



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

DUBLIN

Sunday 12 March 2017
15.30 Choral Evensong
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 Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

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 135: 1-14 sung by the choir

O praise the Lord, laud ye the name of the Lord: praise it O ye servants of the Lord ; Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God. O praise the Lord for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name for it is lovely. For why?, the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his own possession. For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: and in the sea and in all deep places. He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures. He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast. He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: upon Pharaoh and all his servants. He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings; Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan; And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people. Thy name O Lord endureth forever: so doth thy memorial O Lord from one generation to another. For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants. *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 — Numbers 21:4-9

MAGNIFICAT

THOMAS WEELKES (1576–1623), THE SHORT SERVICE

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 – Luke 14:27-33

NUNC DIMITTIS

THOMAS WEELKES, THE SHORT SERVICE

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 THOMAS TOMKINS

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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect, for Lent

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

Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery.

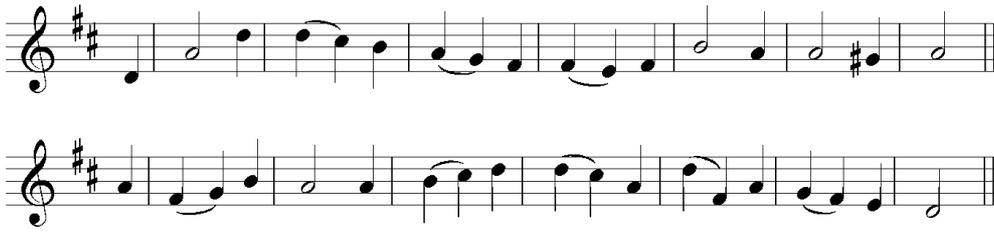
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy name's sake.

So we that are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture shall give thee thanks for ever, and will always be shewing forth thy praise from one generation to another.

Henry Purcell (1659-95)

Psalm 79: 5, 8, 9, 13

THE PRAYERS



**Be thou my guardian and my guide,
And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O, save me from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.**

Tune: Abridge

Isaac Smith (c. 1725–1805)

Isaac Williams (1802–65)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

which concludes the service

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

Abigail, our Dean's Vicar, will be making a trip to Thessaloniki, Greece to visit friends who have been on the ground working with refugee families and to gain some exposure to their ongoing work. They have worked on a small scale in befriending families, providing food and cooking equipment, and helping with inquiries to track down separated relatives. Most recently they have had opportunities to prepare packs of school supplies and conduct simple lessons for refugee children who have in the last two years fallen behind in their schooling. If you would like to make a donation to support the work you can visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/SupplyRefugeeThess>



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

Call and Response

Creative Lenten Reflection Programme

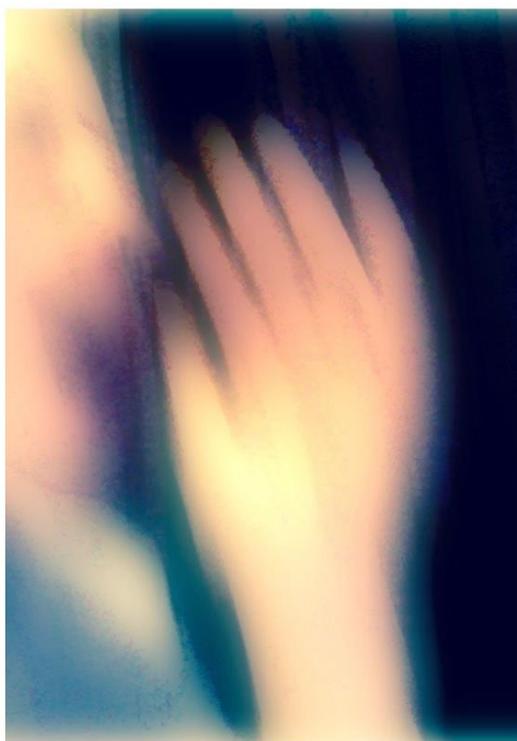
Wednesday, 15 March

7:00-9:00 pm

Questions are part of every person's journey in life. Make space for your questions and share them with others, walk the labyrinth or just take time to reflect. You can add your questions to the creative project developing over the coming weeks.

Two sessions of *lectio divina*, meditative reading of scripture, will take place, at **7:30** and **8:15 pm**, led by the Dean, the Very Revd Dermot Dunne.

**Stop for just a little while or stay for the whole evening.
All are welcome. Free of charge.**



FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 13th March

18.30 Environmental Film Series – ‘Koyaanisqatsi’ (1982), in the Music Room

Tuesday 14th March

18.00 Compline – sung by a consort of Lay Vicars Choral

Wednesday 15th March

18.00 Choral Evensong – sung by the Girl Choristers

Plainsong responses

Bairstow in Eb

Shephard, Let him who seeks

19.00 Cathedral Nights – Creative prayer, a labyrinth and space to sit with your questions. Two short scripture meditations led by the Dean, at 19:30 and 20:15. Stop for a little while or stay for the whole evening.

Thursday 16th March – Eve of the Feast of St Patrick

18.00 Festal Evensong – *sung by the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin and St*

Mary's Pro Cathedral Dublin

Rose responses

Stanford in Bb

Stanford, Te deum in Bb

19.00 Lenten Bible Study, *God's Heart for Migrants*, in the crypt.

Saturday 18th March

17.00 Compline – sung by a consort of Lay Vicars Choral

Sunday 19th March

11.00 Choral Eucharist – The Second Sunday in Lent

Berkeley Missa brevis

Purcell, Hear my prayer

Chilcott, My prayer

15.30 Choral Evensong – sung by the Cathedral Choir

Morey responses

Victoria Magnificat secundi toni

Victoria Nunc dimittis

Morales Peccantem me quotide

*Mon-Fri 10.00 Morning Prayer; Mon-Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer (where there is no choral service);
Mon-Sat 12 noon Prayer for Peace; Mon-Fri 12.45 the Eucharist*



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