



**BELFAST
CATHEDRAL**

CHORAL EVENSONG
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 8th August 2021

*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.*

Name(s): _____

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In response to relaxations of Covid restrictions, the congregation may now join in singing the hymns. Please ensure that your face covering is in place, and sing softly.

Organ Prelude:

*Please stand for the entrance of the clergy and to sing the **HYMN: 86****



**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.**



**Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.**

Words: G.K.A. Bell (1883-1958)

Tune: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT) Melody from Melchior Vulpius' Gesangbuch (Jena, 1609)

The Dean welcomes the congregation

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

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

*Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM: 41***

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy:
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon
earth:

and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed:

make thou all his bed in his sickness.
I said, Lord, be merciful unto me:
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
Mine enemies speak evil of me:
When shall he die, and his name perish?
And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity:
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and when he cometh
forth he telleth it.
All mine enemies whisper together against me:
even against me do they imagine this evil.
Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him:
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted :
who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord :
raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
By this I know thou favourest me :
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me :
and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
world without end. Amen.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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.

Chant: Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

*Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Job 39:1-40*

‘Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.
‘Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,

the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

‘Do you give the horse its might?
Do you clothe its neck with mane?
Do you make it leap like the locust?
Its majestic snorting is terrible.
It paws violently, exults mightily;
it goes out to meet the weapons.
It laughs at fear, and is not dismayed;
it does not turn back from the sword.
Upon it rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
With fierceness and rage it swallows the ground;
it cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
When the trumpet sounds, it says “Aha!”

From a distance it smells the battle,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

'Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings towards the south?
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.
From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is.'

*Please remain seated as the choir sings 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.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA**:*

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.

*Music: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-46)
Evening Service in D minor*

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 12:1-17

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

‘My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;
for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,
and chastises every child whom he accepts.’

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

Please remain seated as the choir sings 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.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

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.

*Music: Thomas Attwood Walmisley
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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.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir:

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.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

Choir: 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.

Choir: 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.

Choir: Amen.

The choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light and with him is no darkness at all.
Oh let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,
for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for evermore.

*Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)
Words: Isaiah 26 v. 3; Psalm 139 v. 11;
I John 1 v. 5; Psalm 119 v. 175*

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**

THE PRAYERS *conclude with* **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

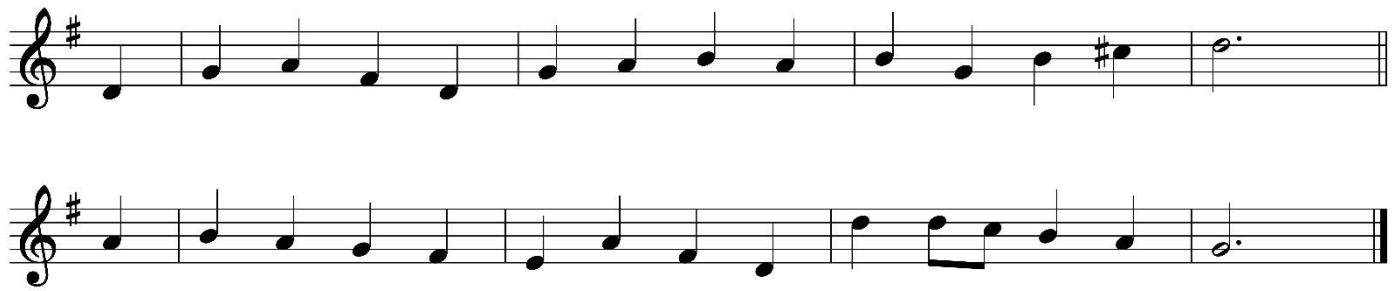
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All respond: Amen.

All:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Please stand to sing the **HYMN: 285***



**The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.**

**The joy of all who dwell above:
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.**

**The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.**

*Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1854) based on Revelation 17:14; 19:12, 16
Tune: ST MAGNUS Melody (and most of bass) probably by Jeremiah Clarke (c.1673-1707)*

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

Organ Voluntary:

*Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.
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**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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