



**BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

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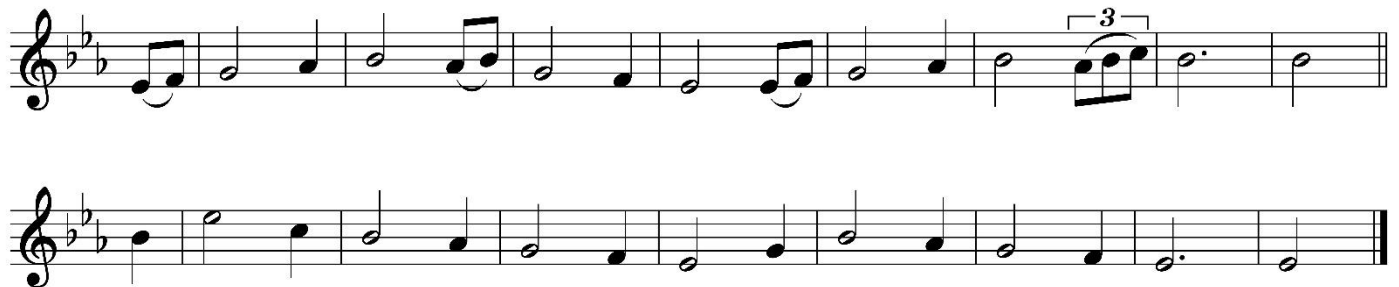
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*For the singing of hymns we request members of the congregation to wear their face coverings and sing softly.*

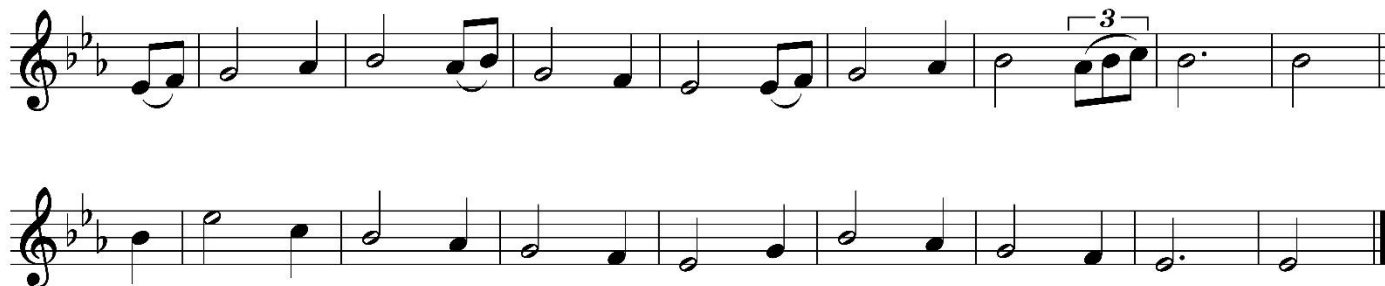
**Organ Prelude**

*Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy, and to sing the **HYMN: 614***



**Great Shepherd of your people, hear;  
your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer,  
so give us hearts to pray.**

**Within these walls let holy peace  
and love and concord dwell;  
here give the troubled conscience ease,  
the wounded spirit heal.**



**May we in faith receive your word,  
in faith present our prayers;  
and in the presence of the Lord  
unburden all our cares.**

**The hearing ear, the seeing eye,  
the contrite heart bestow;  
and shine upon us from on high,  
that we in grace may grow.**

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*

*Tune: ST COLUMBA Irish traditional hymn melody*

*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.*

*Preces and Responses: Howard Skempton (b.1947)*

*Please sit while the choir sings the **PSALM: 108***

**O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:**

**I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.**

**Awake, thou lute, and harp:**

**I myself will awake right early.**

**I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:**

**I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.**

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens:  
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.  
Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens:  
and thy glory above all the earth.  
That thy beloved may be delivered:  
let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.  
God hath spoken in his holiness:  
I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of  
Succoth.  
Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine:  
Ephraim also is the strength of my head.  
Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot:  
over Edom will I cast out my shoe; upon Philistia will I triumph.  
Who will lead me into the strong city:  
and who will bring me into Edom?  
Hast not thou forsaken us, O God:  
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?  
O help us against the enemy:  
for vain is the help of man.  
Through God we shall do great acts:  
and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

*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.

