



**LIVESTREAMED MORNING PRAYER:
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 24th January 2021
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

*The service today falls within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
The intercessions are taken from the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
2021 Ecumenical Celebration Service*

Music before the service: Expressions for organ (no. 1; no. 6) *Jean Langlais (1907-91)*

OPENING HYMN: ICH 327*



**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

*Words: Edward N. Plumptre (1821-91) based on Ephesians 4:4-5
Tune: THORNBURY Basil Harwood (1859-1949)*

The online congregation is welcomed

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. *Titus 2:11*

PENITENCE

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship. *Romans 12.1*

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.**

A LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Spirit, you create and re-create the Church in all places. Come and whisper in our hearts the prayer which Jesus addressed to his Father on the eve of his passion: "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe".

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, light the fire of your love in us so that suspicions, contempt and misunderstanding cease in the Church. May the walls that separate us fall.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, Consoler of all, open our hearts to forgiveness and reconciliation and bring us back from our wanderings.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, give us poverty of spirit so that we may welcome the unexpectedness of your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you never abandon the men, women and children who are persecuted for their fidelity to the gospel. Give them strength and courage, and support those who help them.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

PSALM: 62:5-12

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul:

for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation:

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory:

God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people:

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit:

on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride:

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same:

that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord:

for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

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.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Bless the Lord (*The Song of the Three 29-34*)

Bless the Lord the God of our forebears:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless his holy and glorious name:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him in his holy and glorious temple:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him who beholds the depths:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him seated between the cherubim:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him on the throne of his kingdom:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless him in the heights of heaven:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

**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.**

SECOND READING: John 15:1-7

Jesus said to the disciples, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.'

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

ANTHEM:

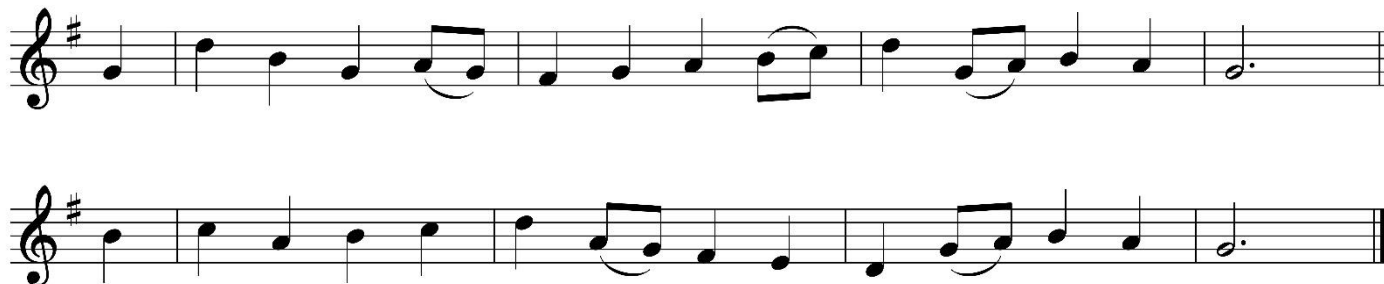
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

*Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.
Amen.*

*Words: Anon. Latin Antiphon for Maundy Thursday
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)*

SERMON by Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

HYMN: ICH 522



**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.**

**In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close-binding humankind.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Him meet North and South;
all Christlike souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

*Words: John Oxenham [W.A. Dunkerly] (1852-1941)
Tune: ST STEPHEN William Jones (1726-1800)*

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.
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

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

God of life, you have created every human being in your image and likeness. We sing your praise for the gift of our many cultures, expressions of faith, traditions and ethnicities. Grant us the courage always to stand against injustice and hatred based on race, class, gender, religion, and fear of those not like ourselves.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

Merciful God, you have shown us in Christ that we are one in you. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

O Jesus, you came into the world and shared fully in our humanity. You know the hardships of life for people who suffer in so many different ways. May the Spirit of compassion move us to share our time, life and goods with all those in need.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

Holy Spirit, you hear the fury of your wounded creation and the cries of those already suffering from climate change. Guide us toward new behaviours. May we learn to live in harmony as part of your creation.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

God of love, through Christ you said to us: "You did not choose me but I chose you." You seek us, and call us. Guide all who have been called to leadership in America, and across the world. Teach all to seek healing, not hatred, justice not privilege, peace and not prestige to grow in lives that are ever more complete.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

God of life, you call us to be praise in the midst of the world and to welcome one another as a gift of your grace. May your loving gaze, which rests upon each person, open us to receive each other just as we are.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

God, you who gather, you knit us together as one vine in your Son Jesus. May your loving Spirit abide in us at local church and community meetings and ecumenical gatherings. Grant that together we celebrate you with joy.

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

God of the one vineyard, you call us to abide in your love in all we do and say. Touched by your goodness, grant us to be a reflection of that love in our homes and workplaces. May we bridge rivalries and overcome tensions in our Nation and across the world

God of peace, God of love, in you is our hope!

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 wearied and working in hospitals, intensive care units and nursing homes, and to those who give care in the community. Guide all scientists seeking to understand this new wave of infection we pray. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading through this pandemic, in this nation and across the world. 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.**

HYMN: ICH 454*



**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find,
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010)

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

THE BLESSING

Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world: 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.

Organ Voluntary: Prélude (Suite médiévale) Jean Langlais (1907-91)

Soloist: India Chapman Webb
Organist: Matthew Owens

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NOTICES



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Sunday 31st January 2021: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8.10am BBC Radio 4 Broadcast Service

Preacher: The Dean

This service will also be available throughout the day via the Cathedral Website and Facebook Page to access from BBC Sounds

Under current restrictions most of the cathedral staff will also be “home working”, and so the Cathedral Offices will not be routinely open.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Revd Janice Elsdon, the Dean’s Vicar or the Dean.

A Form of Declaration to Register as an Accustomed Member of the General Vestry of the Cathedral Parish of St Anne Belfast is printed below

If you are over the age of 18, have contributed to the cathedral finances, and wish your name to be added to the Register of Vestry Members, please complete this form, scan a copy and e-mail it to the Dean (dean@belfastcathedral.org) by Sunday 14th February, 2021.

The Meeting to revise the Register of Vestry Members will be held on Thursday 18th February, 2021



Form of Declaration to apply as an Accustomed Member for the General Vestry of the Cathedral Parish of St Anne, Belfast.

I, (Insert your Full Names).....

Of (Insert your full address).....

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do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I have for three calendar months last past been, and now am, an accustomed member of the congregation attending the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, in the parish of St Anne, Belfast, in the diocese of Connor, and that I am not registered as a vestry member in any other church or chapel or church hall in Ireland as an accustomed member of the congregation.

Signed.....

Name (in block capitals).....

Address.....

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Date