



CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 20th March 2022

11.00am

The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Following the downgrading of Covid restrictions to guidelines we respectfully ask you to wear a face covering when inside the building during the service, but especially when singing the hymns. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.



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 Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland.

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.

We have resumed distribution of Communion in both kinds. The wine will be distributed in individual cups. When you approach the clergy you will receive the wafer bread, which you should consume immediately. There are tables on the north and south aisles where you will receive the wine. Please approach the table on the side on which you are seated. Empty cups should be placed in the basin provided.

Seating is by alternate rows. Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat.

Please indicate if you require a gluten-free wafer, or if you require Communion to be brought to your seat.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

Post-service Refreshments have been re-instated

Once the organ voluntary has ended, and you are guided by the cathedral wardens, you may wish to collect a coffee or tea from the West End of the Cathedral.

PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SERVING TABLES.

Thank you.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service

Organ Prelude: Prélude Op 18, I César Franck (1822-90)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 637***:



**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Tune NEH 414: CAITHNESS Melody from Scottish Psalter (1635)

Please sit as the Dean welcomes the congregation

Please stand for **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalms 51:17

PENITENCE

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and take them to heart:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. *Matthew 22:37*

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

You shall worship him with reverence and awe. *Hebrews 12:28*

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. *Colossians 3:1, 2*

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and sisters in Christ. *1 Peter 2:16*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good. *Matthew 5:24, Romans 13:21*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. *1 Corinthians 6:19*

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need. *Ephesians 4:28*

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth. *Ephesians 4: 25*

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law. *Acts 20:35, Romans 13:9, 10*

Lord, have mercy on us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.

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

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Missa Brevis in D minor, Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

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

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LENT COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 63 VI-9:**

O God, thou art my God:

early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:

in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:

that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:

my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:

and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness:

when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed:

and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper:

therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee:

thy right hand hath upholden me.

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.

Tone VIII

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



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

'Repent,' says the Lord: for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' *Matthew 4:17*

Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** Luke 13:1-9

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



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

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON by the Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast

Please stand and face east to say 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 our Father for mercy upon the Church and the world.

Father, grant to the Church the spirit of sincere repentance for all her offences. Make the Church fruitful in the service of the gospel for the salvation of all people.

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

We pray that all who hold power in the world shall exercise it with mercy and compassion for those they govern, and with respect for those of other nations. Bless the labours of all who work to produce and to meet other human needs. We pray especially for international negotiation to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine.

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

Bless us in our daily work, that it may be done to your glory and the common good. Bless those with whom we work, and all who work in our local communities. We pray for those in our cathedral family who are sick in body, mind or spirit at this time.

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

We pray for those who toil and see no results for what they do. Have mercy on all who have suffered from accidents, disaster or war and sustain those who minister to them. Bless the aid agencies working to relieve need among Ukrainian refugees, and grant safety and welcome to all who have been displaced.

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

We give you thanks for all who have come to the end of their earthly work and have been gathered into the company of the departed. In particular we pray today for the family of Ronnie Cox in their time of grief. Bring us in our time to rest in your eternal arms having prepared ourselves and showed repentance for our sins.

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 for **THE PEACE**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5:1, 2*

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

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 419***:



**I am not worthy, holy Lord,
that you should come to me;
but speak the word; one gracious word
can set the sinner free.**

**I am not worthy; yet, my God,
shall I turn you away
when you have giv'n your flesh and blood
my ransom-price to pay?**

**O come! in this appointed hour
feed me with food divine;
and fill with all your love and power
this worthless heart of mine.**

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) based on Matthew 8:8
Tune NEH 385: ST BOTOLPH Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing

Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all things come from you and of your own we give you.

1 Chronicles 29: 11,14

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:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

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** *and* **BENEDICTUS**:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he who comes

in nomine Domini.

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Missa Brevis in D minor, Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

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 remain seated whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

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

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

Setting: Missa Brevis in D minor, Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

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: Benedictus (Messe pour les Paroisses) François Couperin (1668-1733)

During communion Belfast Cathedral Choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

Sicut cervus desiderat
ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te,
Deus.

Like as the hart desireth
the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee,
O God.

Words: Psalm 42:1

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94)

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, you feed us in this life with bread from heaven, the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory. Grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives; 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 stand to sing **HYMN 576***:



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast’.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found him in a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live’.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
from that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune NEH 376: KINGSFOLD Adapted from an English folk song by R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE BLESSING

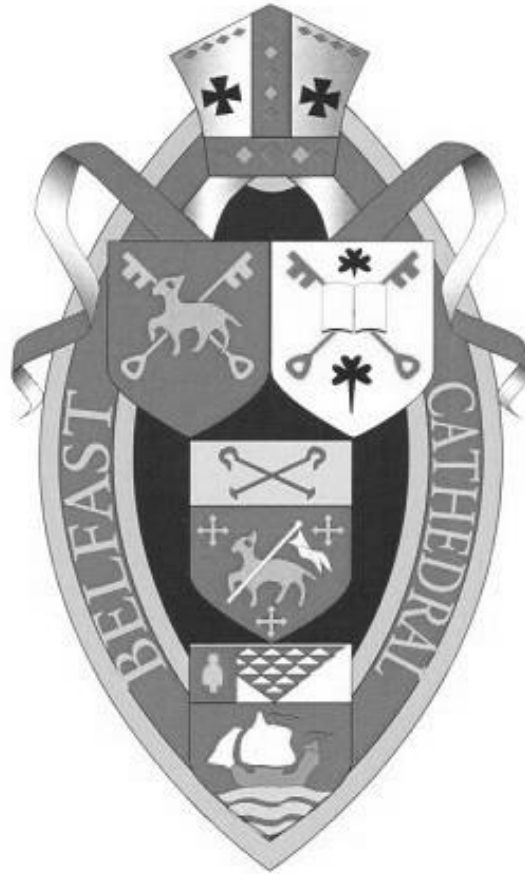
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Andante (Trio Sonata No 4, BWV 528) *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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



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NOTICES



Please avail of refreshments, following the directions at the beginning of this order of service. We are appealing for volunteers to assist with providing refreshments on rotation, please consider signing up for this if you are able.

This afternoon at 3.30pm the Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service will take place during Choral Evensong:

Willan Chorale Prelude on 'Christum wir sollen loben schon'

Ebdon Preces and Responses

Psalm 104, vv 24-35 (chant by Parratt)

Davison Wessex service

Attwood Turn thy face from my sins

Finzi Prelude

Sunday 27th March 2022: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Melanie Sloan, Student Reader CITI

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Lent Contemplative Prayer

As part of your Lenten preparation, why not join us in the Chapel of Unity on 5 Fridays of Lent to explore Contemplative Prayer? Whether or not this is something you are familiar with, it is a great opportunity to experience it for yourself. Sessions will be led by former Dean's Vicar, Canon Raymond Fox, and will consist of some liturgical prayer followed by periods of contemplative prayer. Friday 25 March and 1 April, 10.30-11.30am.

Lent Black Santa Appeal

On the Wednesdays of Lent the Dean will be donning the Black Santa mantle and standing at the cathedral steps between noon and 3.00pm in aid of the situation in Ukraine. Over £25,000 raised in the first two weeks. Please consider contributing to this as part of your Lenten preparation.

As you leave, please remember to make your Free Will Offering contribution to support the ongoing work and life of Belfast Cathedral, or give via online banking to:

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Account Number: 10006051