



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

DUBLIN

Sunday 10 October 2021
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 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 John Reading (1646-1692)

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 119: 73-88) sung by the choir

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in thy word. I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled. O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant. O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments. Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies: be turned unto me. O let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed. My soul hath longed for thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of thy word. Mine eyes long sore for thy word: saying, O when wilt thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statutes. How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me? The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law. All thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help. They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not thy commandments. O quicken me after thy loving-kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth. *Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *Please sit*

THE FIRST LESSON – Joshua 5:13-6:20

MAGNIFICAT

CHARLES WOOD (1866-1826) Evening Service in Eb No. 1

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 – Romans 2:17-29

NUNC DIMITTIS

CHARLES WOOD Evening Service in Eb No. 1

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 John Reading

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

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

For lo I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

They are terrible and dreadful, their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.

Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves, and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far.

They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour, they come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the east wind, and they gather captives as the sand.

Yea, he scoffeth at kings and princes are a derision unto him for he heapeth up dust and taketh it then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over and be guilty even he whose might is his God.

Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?

We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction.

I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and look forth to see what he will say to me and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me and said, The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Habakkuk 1 & 2

THE PRAYERS



**O Strength and Stay upholding all creation,
Who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
Yet day by day the light in due gradation
From hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
An eve untouched by shadows of decay;
The brightness of a holy deathbed blending ~
With dawning glories of th'eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
Who, with the Holy Ghost, by all things living
Now and to endless ages art adored. Amen.**

Tune: Strength and Stay

St. Ambrose (340-397)

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

trans. John Ellerton (1826-1893) and Fenton Hort (1828-1892)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

which concludes the service