



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Before the start of the service, please read the instructions printed overleaf, which explain how Holy Communion will be received in both kinds (wafer bread and wine) within today's service.

*The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland.*

*Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.*

*It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.*

*The cathedral is open to all - please keep personal possessions with you at all times.*

*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.*

*Thank you.*

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

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



## **INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEAN FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

On this Sunday, All Saints' Day 2020, we are offering the option of receiving Holy Communion in both kinds, for the first time since the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The means of receiving in both kinds (wafer bread and wine) has been carefully considered by the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland (with a little input over the summer months from our own Dean!). The means of distribution today follows the guidance laid down by the House of Bishops. This is in accordance with best practise as advised by medical experts. Communion bread will be received as individual wafers. Communion wine, which has been consecrated in a single flagon, and then poured into individual cups, will be received from tables at the top of the South or North aisles. This temporary guidance and permission will run until Pentecost Sunday 2021 when it will once again be reviewed.

From today at Belfast Cathedral we offer Holy Communion in both kinds, to be received in the following way:

When guided by the Cathedral Wardens please make your way from your seat to the clergy at the foot of the quire steps. As you make your way, please keep a 2 metre distance from those in front and behind. Please continue to wear your face covering. At the Quire Step, a communion wafer will be placed in your hand. Now please move towards the South or North side aisle. Remove your mask and consume the wafer. Now move to the first table and take an individual cup of communion wine, taking care not to touch any other cup. Move to the side and drink the communion wine from the individual cup. Next place the empty cup on the second table, again making sure not to touch any other cups. Now please replace your face covering and return to your seat via the South or North Aisle.

The members of the Choir will receive separate instructions about receiving communion or a blessing.

We remind you that it remains fully valid for any member of the congregation to receive communion in one kind (wafer bread only) and in so doing to fully participate by faith in receiving the body and blood of Christ.



**Music before the Service:** Cornet Voluntary *John Travers (1703-1758)*

Please stand and sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN (ICH 366)** during the entrance of the clergy:



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still, the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL John Goss (1800-80)*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

## **THE GREETING**

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

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *Hebrews 12.1*

*Please kneel or sit in silence.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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 whilst the choir sing the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Setting: Missa 'O quam gloriosum' Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter magnum  
gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius  
Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus  
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in  
gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your  
great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,  
almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



*Please sit for the* **EPISTLE READING:** Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'  
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the  
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and  
worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white,  
and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that  
knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great  
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of  
the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing the **ALLELUIA:***



You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
called out of darkness into his marvellous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

*Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader:*

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.



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 Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Dean

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**the only Son of God,**  
**eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**of one Being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



*Please kneel or sit.*

*Versicle:* Lord, in your mercy:

*Response:* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume

**to come to this your table,**

**merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to  
gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**



**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **THE PEACE**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2: 19,17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



## **CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**



*Please remain standing for the OFFERTORY HYMN (ICH 427):*



**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture-  
in the Body and the Blood-  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**



**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spread its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most High.**

*Words: From the Liturgy of St. James tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)  
Tune: PICARDY French traditional carol melody*

*Please remain standing.*

### **AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

### **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord\_\_\_ is here. His spi - rit is with\_\_\_ us.

Lift\_\_\_\_\_ up your\_\_\_ hearts.\_\_\_\_ We lift them to\_\_\_ the Lord.\_\_\_\_

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

*In the saints you have given us an example of godly living, that, rejoicing in their fellowship we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory:*

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*Please remain standing whilst the choir sings the **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS**:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
 gloria tua.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.  
 Benedictus qui venit  
 in nomine Domini.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Lord God of Hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of  
 your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

With saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.

## THE COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please move to the foot of the Quire steps to receive the communion wafer from the clergy, when directed by the cathedral wardens. Please continue to wear your face covering. When you have received the communion wafer in your hand, please move to the side take off your face covering and consume communion. Next go to the first table to take the individual cup and to consume the wine. Please then set the cup on the second table, replace your face covering and return to your seat via the side aisles. If you wish to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms. Please indicate if you require Gluten Free wafer bread.*

*During communion, the organist plays Canzona Quinta Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)*

*The choir sings the **ANTHEM:** O quam gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria*

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,  
in quo cum Christo  
gaudent omnes Sancti!*

*Amicti stolis albis,  
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

*O how glorious is the kingdom  
in which all the saints  
rejoice with Christ!*

*Clad in robes of white  
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers, and people keep silence for reflection.*



## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we, who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth, be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Please stand for the **HYMN** (ICH 346):



**Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps, forever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best which thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render Thee.**

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)  
Tune: ANGEL VOICES E.G. Monk (1819-1900)*

## THE BLESSING

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory: 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the clergy depart, and sit for the **ORGAN VOLUNTARY:***

*Piece d'orgue, BWV 572, J.S. Bach*

*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.*



We are pleased that flower arrangements are being placed in the cathedral once more. The arrangement today was donated by Phyllis Watson in memory of parents.



## NOTICES



Please join us for Choral Evensong on All Saints' Day  
At 3.30pm this afternoon.

### **Services Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

11.00am Morning Service for Remembrance Sunday

*Preacher: Canon M. Niblock*

**Please be seated by 10.55am to mark a two minute silence at  
11.00am.**

### **3.30pm on Remembrance Sunday**

A Devotional Service of music, readings, prayer and poetry  
for the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday,

which will include the Choir of Belfast Cathedral singing

**Requiem by Maurice Duruflé.**

Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis  
with the cathedral doors open from 3.00pm.

It is required that Face Coverings will be worn  
(unless exempt for medical reasons)

### **Key Audit**

If you have keys or a pass card for the cathedral offices or car park,  
would you please contact Lorna at the Cathedral Office so these can be  
recorded for continued use?

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Or Phone 028 9032 8332

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