

BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 8th August 2021

11.00am

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Under current Covid conditions, and guidance issued by the Church of Ireland, you are asked to continue to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please join in singing the hymns with face coverings in place, and singing softly.

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. We ask you to wear a face covering throughout your visit. 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 ON YOUR SEAT when you leave at the end of the service. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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 Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

Organ Prelude:



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 43 I***



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia ,alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.**

**Here for faith's discernment praying,
lest we fail to know thee now,
here our deepest homage paying,
we in loving reverence bow;
alleluia ,alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Great High Priest of our profession,
through the veil thou wentest in,
by thy mighty intercession
grace and peace for us to win;
alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.**

**Life-imparting, heavenly manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb that died.
alleluia ,alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)

Tune: ST. HELEN George C. Martin (1844-1916)

WELCOME – THE DEAN

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: ‘Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ *Matthew 28:20*

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.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

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 sings the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**:

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Communion Service in G Francis Jackson CBE (b.1917)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING**: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please sit as the choir sings **PSALM: 130** (Tone IV)

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well :

the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss :

O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee :

therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him :

in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord :

before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :

and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel :

from all his sins.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

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 remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



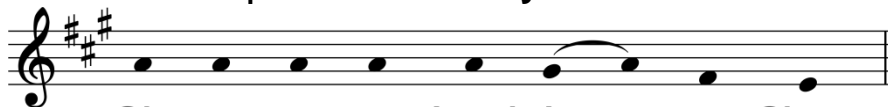
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them: and we will come to them and make our home with them. (*John 14:23*)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 6: 35, 41-51

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



Glo - ry to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Reverend Dr Maithrie White Dundas

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

Let us pray to God for the eternal life which he has promised to all who trust in him.

Grant that the Church may be always faithful to feed your people with the living bread of the Eucharist. Bless her ministers with grace to serve the Kingdom through word and sacrament. We pray for our Lay Canons, Myrtle Kerr and Robert Kay, and the parishes to which they belong.

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

We pray for the world, fed by the life of Christ, for the places where he is not known and the hearts where he is not loved. May his sacrifice prevail for the healing of the nations and for peace in all places of strife and violence.

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

Teach us to recognize the holiness in those around us, in friends and neighbours and all who come into our lives. Fill this community with mutual care, for the familiar and for the stranger, lifelong friends and newcomers in our midst, as equal children of the Father.

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

Have mercy on those who are rejected because they are different, whose qualities are despised and whose love is not returned. Feed with the living bread those who hunger in the flesh or in the spirit. Bless those who are sick in hospital and home, especially those from within the cathedral community.

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

Raise us up, in our last day, with those who have been drawn back to the loving heart of the Father. Give us grace so to follow faithfully in this world that we may rise to the glory of eternal life.

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

CATHEDRAL CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

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 today. Stand with those who grieve. Give your continued strength to all who work in hospitals, nursing homes and in the community. Guide those who are tracking new levels of infection and administering the vaccines to those who are hesitant. Give a deeper sense of social responsibility to all and wisdom to those who have responsibility in church, politics and society for the decisions they must make. 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.**

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

If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: 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.**

**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. Gerard Moultrie (1829-85) based on Isaiah 6:1-3
Tune: Picardy French traditional carol melody*

Please remain standing

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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:

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:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Setting: Communion Service in G Francis Jackson

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Setting: Communion Service in G Francis Jackson

THE COMMUNION

The choir receive communion first, whereupon the clergy will administer to the congregation. Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.

During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

O salutaris hostia
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia:
da robur, fer auxilium

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria.

O saving victim
who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile wars press on us:
give strength, bring aid.

To the Lord, three in one,
be everlasting glory,
for life without end
he gives us in (his) Kingdom.

Setting: Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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



Please stand for the **HYMN: 281***



Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: Rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:



**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.**

***We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!***

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) based on Philippians 4:4
Tune: GOPSAL G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, as we are strengthened by these holy mysteries, so may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

THE BLESSING

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your souls: 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.

Organ Voluntary:

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.
We ask that members of the congregation exit the building straight away
and do not congregate on the west steps.
Thank you.*

There is a Retiring Collection at this service.

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NOTICES



3.30pm This Afternoon

Please join us for

Cathedral Choral Evensong in August

Setting: Ayelward Canticles: Walmisley Evening Service in D.

Anthem: SS Wesley Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

Sunday 15th August 2021:

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey

Setting: Belfast Centenary Eucharist – P Stopford.

Anthem: Come down O Love divine – P Stopford

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Short Service – Gibbons. Anthem: Ave Maria - Parsons

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