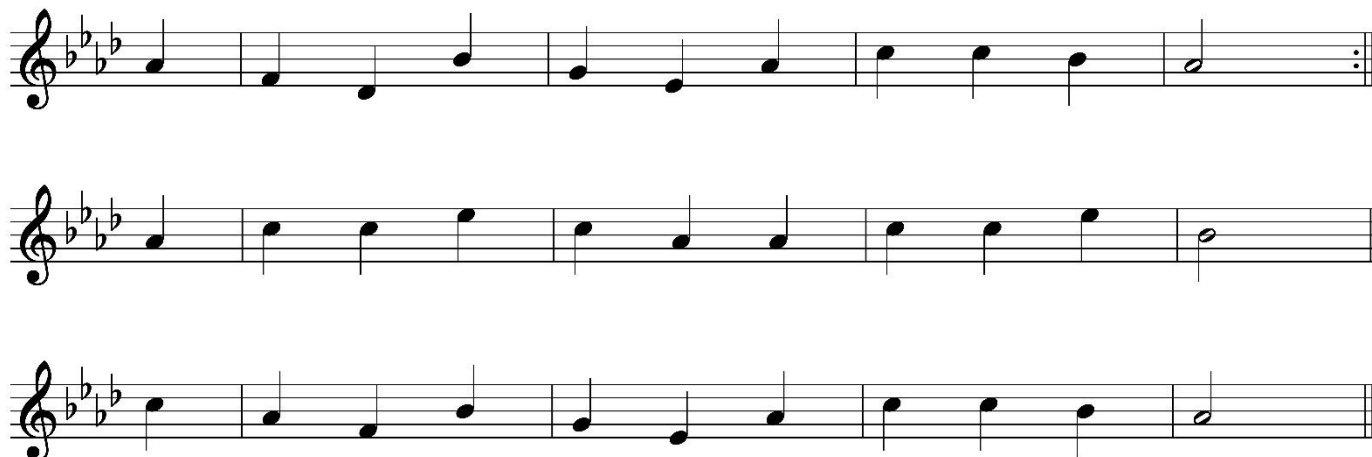


Music before the service:

Priere a Notre Dame (from 'Suite Gothique' Leon Boëllmann (1862–97)

Please stand and sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (ICH 6) during the entrance of the clergy:

(Members of the congregation are welcome to sing hymns quietly while still wearing face coverings)



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: W. Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: ST DENIO Welsh hymn melody (1839) founded on a folk tune

The congregation is welcomed.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Jesus said: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.' *Acts 1:8*

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O 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 remain standing to say **PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17**

Lord, you have been our refuge ♦

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, ♦

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say: ♦

‘Turn back, O children of earth.’

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦

which passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream; ♦

they fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? ♦

Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, ♦

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, ♦

and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

Show your servants your works, ♦

and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; ♦

prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

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:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, ‘This

is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand to say the **CANTICLE:** Te Deum Laudamus (Part I)*

We praise you, O God, **we acclaim you as the Lord;**
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of
all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

*Please sit for the **SECOND READING:** Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to

him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON by Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Please remain seated as the cantor sings the **SOLO**: Hymn 597 (ICH)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)
Tune: NOTTINGHAM attrib. W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

Please stand 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Lord God, we praise your name and give thanks for all your goodness towards us. May your Spirit be at work in our lives and in your world as we seek to extend your kingdom here on earth.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Universal Church that it may grow in holiness and in outreach. We pray for the church that is under persecution, the church at work in dangerous and dark places. We pray for our local churches- that they may work together to bring the Good News of Christ alive in this community. We pray for all who worship at this Cathedral. Grant

Bishop George of Connor and Bishop David of Down and Dromore grace and strength to fulfil their calling faithfully and humbly.

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

Lord God you have created a beautiful world which has been defaced by the sin of humankind. Where there is war and conflict we pray for a cessation of violence and a just and lasting peace restored. We pray for all world leaders that they would actively seek God given wisdom to rule with justice and integrity. We remember those who are affected by the Coronavirus pandemic and we ask your protection on all those agencies that seek to bring help, healing and hope. Bless the peacemakers with courage and perseverance.

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

We give thanks for all who share their lives with us and are dear to us. We pray for a spirit of good neighbourliness in our communities, that no one may be neglected or forgotten. We pray for all who are estranged from their loved ones and friends, or finding present circumstances a strain due to feeling isolated. We pray for the building up of community life, for community centres and places where locals can meet when restrictions are eased.

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

We remember all who are sick or suffering, those facing terminal illness, those who have lost all hope. We pray for all who care for others, grant them your strength and patience. We remember those who are weighed down by grief, may they share their burden with the One who promises to walk with us in our testing times, Jesus Christ. In a moment's silence let us name before God those known to us for whom we especially wish to pray...

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

We give thanks for all who have sought to love you with all their heart, soul and mind. We remember all who served you by serving others. We give thanks for all who in the past have enriched our lives and our neighbourhoods by their actions.

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

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 care for the sick, and 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. Guide all who are planning for the future. We pray for our own cathedral family, gathered here or still at home. Continue to protect our communities in this new wave 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 of others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the **HYMN** (ICH 567*):*



**Forth, in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;**

**for thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: DUKE STREET Melody from H. Boyd's Psalm and Hymn Tunes (Glasgow, 1793) later attrib. John L. Hatton (d. 1793)

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:***

Menuet (from 'Suite Gothique'), Leon Boëllmann (1862–97)

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.



NOTICES



Please join us for Evening Prayer at 3.30pm this afternoon.

Services Sunday 1st November
All Saints' Day

11.00am Choral Eucharist *Preacher: The Dean*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Weekday Prayer in Belfast Cathedral

Monday – Thursday, 1pm, *Cathedral Nave*

Friday, 1pm, – Church's Ministry of Healing Service, *Cathedral Hall*

Current Cathedral Arrangements

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions
we regret that the **cathedral is closed**
to visitors at present.

The **office remains open**,
Monday to Friday 10am-4pm,
with a small number of staff working on rotation.