

CHORAL EUCHARIST
Sunday 5th December 2021
11.00am
The Second Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Face coverings **must be worn** when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.*

**PLEASE PLACE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE IN THE BOX
AT THE WEST END OF THE CATHEDRAL AS YOU LEAVE**

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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 1m 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.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service
Due to Child Protection Regulations no photographing of the choristers whatsoever is permitted

Organ Prelude: Wachet auf, ruft die stimme, BWV 645 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 125***:



**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

**O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is Love.**

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72
Tune: CRÜGER adpt. by William Henry Monk (1823-89) from a chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) in his Gesangbuch (Berlin, 1640)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

People of God: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children.

Lord, make us one in the love of Christ, today and for ever. Amen.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 3:2*

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.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith. *cf John 1:23*

Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings the **KYRIE:**

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Setting: Communion Service 'Collegium Regale', Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ADVENT COLLECT

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **FIRST READING:** Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **BENEDICTUS:**

Blessèd be the Lord God of Israel:

for he hath visited and redeemed his people,
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us,

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham:
 that he would give us,
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:
 might serve him without fear,
 In holiness and righteousness before him:
 all the days of our life.
 And thou child shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest;
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
 for the remission of their sins,
 Through the tender mercy of our God:
 whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,
 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death:
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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



Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight: and all flesh shall see the
 salvation of God. *Luke 3:4, 6*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

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



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

Empower your Church to speak with the prophetic voice that proclaims the way of salvation. Fill all of her people, in each of their callings, with zeal to be ministers of the gospel.

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

Grant to the rulers of this world the spirit of humility and the gift of discernment, that their power may be exercised for the good of all. Make straight the crooked ways in which so many walk astray, and make smooth the rough places of bitter strife.

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

Help us to use this Advent time well, to hear again the call to repentance and the message of salvation. We pray for all community workers, social workers and probation officers. Lead all who live and work in this community into the paths of peace.

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

We pray for the sick and injured, for the lonely and neglected, for those who mourn, known to us or unknown. Bring them comfort in their afflictions and guide the efforts of those who work for their relief.

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

We pray for those who in the flesh saw the salvation of God and have entered into perfection. Give us grace to follow them in the way prepared for those who seek the Kingdom.

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

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work in healthcare, the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

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

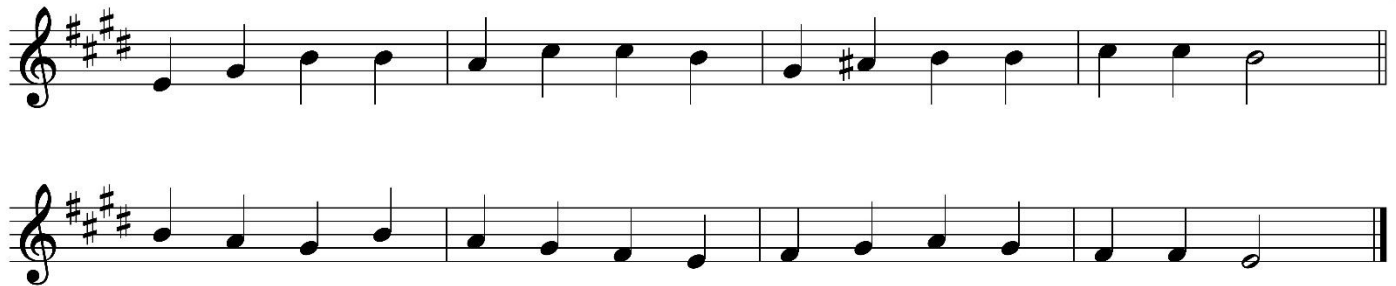
Please stand

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78-79*

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

Please stand to sing **HYMN 126***:



**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding,
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'**

**Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven:
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.**

**Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while eternal ages run.**

Words: 6th Century Latin tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: MERTON William Henry Monk (1823-89)



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

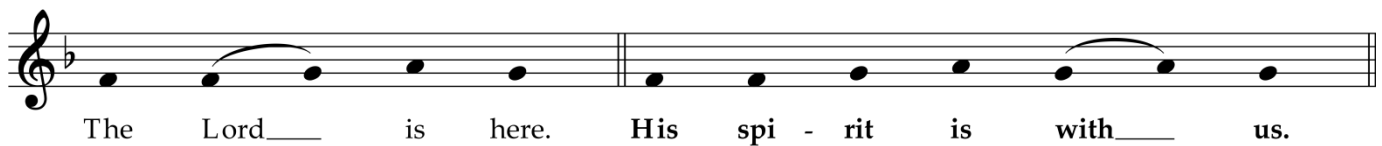


Please remain standing

Look upon us in mercy not judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Salvation is your gift through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and by him you will make all things new when he returns in glory to judge the world:

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.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Communion Service 'Collegium Regale', Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 is sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir to a setting specially composed by its Composer-in-Association, Gary Davison (b.1961):

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 'Collegium Regale', Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE COMMUNION

Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service

Organ music: Meditation on 'Conditor Alme' Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

During communion Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:

Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid,
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:

Journey ends! Where afar
Beth'lem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome.*

