

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017, 18.00  
EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST PATRICK

THE MOST REVD DR MICHAEL JACKSON,  
ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN AND PRIMATE OF IRELAND

*TOGETHER WITH*

THE MOST REVD DR DIARMUID MARTIN,  
ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN AND PRIMATE OF IRELAND

*SUNG BY*

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

*AND*

THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

Cathedral Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection—of leaving ourselves open that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service.

We welcome you to share with us in worship that has been offered here for nearly a thousand years. Cathedrals with a great choral tradition draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the medieval offices of Vespers and Compline. Here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way. Within this hallowed space you may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

The choice of scripture readings is from the ecumenical lectionary now in use in the Church of Ireland, reading through the different books of the Bible, little by little, day by day. Today's readings will be continued tomorrow.

There are no announcements during services. Please join strongly in all spoken parts and in the singing of hymns (where these are appointed). To aid reflection you are invited to *sit* during the singing of the psalm(s) and the canticles.

Choral Evensong this afternoon is sung by the combined choirs of Christ Church Cathedral together with the Choir of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Dublin. The two choirs will sing together to symbolise a shared desire for Christian unity on the eve of the Feast of St Patrick. The service will be led by Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

*Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**I bind unto myself today  
The strong Name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.**



**I bind this day to me for ever,  
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
His baptism in Jordan river,  
His death on cross for my salvation.  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
His riding up the heavenly way,  
His coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.**

**I bind unto myself the power  
Of the great love of cherubim;  
The sweet 'Well done' in judgement hour  
The service of the seraphim.  
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,  
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,  
All good deeds done unto the Lord,  
And purity of virgin souls.**

### CHOIR ONLY

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in G minor (one flat). The melody is written in a single voice line. The first six staves contain the main text, and the seventh staff contains the word 'Amen' with a long note. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

A - - - - men.

**I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity;  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three,  
Of whom all nature hath creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Tune: St Patrick  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Attributed to St Patrick  
Versified by Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-1895)

PRECES Bernard Rose (1916–1996)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;  
Choir and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise,  
Cantor O God, make speed to save us;  
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.  
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.  
Choir The Lord's Name be praised

*Please sit for PSALM 100 sung by the choir*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. *Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *Please sit*

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 32: 1-9

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he; yet his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him, a perverse and crooked generation. Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you? Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father, and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you. When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the gods; the LORD's own portion was his people, Jacob his allotted share.

MAGNIFICAT CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924), EVENING SERVICE IN B FLAT  
*The song of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. 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*

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 sit*

THE SECOND LESSON John 4: 31-38

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD, EVENING SERVICE IN B FLAT

*The song of Simeon*

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*

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

ADDRESS BY THE MOST REVD DR M JACKSON

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.**

RESPONSES BERNARD ROSE

Cantor The Lord be with you

Choir and with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

*Please kneel or sit*

Choir Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Choir and grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, guide and defend our rulers;

Choir and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir and make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir and bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Choir because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
Choir and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect, of St Patrick's Day*

O almighty God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, that he might bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of thee; Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

*The Collect, of Ash Wednesday*

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. Amen.

*The Second 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. Amen.

*The Third 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. Amen.

ANTHEM

*We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin, and Seraphim: continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty, thine honourable, true: and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage; Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day, we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin; O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.*

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## THE PRAYERS

### HYMN



Ag Críost an síol; ag Críost an fómhar.  
In ioth(a)lainn Dé go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir; ag Críost an t-iasc.  
I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois, is ó aois go bás,  
do dhá lámh, a Críost, anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch, ní crích ach athfhás,  
i bParthas na nGrást go rabhaimid.

