



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

DUBLIN

Sunday 8 October 2017

15.30 Choral Evensong

*Marking the 100th Birthday of composer, Francis Jackson
sung by the Cathedral Choir*

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 though 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.

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

The Cantor reads THE SENTENCE and leads THE CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRECES BERNARD ROSE

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 136 sung by the choir

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of all gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O thank the Lord of all lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who only doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who laid out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who hath made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever. The sun to rule the day: for his mercy endureth for ever. The moon and the stars to govern the night: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who smote Egypt with their first-born: for his mercy endureth for ever. And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever. With a mighty hand and stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who divided the Red Sea in two parts: for his mercy endureth for ever. And made Israel to go through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever. But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red Sea: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever. Yea and slew mighty kings: for his mercy endureth for ever. Sehon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever. And Og the king of Basan: for his mercy endureth for ever. And gave away their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever. Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever. And hath delivered us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. *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 Proverbs 2.1 – 11

MAGNIFICAT

FRANCIS JACKSON (B. 1917), EVENING SERVICE IN G

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 1 John 2.1—17

NUNC DIMITTIS

FRANCIS JACKSON, EVENING SERVICE IN G

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

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 the Day

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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

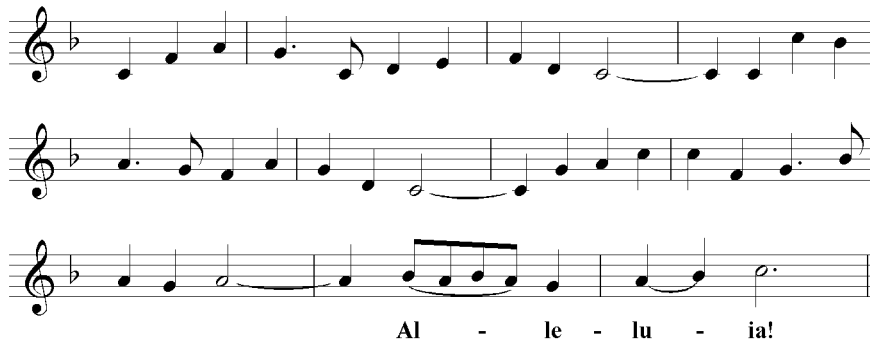
Ave verum corpus, natum de Mariae Virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who truly suffered on the cross for mankind;
cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
from whose side when pierced there came forth water and blood: Be to us a foretaste of the hour of death.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.
O sweet, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

Sequence for Corpus Christi

THE PRAYERS

CLOSING HYMN



**When in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight;
Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

Tune: Engelberg
C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)

F. Pratt Green (b. 1903)

THE FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

which concludes the service