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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
DUBLIN**



**THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018**

**11.00**

**PREACHER: THE REVD CANON FRED APPLEBE**

**SETTING: WILLIAM WALTON, (1902-83), MISSA BREVIS  
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

# The Gathering of God's People

*The choir sings a section of the Advent Prose in procession.*

*Please stand*

## ADVENT 2

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:  
And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face  
from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**

## The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

On these two commandments depend all the law  
and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

## The Call to Penitence

When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Kyrie** *(sung by the choir)*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,  
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

### **The First Reading**

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi:

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*remain seated while the choir sings:*

### **The Psalm**

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets which have been since the world began; that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us, to perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant; to perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in

holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## **The Second Reading**

**Philippians 1: 3-11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians:

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*On each of the four Sundays in this season we will light a candle on the Advent Wreath to remind us of those who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Today we remember the prophets.*

*The choir sings:*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true, to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

and the people join in singing the response:



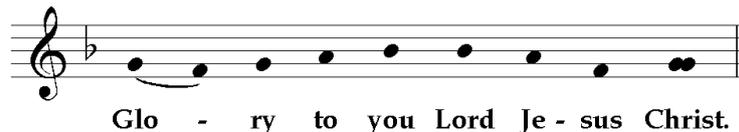
The deacon then lights the candle

## The Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St N:

*Response*



All turn to face the reader

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." "

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Response*



## The Post-Gospel Hymn

*As the Gospel procession moves East, all sing a hymn in response to the Gospel.*



Hills of the north, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.

Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn;  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know,  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.

Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light,  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.

Tune: Little Cornard  
M.F.E. Shaw (1875–1958)

Editors of the New English Hymnal, based on  
Charles E. Oakley (1832–1865)

### The Sermon

#### The Affirmation of Faith

*please stand*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people  
of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

*All sit or kneel*

*At the end of each prayer*

Let us sing to the Lord

*The following response is sung by all*

**Maranatha, Come Lord, Come**

*At the conclusion of the prayers all say*

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand*

*The priest introduces the peace with these words*

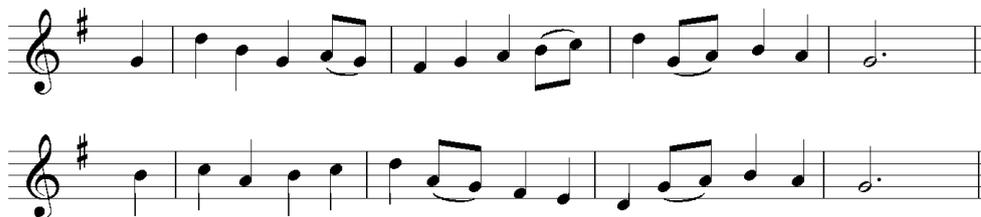
In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*The priest says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### The Offertory Hymn



The Lord will come and not be slow,  
His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go,  
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice from her heavenly bower,  
Look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right  
The nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
Shall come and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord,  
And glorify thy name.

**For great thou art, and wonders great  
By thy strong hand are done:  
Thou in thy everlasting seat  
Remainest God alone.**

Tune: St Stephen  
William Jones (1726–1800)

John Milton (1608–1674)  
cento Psalms 85, 82, 86

## **The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. **Amen.**

*The priest says*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**Therefore let us celebrate the feast**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**we lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:  
Salvation is your gift  
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and by him you will make all things new  
when he returns in glory to judge the world:  
And so with all your people,  
with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

*heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted,  
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The choir sings and all repeat each line*

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church  
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,  
that he may dwell in us and we in him:  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread for communion and says*

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **The Communion**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,  
who has taken away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please sit while the choir sings*

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

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**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

## Communion Motet

There is no rose of such virtue  
as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was  
heaven and earth in little space: Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see  
there be one God in persons three: Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth  
and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus.

Jack Oades (b. 1994)  
Organ Scholar, Christ Church Cathedral Dublin

Anonymous, fifteenth century

## The Great Silence

*The congregation is invited to spend some moments in silent reflection*

## Going Out as God's People

### Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
here you have nourished us with the food of life.  
Through our sharing in this holy sacrament  
teach us to judge wisely earthly things  
and to yearn for things heavenly.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

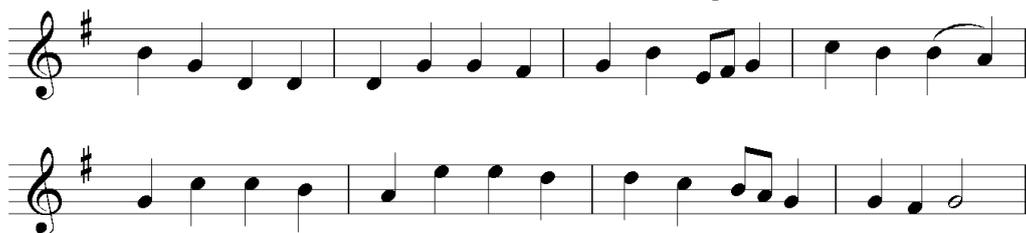
Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

*All say:*

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Post-communion Hymn



Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Tune: Cross of Jesus  
John Stainer (1840-1901)

(Charles Wesley 1707-88)

## The Blessing

*The priest blesses the people with these words*

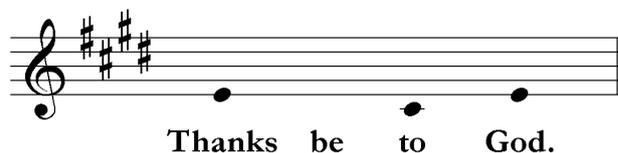
Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*The priest or the deacon says or sings*

**Go in the peace of Christ.**

*All reply*



*Please remain standing for the procession of cross, clergy and choir  
and sit for the*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Choral no. 2 in B minor

César Franck (1822-1890)