

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28 NOVEMBER 2021

11.00

PREACHER: THE REVD ABIGAIL SINES

SETTING: WILLIAM BYRD, (1543–1623), MASS FOR FIVE VOICES
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Gathering of God's People

The choir sings a section of the Advent Prose.

Please stand

ADVENT 1

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

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

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

Processional Hymn



O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Tune: Veni Emmanuel
adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Cologne, 1710, based on the Advent Antiphons
trans. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) et al.

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

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith. *cf John 1.23*

Kyrie *(sung by the choir)*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

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

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

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

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 25: 1-9

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 Patriarchs, the Fathers of Israel: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The choir sings:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors, to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

and the people join in singing the response:



The deacon then lights the candle

The Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 25-36

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

Response



All turn to face the reader

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Response



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.**

Please stand

The Peace

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

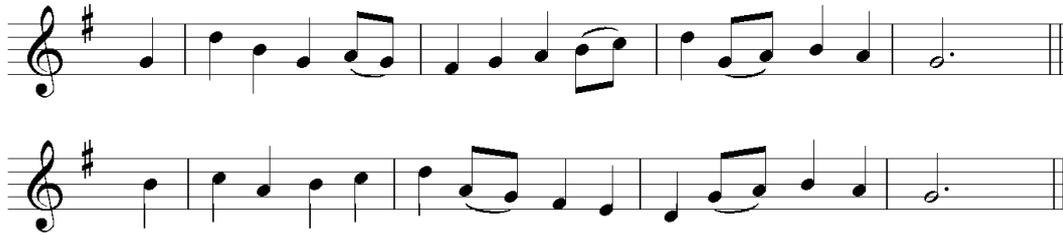
The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Those present may offer one another a sign of peace

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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 Preparation of the Altar

at the taking of the bread and wine the priest says

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 saying:

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:

All remain standing

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.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
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

A spotless Rose is blowing,
 Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' fore-showing,
 Of Jesse promis'd fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
 Amid the cold, cold winter,
 And in the dark midnight.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Rose which I am singing,
 Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
 In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
 The Blessed Babe she bare us
 In a cold, cold winter's night.

Anonymous, fourteenth century

The Great Silence

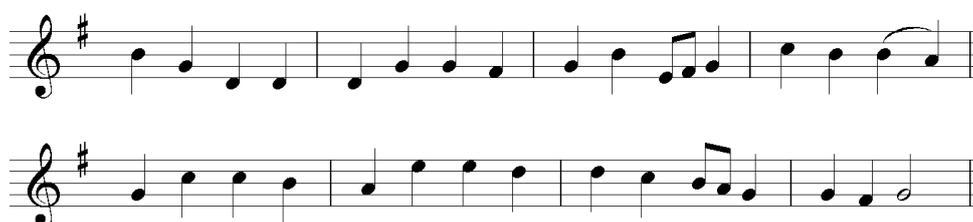
The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

God our deliverer,
Awaken our hearts
to prepare the way for the advent of your Son,
that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,
we may serve you faithfully all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**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.**

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Blessing & Dismissal

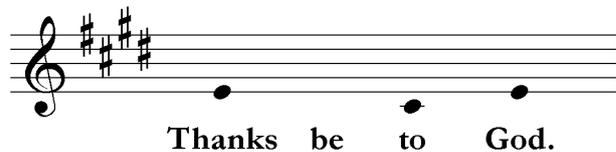
The priest blesses the people with these words

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 priest or deacon says or sings

Go in the peace of Christ.

All reply



Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in g BWV 542 JS Bach (1685-1750)

Advance Notice of Pre-Booking Arrangements

Outdoor Live Nativity

19-20 December, 17.30 – 19.30 *Showings on the hour and half-hour*

Free of charge, pre-booking places here:

<https://christchurch.bookeventsireland.com/christchurch/outdoor-live-nativity/>

Booking opens on 1 December

(A limited number of walk-up places will be available for each showing)

Nine Lessons and Carols

19 December, 15.00 *(Please note start time)*

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

Christmas Eve

24 December, 23.00 *(Please note start time)*

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

Christmas Day

25 December, 11.00

Congregation size will be limited. Email RSVP@christchurch.ie to book a place.

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