



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL

EVENING PRAYER
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 place this service sheet in the box provided
as you leave the cathedral at the end of the service.*

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Thank you.

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

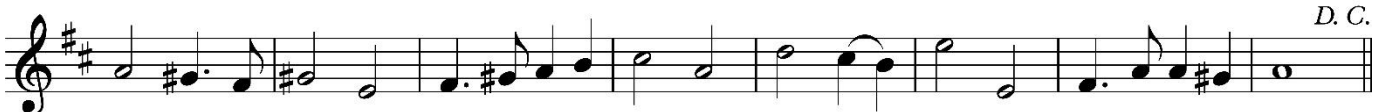
Name(s): _____

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Music before the Service: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731, J.S. Bach
(1685–1750)

*Members of the congregation are welcome to sing the hymns quietly while still wearing
face coverings.*

*Please stand to sing the **HYMN** (ICH 484*):*



**Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.***

**Each new-born soldier of the crucified
is signed with the cross, the seal of him who died:**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise.
in growing unison their songs of praise:**

**Lord Christ, once lifted high on Calvary's tree,
as thou promised, draw us all to thee:**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

Words: Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) based on George William Kitchin (1827-1912)

Tune: CRUCIFER Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947) Descant and organ part by Harold Drake (1888-1976)

Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:**

Priest: **O Lord, open thou our lips.**

Response: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest: **O God, make speed to save us.**

Response: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Priest: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.**

Response: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Priest: **Praise ye the Lord.**

Response: **The Lord's name be praised.**

Please remain standing to say the **PSALM: 119:73-88**

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:

O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me:

because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right:

and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort:

according to thy word unto thy servant.

○ let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live:

for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me:

but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies:

be turned unto me.

○ let my heart be sound in thy statutes:

that I be not ashamed.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation:

and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word:

saying, ○ when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke:

yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant:

when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me:

which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true:

they persecute me falsely; ○ be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth:

but I forsook not thy commandments.

○ quicken me after thy loving-kindness:

and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

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 LESSON:** Ecclesiastes 11 & 12

Send out your bread upon the waters,

for after many days you will get it back.

Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,

for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.

When clouds are full,

they empty rain on the earth;

whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,

in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

Whoever observes the wind will not sow;

and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

*Please stand to say the **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.

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 2:1-7**

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Please stand to say the **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.**

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.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Response: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

Response: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Response: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Response: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response: **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Blessed Lord, who hast called all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Response: **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.

Response: **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.

Response: **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS.**

A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:

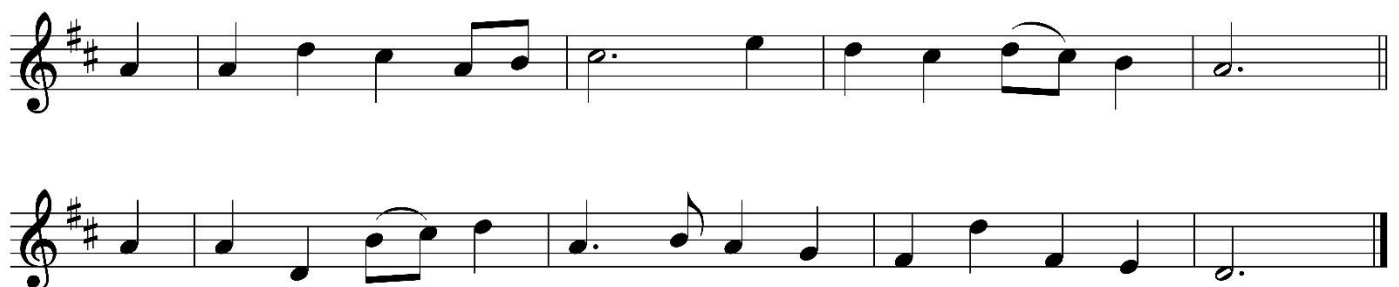
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient 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 to sing the **HYMN (ICH 601*):**



**Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see;
and what I do in any thing to do it as for thee.**

**A man that looks on glass, on it may stay his eye;
or if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heaven espy.**

**This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own cannot for less be told.**

**Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see;
and what I do in any thing to do it as for thee.**

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) based on 1 Corinthians 10:31

Tune: SANDYS English traditional carol melody from William Sandys' Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern (1833)

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 standing as the choir and clergy depart and sit for the **Organ Voluntary**: The Chosen Tune, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Please exit in rows from the back to the front, as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.



NOTICES



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.

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