



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## DUBLIN

Saturday 21 October 2017

17.00 Choral Evensong

*The Commissioning of Diocesan and Parish Lay Ministers  
sung by a consort of 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.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy Bride;  
With his own Blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.**

**'Mid toil, and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.**



**Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.**

Tune: Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900)

#### The Admission of Readers

The Archbishop

My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Parish and Diocesan Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers. They are to lead public worship, to assist at the Eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. Diocesan Readers are licensed to preach and to teach the word of God. As authorised lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

*The candidates for admission stand and are presented to the archbishop by the Director of Lay Ministry.*

Director:

Archbishop, I present these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader; Tom and Alistair to be Diocesan Readers, Mary and Gail to be Parish Readers.

*When all the candidates have been presented, the archbishop asks these questions.*

Archbishop:

Registrar, have they subscribed the Declarations on our Diocesan Roll, and thereby affirmed and declared their belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of Ireland bear witness? Have they also made the declaration of obedience to the Bishop and the declaration which must be made before a Reader is licensed?

Registrar:

**They have.**

Archbishop: Mr. Tanner, Are they men and women of Christian character, well versed in the Holy Scriptures and in the doctrines of our faith?

**Director:** **They are.**

Archbishop: Have they been sufficiently prepared for the duties of this office?

**Director:** **They have.**

Archbishop: In order that we may be satisfied that you are ready to begin the ministry of a Reader, you must now answer the questions we put to you.

Archbishop: Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry?

**Reader:** **I do so believe.**

Archbishop: Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship?

**Reader:** **By the grace of God, I will.**

Archbishop: Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**Reader:** **By the grace of God, I will.**

Archbishop: Will you endeavour to fashion your life according to the way of Christ?

**Reader:** **By the grace of God, I will.**

Archbishop: Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

**Reader:** **By the grace of God, I will.**

Archbishop: Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

**Reader:** **By the grace of God, I will.**

*The candidates turn and face the congregation.*

Archbishop: Brothers and sisters, these men and women have been chosen for the office of Reader. Will you uphold and encourage them in their ministry?

**All:** **We will.**

Archbishop: Will you continue to pray for them?

**All:** **We will.**

*The archbishop invites the clergy of the new Readers' parishes to stand and asks*

Archbishop: Will you work closely with your new Readers and encourage them to use their gifts and develop their ministry?

**Clergy:** **We will.**

Archbishop: Will you commend them to the people amongst whom they will minister?

**Clergy:** **We will.**

*The candidates stand before the archbishop, who admits them to the office of Reader with these words*

Archbishop: N, I admit you as a Reader in the Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

*When all have been admitted, the bishop blesses them in these or other suitable words*

Archbishop: May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength and love to do his will, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and on your work done in his name, now and always.

**All: Amen.**

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 96: 1–9 SUNG BY THE CHOIR*

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people. For the Lord is great and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the heathen they are but idols; but it is the Lord that made the heavens. Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary. Ascribe unto the Lord O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *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 ISAIAH 14: 3-11

MAGNIFICAT CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924), EVENING SERVICE IN C  
*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 MATTHEW 14:1-12

NUNC DIMITTIS

CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD, EVENING SERVICE IN C

*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 beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; 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

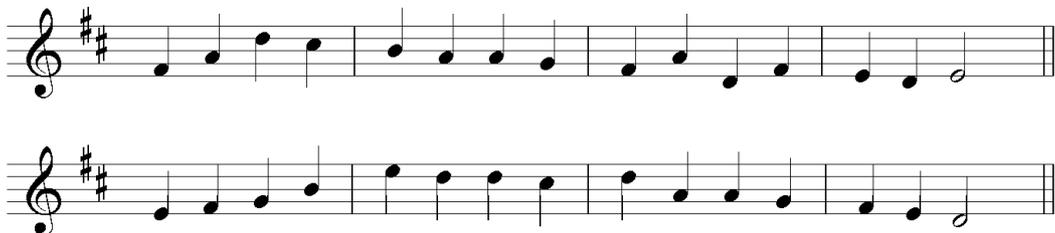
God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Caroline Richards (b. 1993)  
Organ Scholar, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

*Sarum Primer, 1558*

THE PRAYERS

HYMN



Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live,  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Tune: All for Jesus  
John Stainer (1840–1901)

Brian Foley (b. 1919)

THE SERMON

*The Revd Laurence Graham  
President of the Methodist Church in Ireland*

## CLOSING HYMN



Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness;  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy Name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Tune: Thornbury  
Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

E.H. Plumptre (1821–91)

*The Final Prayer and Blessing*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*which concludes the service*



# WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

**Tuesday 31 October**  
**Christ Church  
Cathedral**

**7:00 pm**  
Cathedral open  
for prayer

**8:00 pm**  
Eve of All Saints' Eucharist

...perfect love  
casts out fear...  
1 John 4:18

All are welcome. Free of charge.

The Cathedral will remain  
open until **10:00 pm**.  
Stop for just a little while or  
stay for the whole evening.  
Prayer ministry available.



**CATHEDRAL  
NIGHTS**  
Pause. Breathe. Pray.