Tune: Ag Críost an síol  
Seán Ó Riada (1931-71)

Michael Sheehan

ADDRESS BY THE MOST REVD DIARMUID MARTIN

### HYMN



Bí, a Íosa, im chroíse i gcúimhne gach uair,  
*Jesus, be in my heart and remembered every hour;*  
bí, a Íosa, im chroíse le haithri go luath,  
*Jesus, be in my heart that I may repent soon;*  
bí, a Íosa, im chroíse le cumann go buan,  
*Jesus, be in my heart as my constant companion;*  
ó, a Íosa 'Dhé dhílis, ná scar thusa uaim.  
*O Jesus, dear God, never part from me.*





**'Sé, a Íosa mo rise, mo chara is mo ghrá;**  
*Jesus is my king, my friend, and my love;*  
**'sé, a Íosa mo dhídean ar pheacaí is ar bhás;**  
*Jesus is my shelter from sinning and from death;*  
**'sé, a Íosa mo aoibhneas, mo scáthán de ghnáth;**  
*O Jesus, my gladness, my mirror all my days;*  
**Is a Íosa, 'Dhé dhílis, ná scar uaim go brách.**  
*O Jesus, my dearest Lord, never part from me.*

**Bí, a Íosa, go síoraí im chroí is im bhéal,**  
*O Jesus, be for ever in my heart and my mouth;*  
**bí, a Íosa, go síoraí im thuigse mar an gcéann',**  
*O Jesus, be for ever in my thought and my prayer;*  
**bí, a Íosa, go síoraí im mheabhair mar léann,**  
*O Jesus, be for ever in my quiet mind;*  
**'s ó, a Íosa, 'Dhé dhílis, ná fág mé liom féin.**  
*O Jesus, my sweet Lord, do not leave me alone.*

Tune: Bí, a Íosa  
Irish traditional melody

Anon. (found by Douglas Hyde  
in an Ulster manuscript)

#### FINAL BLESSING

*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the*

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*which concludes the service*

**Christ Church Cathedral**  
**Music Department Education and Outreach**

**Diocesan Music Outreach Project**

Outreach & Education have, during the last four years, become a primary focus for the music department in terms of development and new projects. Our new Diocesan Music Outreach Programme is seeking to build upon strong and positive relationships with the parish churches of the diocese. Recently our cathedral choir visited Kilbride Church near Bray, St John the Baptist Drumcondra, St Mary's Howth, and St Maelruain's Church in Tallaght, to support their worship. As we aspire to meet the actual needs of parish church musicians in the diocese, we are also running a series of training workshops with an opportunity to share ideas on repertoire for parish music-making.

**Christ Church Music Summer School**

Our new series of music summer schools welcome children from local schools into the cathedral community. Participants take part in musical workshops including choral rehearsals, music theory classes, historical study and basic spiritual formation. The courses culminate in a joint service with the cathedral choir which proves very engaging for some of the children who have not previously experienced cathedral worship and liturgy.

**Christ Church Choral Mentoring Scheme**

Last year saw the inception of our new choral mentoring scheme. This initiative has created new opportunities for our Organist and Director of Music to work with innately talented Irish musicians in developing the sight-reading skills necessary to pass an audition for the Cathedral Choir.

**Christ Church Music & Barretstown Children's Charity**

A partnership between Christ Church Cathedral's Music Department and Barretstown Children's Charity was announced in February 2014. Our new cathedral girls' choir, founded in January 2013, visited Barretstown - a charity devoted to serving children suffering from serious illnesses including blood disorders and cancer. The girls' choir and Joyce Murphy recorded a song for Barretstown called "Dream Baby Dream" which was launched by the President of Ireland. On 2nd May 2014 the Girls' Choir appeared in a high profile fund-raising concert, at Dublin's Olympia Theatre, which was broadcast on RTÉ1 television. The choirs of Christ Church Cathedral performed at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barretstown Gala Ball at the Convention Centre Dublin on Saturday 27 September 2014. The cathedral choir performed at a *red carpet* reception as guests arrived. Our cathedral girls' choir performed, with Joyce Murphy, during the gala ball dinner in front of over 1000 guests including local celebrities, pop and rock musicians, actors and politicians. Recently, our cathedral choir raised €2154.86 for Barretstown by organising a sponsored walk in the Wicklow Mountains.

**Christ Church Cathedral Voluntary Choir**

Last year saw the creation of our new cathedral voluntary choir, as part of our music outreach programme, to further develop voluntary music-making within our community whilst at the same drawing people of other faiths into the cathedral.