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903) based on Luke 2: 29, 38
Setting: Melody from Piae Cautiones (Grieffswald, 1582) arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection

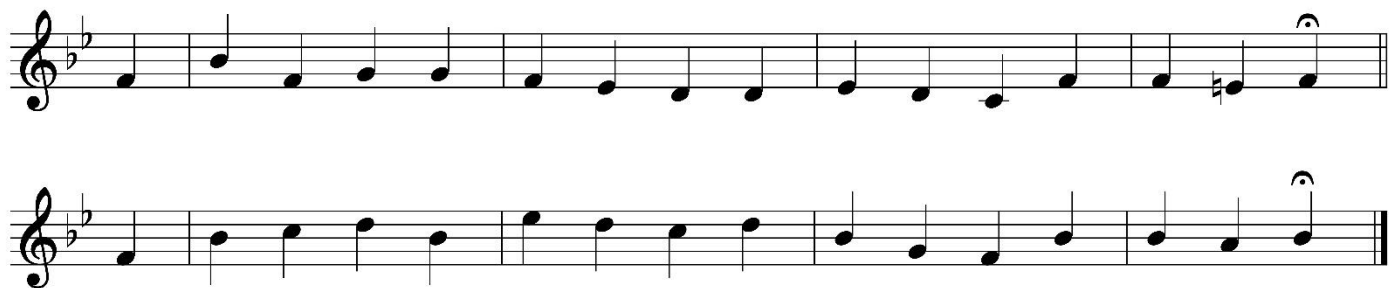


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life. Through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly. We ask this 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.

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 136***:



**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749) tr. John Chandler (1806–76) based on Luke 3:1–18

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW adapted from Musikalisches Hand-Buch by William Henry Havergal (1793–1870)

THE BLESSING

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts and scatter the darkness from before you: 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 Postlude: Marche du veilleur de Nuit *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move
Thank you*

Chaperones Appeal to Parents & Congregation Members

In order to comply with Child Safeguarding regulations Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir urgently requires additional volunteer chaperones to augment our small and increasingly stretched team. If you are interested please speak to Ali Darragh or India Chapman Webb at songbirds@belfastcathedral.org

Volunteer Choir Librarian: Appeal to Choir and Congregation

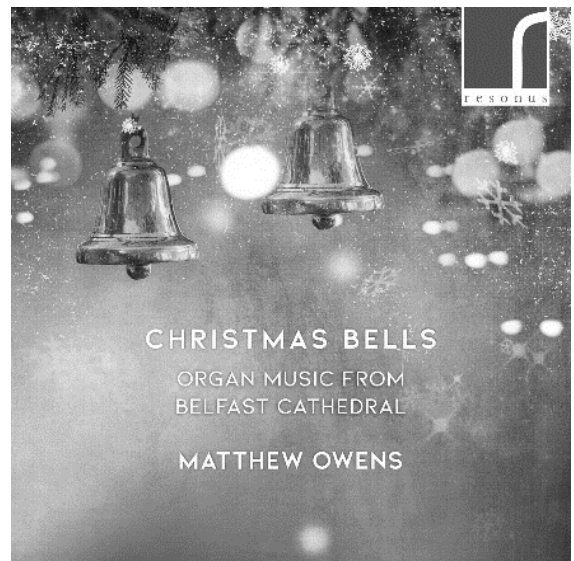
We are seeking for a suitably qualified and experienced person, with time on their hands, to help with the choir library! If interested please contact the Director Music at matthew.owens@belfastcathedral.org

Musical Purchases for Christmas 2021!

Belfast Cathedral Choir has released their CD **A Belfast Christmas**, a varied programme of familiar seasonal carols and fresh festive offerings from composers including John Rutter, Philip Stopford, Philip Wilby, Philip Ledger and Bob Chilcott.

A second CD is **Christmas Bells**, featuring Organ Music from Belfast Cathedral, with Matthew Owens.

Both CDs will be available to purchase following this service, or through the week from the Cathedral Shop. £12 each or 2 for £20.





NOTICES



Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong:

Clucas Preces & Responses

Psalm 29 (Attwood)

Whitlock Fauxbourdon Service

Vaughan Williams This is the truth sent from above

Services this week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Afternoon Prayer

Friday 1.00-2.00pm The Church's Ministry of Healing Service

Sunday 12th December 2021: The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Maithrie White

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Counters for the Cathedral Sit Out 2021

If you could give of your time to help with the counting process during the Sit Out, please speak to Mr Billy Miskimmin or contact Reception

Belfast Cathedral Christmas Services 2021

Thursday 23 December

Lessons & Carols of Christmas, 7.30pm

Friday, Christmas Eve

Lessons & Carols of Christmas, 7.30pm

First Eucharist of Christmas, 11.00pm

Saturday, Christmas Day

Choral Eucharist, 11.00am

Sunday 26 December

Service of the Word (said), 11.00am

(St Stephen's Day)

NO 3.30pm service

If you wish to attend the Carol Services please contact Reception in order to confirm capacity

**Please remember to make your
FWO (Free Will Offering) contribution to the Cathedral
as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

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