*Chants: Randall and Cooper*

*Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 4:27-5:1*

The LORD said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."'

*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.

*Setting: Alternatim Service David Stevens (b.1984)*

*Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 13:16-21*

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*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.

*Setting: Alternatim Service David Stevens (b.1984)*

*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:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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:**

God be in my head, and in my thinking.  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.  
Oh, God be in my heart, and in my understanding.

*Words: from a Book of Hours (Sarum, 1514)  
Setting: John Rutter CBE (b.1945)*

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**

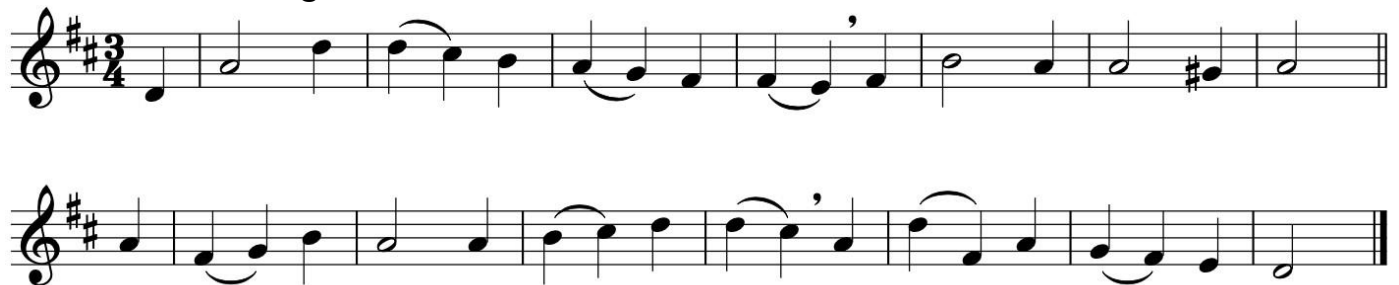
**THE PRAYERS** conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

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.**

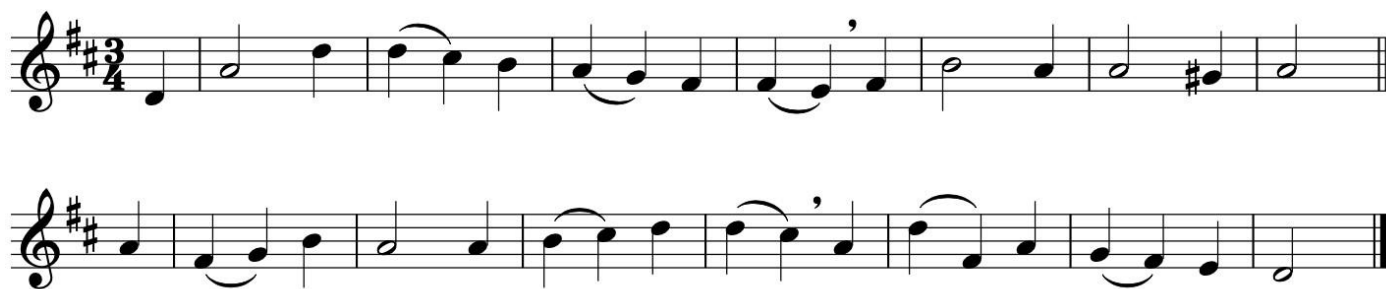
Please stand to sing the **HYMN: 657\***



**O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
thy children still are fed;  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all thy people led;**

**our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace;  
God of our fathers, be the God  
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.**



**O spread thy covering wings around  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace.**

*Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-52) based on Genesis 28:10-22*

*Tune: ABRIDGE melody by Isaac Smith (1734-1805)*

### **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:** Final from Symphony No. 1 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

***This has been the final service at which Jack Wilson has played and conducted as Assistant Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral. We wish Jack well as he takes up his new position at Ely Cathedral.***

*Please exit as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.*

*There is a Retiring Collection at this service.*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon*

*Setting: Rheinberger Missa Brevis, Op. 83*

*Anthem: Bruckner Tantum ergo sacramentum*

**3.30pm Choral Evensong**

*Tomkins Preces and Responses*

*Robledo Magnificat (Modus III) Tone III Nunc dimittis*

*Anthem: Palestrina Sicut cervus*

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