



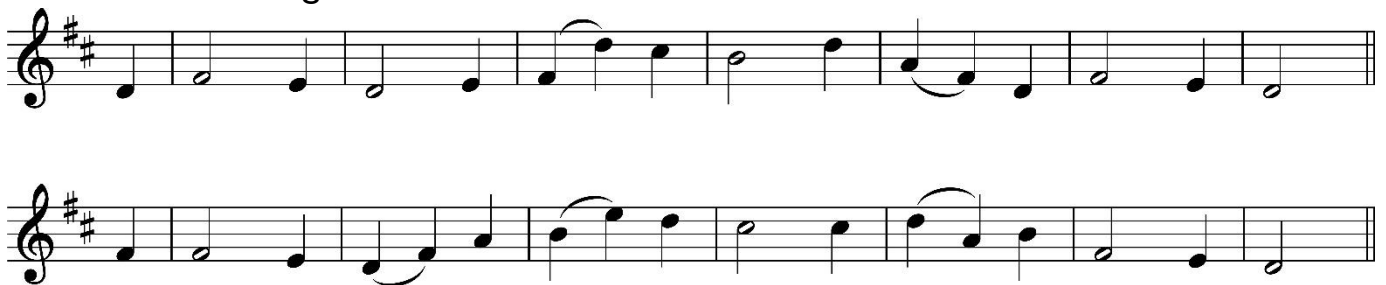
CHORAL EVENSONG

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday, 3rd April 2022

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. 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.

Organ Prelude: Reflection on the Passion Chorale *Desmond Ratcliffe (1917-2001)*

Please stand to sing **HYMN 547***:



**Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.**

**Thy promise is my only plea,
with this I venture nigh;
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.**

**Be thou my shield and hiding-place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou hast died.**

**O wondrous love, to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I,
might plead thy gracious Name!**

Words: John Newton (1725-1807)

Tune NEH 416(ii): STRACATHRO Melody by Charles Hutcheson (1792-1860) harm. Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943)

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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.

Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 18, vv 1-6:**

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my
defence:

my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the
horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised:

so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me:

and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me:

the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord:

and complain unto my God.

So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple:

and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

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 John Goss (1800-80)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** 2 Chronicles 35:1-6, 10-16

Josiah kept a passover to the Lord in Jerusalem; they slaughtered the
passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the
priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of
the Lord.

He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the Lord, 'Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built; you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel. Make preparations by your ancestral houses by your divisions, following the written directions of King David of Israel and the written directions of his son Solomon. Take position in the holy place according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of your kindred the people, and let there be Levites for each division of an ancestral house. Slaughter the passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and on behalf of your kindred make preparations, acting according to the word of the Lord by Moses.'

When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command. They slaughtered the passover lamb, and the priests dashed the blood that they received from them, while the Levites did the skinning. They set aside the burnt-offerings so that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. And they did the same with the bulls. They roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the people. Afterwards they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were occupied in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun. The gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to interrupt their service, for their kindred the Levites made preparations for them.

So all the service of the Lord was prepared that day, to keep the passover and to offer burnt-offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.

*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: Evening Service in D minor, Thomas Walmisley (1814-56)

Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** Luke 22:1-13

The festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" "' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.' So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

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: Evening Service in D minor, Thomas Walmisley (1814-56)

Please remain standing and 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

THE LENTEN COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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:**

God so loved the world.
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him
should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
But that the world through Him might be saved.

*Words: St John 3:16-17
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS, which conclude with** **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

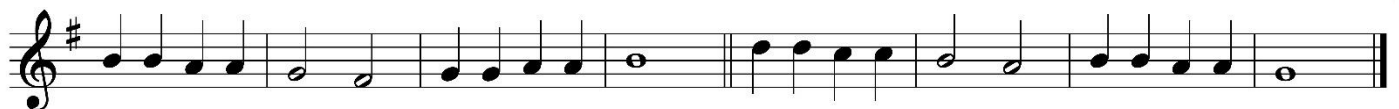
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient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

All respond: Amen.

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

All respond: Amen.

Please stand to sing **HYMN 220*:**



**Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.**



**Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find:
blessed be his compassion
infinitely kind.**

**When this earth exulting
lifts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.**

**Raise your thankful voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.**

Words: Italian (c.1815) tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune NEH 83: CASWALL Melody by Friedrich Filitz (1804-76) in his Choralbuch (1847)

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 during the **Organ Postlude:**
Prelude Gerald Finzi (1901-56)*

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