

BELFAST CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 15th August 2021

11.00am

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

*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.*

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): _____

Telephone contact: _____



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.

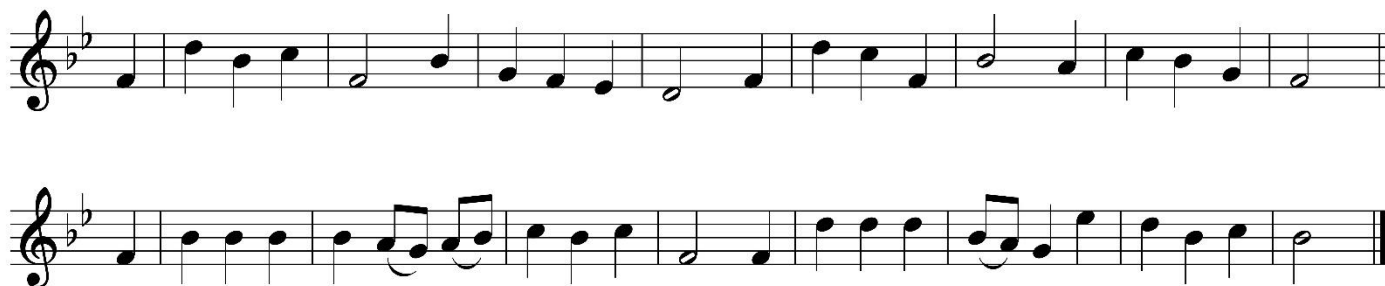
Organ Prelude: Fanfare *William Mathias (1934-1992)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing the **OPENING HYMN: ICH 708**



**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who has brought you his grace from above,
praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord, re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he has done.**

**O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77)

Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918))

WELCOME – THE DEAN

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.' *Acts 1:8*

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 to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on
earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of
the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.

Setting: Belfast Centenary Eucharist Philip Stopford (b.1977)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sing the **PSALM:** 111

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart:
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great:

sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour:

and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works:

that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him:

he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works:

that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgement:

all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever:

and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever;

holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:

a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth 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.

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA**:



The Word became flesh and lived among us: to all who received him he gave power to become children of God. (*John 1:12, 14*)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58

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



Jesus said to the Jews, '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.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by Mrs Gillian McGaughey – Diocesan Reader

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 the Lord for the life that comes from above:

Give grace to the Church faithfully to offer the communion of the body and blood of our Lord, that in every place people shall be spiritually nourished in receiving it. May we daily grow in fellowship with Christ and with one another. We pray for the minor canons of this cathedral: Julie Bell, and the Lecale Group of Churches, and Nigel Kirkpatrick, and the parish of Kilroot and Templecorran.

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

As Christ suffered death in his flesh for the life of the world, grant that the people of this present world may find new life in him. Bring peace to all places where there is strife and violence, praying especially for the people of Afghanistan, and those across the world suffering from fire, drought or flood. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Create in us, in our families, and all around us, the love that grows from the communion of the faithful. Make all who live and work by personal sacrifice for others, worthy of the love by which the living bread was given.

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

Come in compassion and feed the hungry, whether their hunger be of the body or of the soul. Have mercy on all who are afflicted in any way, and bring them healing. Be near to those who are sick, especially those of this cathedral family.

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

We give thanks for those who have eaten the bread of life in this world and gone to their rest. May we with them inherit the promise of eternal life given to all who receive it in faith.

concluding with:

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. Stand with those who grieve. Give your strength to all who continue to work in hospitals and nursing homes, and those who give care in the community. Guide all who seek to understand new waves of the infection, and those who are administering the vaccines. Give wisdom to those who have responsibility in church, politics and society for leading us out of the current Lockdown. 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.

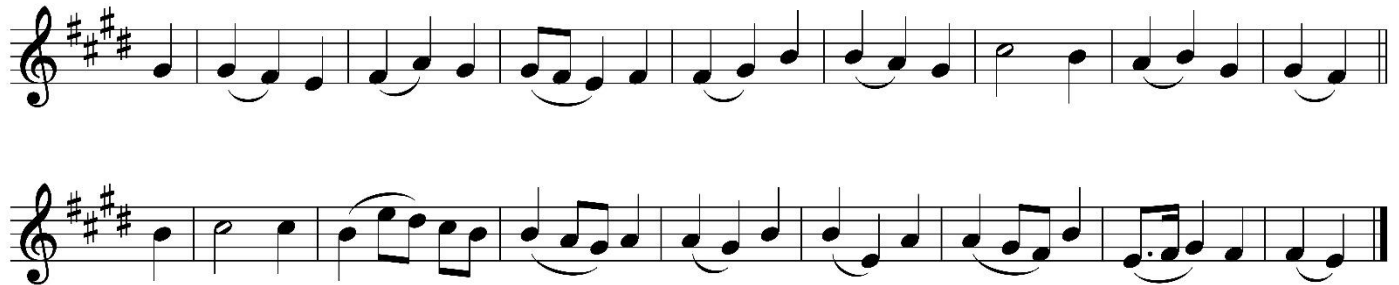
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: 639**



**O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and think, and speak for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Tune: HEREFORD S.S. Wesley (1810-76)*

Please remain standing

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 power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Belfast Centenary Eucharist Philip Stopford

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.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

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

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

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

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

Setting: Belfast Centenary Eucharist Philip Stopford

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:**

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Music: Philip Stopford

Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434), tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)

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: 366***



**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.**

**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)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated the memorial of that single sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace. By our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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.

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:

Trumpet Tune *Andrew Carter (b.1939)*

*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.*



NOTICES



3.30pm This Afternoon
Please join us for
Choral Evensong in August
Setting: Smith. Canticles: Gibbons Short Service
Anthem: Parsons Ave Maria

Sunday 22nd August 2021: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Dean

Setting: Palestrina, Missa Brevis

Anthem: Palestrina – Ego sum panis vivus

3.30pm Choral Evensong

David Stevens – Alternatim Service. Anthem: John Rutter – God be in my head

*This will be Jack Wilson's final service at Belfast Cathedral
before he moves to take up his position at Ely Cathedral*

*We regret that during July & August Morning Worship will not be livestreamed.
Please plan to attend in person or access the service through the Cathedral Audio
Telephone Service by dialling 028 9532 0355*

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