



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## DUBLIN

*Sunday 16 June 2019*

*15.30 Choral Evensong*

*sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Past Choristers*

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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.

*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 (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 73: 1-3, 16-21 sung by the choir*

Truly God is loving unto Israel: even unto such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well nigh slipt. And why?, I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity. Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I the end of these men. Namely how thou dost set them in slippery places: and castest them down and destroyest them. Oh how suddenly do they consume: perish and come to a fearful end! Yea even like as a dream when one awaketh: so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city. Thus my heart was grieved: and it went even through my reins. So foolish was I and ignorant: even as it were a beast before thee.

*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 — Exodus 3:1-15

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 — John 3:1-17

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*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. 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

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. Let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that he shall judge the people righteously. Let the whole earth stand in awe of him. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Sing to the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling of his salvation from day to day, and his wonders unto all people. As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols. Their idols are silver and gold : even the work of men's hands. They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not. They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not. They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not : neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them : and so are all such as put their trust in them. As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him. The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us : he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron. He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great. Ye are the blessed of the Lord : you and your children. Ye are the blessed of the Lord : who made heaven and earth.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Psalm 96 vv. 2-3, 5, 2-10  
Psalm 115 vv. 3-8, 12-15

### THE PRAYERS



**Father most holy, merciful and tender;  
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit all-kindly, Advocate, Defender,  
Light never waning;  
Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;  
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,  
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken,  
Hope of all living;  
Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;  
Lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:  
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee  
Heart's adoration.  
To the all-ruling triune God be glory:  
Highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour,  
We too would praise thee, giving honour worthy,  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Tune: Iste Confessor  
Poitiers Antiphoner, 1746

Latin c. 10th century  
trans Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the  
ORGAN VOLUNTARY  
which concludes the service*