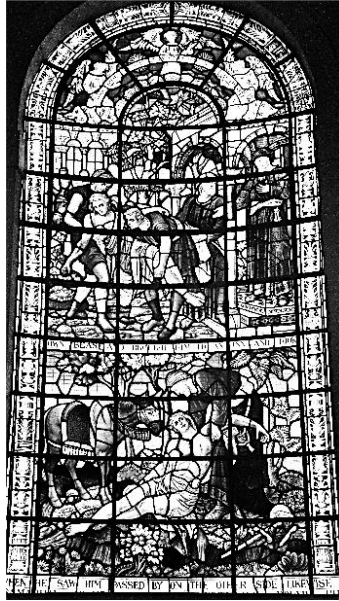




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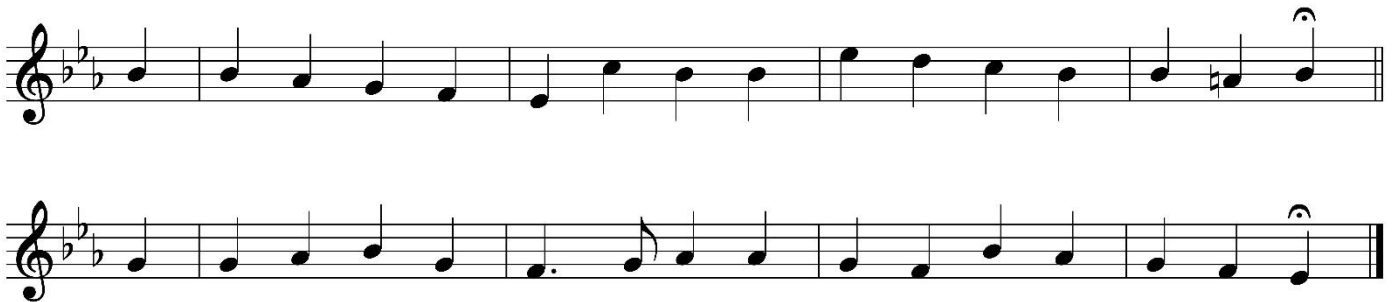
A SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday 7th February 2021
The Second Sunday before
Lent
GOOD SAMARITANS SUNDAY



The Cathedral East Window: The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Music before the service: Prelude: 'Te Lucis Ante Terminum' *John Rutter CBE (b. 1945)*

OPENING HYMN: ICH 59*



**New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

**The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves; a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) based on Lamentations 3:22-23

Tune: MELCOMBE Melody by Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816) in his An Essay on the Church Plain Chant (London, 1782)

The online congregation is welcomed

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' *Matthew 11:28*

PENITENCE

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.

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.**

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: 104:26-37

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦

which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you ♦

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦

when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

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: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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

CANTICLE: Great and wonderful (*Revelation 15:3,4 & 5:13b*)

Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God the Almighty ♦
just and true are your ways O King of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord ♦
for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship in your presence ♦
for your just dealings have been revealed.

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be praise and honour, glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Luke 10:25-37 *Read by Lynne Rainey, Purpose Leader & Deals Leader, Northern Ireland, PwC United Kingdom*

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast*

ANTHEM: A Clare Benediction

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
May his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you;
When you wake may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days
Then in heaven may you see his face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;
Keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you
As he grants you the gift of each new day.

May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them;
Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:
In the name of his Son our Saviour Christ
May God bless you now and evermore.

Words and Music: John Rutter CBE (b. 1945)

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **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

Let us pray that the law of love shall prevail in the Church and in the world, in the name of Christ, the source of love and compassion, remembering especially all the organisations that will receive an allocation from the Blank Santa Sit Out 2020.

May the Church be obedient to the great commandments of love for God and for all people. Keep ministers faithful in their calling, and shield them and all Christian people from failing in care for those who need their help. We pray for organisations that support newcomers from other countries, and those who work to combat poverty and degradation in our midst.

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

We give thanks for the grace which moves people to help one another and overcome difficulties of race and nation. Take away the prejudices which cause division, and fill all human hearts with compassion. We pray for all organisations that work hard to promote reconciliation within families, communities and generations, and for those within the creative music and arts sector.

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

Keep us watchful and ready to give help when it is needed, whether in our families, to our friends or to strangers. We pray for the emergency services and all who give help to those in distress. We pray for all organisations that work to support mental health within our community, for those engaged in medical research to save lives, and for those that work to support the elderly and vulnerable.

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

Have mercy on the victims of crime, on all who suffer violence from strangers or from those near to them. We pray for all organisations that work to provide refuge, counselling and support to victims of domestic abuse and other crimes. Bring healing to the injured and restoration to the outcast.

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

We give thanks for the departed who have come to the end of their journey. May they be healed from all the wounds of this world and made whole in the peace of Christ. Bless all those who have been recently bereaved, especially the family of Hazel McCalister. We pray for all organisations that support those who have been bereaved or that help individuals families overcome traumatic loss in their lives.

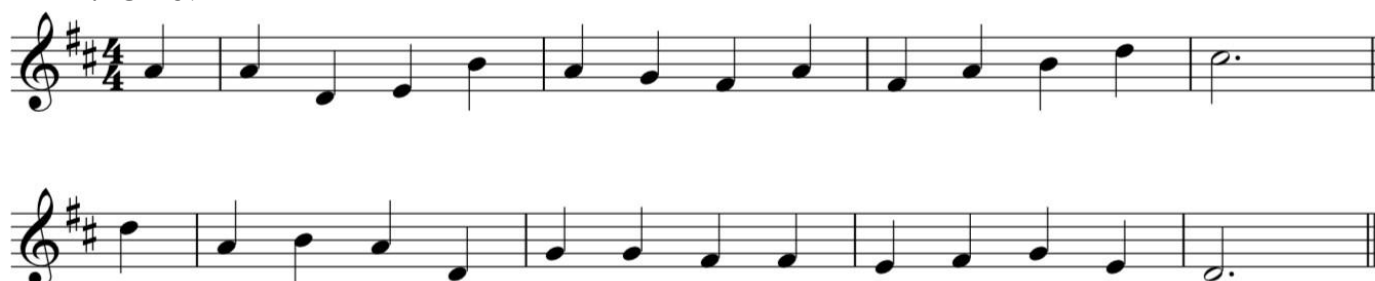
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, though exhausted, continue to work in hospitals and nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. We pray, guide all scientists seeking to understand the new waves of infection and those developing effective vaccines. Give your wisdom to all who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading us through this pandemic. 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 374*



**When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
nor is the least a cheerful heart,
that tastes those gifts with joy.**

**When nature fails, and day and night
divide thy works no more,
my ever-grateful heart, O Lord,
thy mercy shall adore.**

**Through all eternity to Thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O eternity's too short
to utter all Thy praise!**

*Words: attrib. Joseph Addison (1672-1719)
Tune: ST FULBERT Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)*

THE BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness pour out his blessing on all his people, to be used to his glory and the welfare of all; 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: Toccata in Seven *John Rutter CBE (b. 1945)*

Organist: Jack Wilson

Soloist: Elsie Orr

A Full List of all the Charities Supported by the 2020 Black Santa Sit Out can be found on the cathedral website at www.belfastcathedral.org/news



NOTICES



A Service of Evening Prayer for use at home is available for download from the cathedral website.

Sunday 14th February 2021: The Sunday before Lent
11.00am Livestreamed Morning Prayer: A Service of the Word.
Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

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