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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00

PREACHER: THE PRECENTOR, CANON ROY BYRNE

SETTING: MISSA AETERNA CHRISTI MUNERA, GP DA PALESTRINA (1525-1594)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

## **The Advent Prose**

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

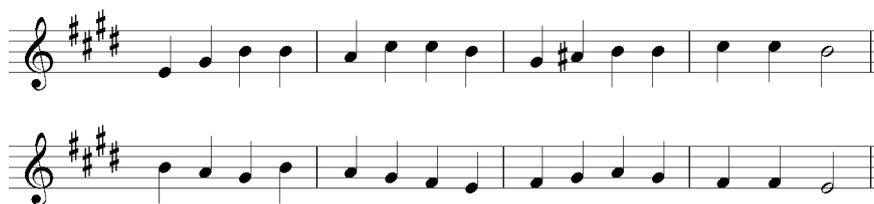
We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

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

*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and for the singing of the hymn*

# The Gathering of God's People

## Processional Hymn



Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven.

So when next he comes in glory,  
And earth's final hour draws near,  
May he then as our defender  
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

Tune: Merton  
W. H. Monk (1823-89)

From the Latin; *tr* E. Caswall (1814-78)

## 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.*

*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.

## **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;

that whereas, through our sins and wickedness,

we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us,

thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;

through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,

to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit,

be honour and glory, world without end.

**Amen.**

## **The Advent Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,  
and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,

in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty

to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who liveth and reigneth with thee

and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

*Please sit*

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

### The First Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18, 19

Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right: and defend the poor. The mountains also shall bring peace: and the little hills righteousness unto the people. He shall keep the simple folk by their right: defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another. He shall come down like the

rain into a fleece of wool: even as the drops that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth. Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things; And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

## **The Second Reading**

**Romans 15: 4-13**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 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 Reading

**Matthew 3: 1-12**

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

*Response*



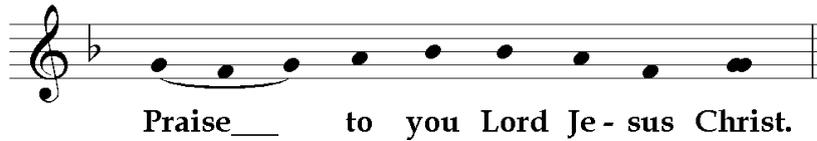
*All turn to face the reader*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Response*



## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

*please stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*All sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us into one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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

*A collection is taken at this point. Card donations are accepted at the  
Welcome Desk following the service.*

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please scan the following QR code:*



## Offertory Hymn



On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast;  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Tune: Winchester New  
Wittwe's *Musicalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
tr. J. Chandler (1806-76)

### The Preparation of the Altar

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

*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:

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.

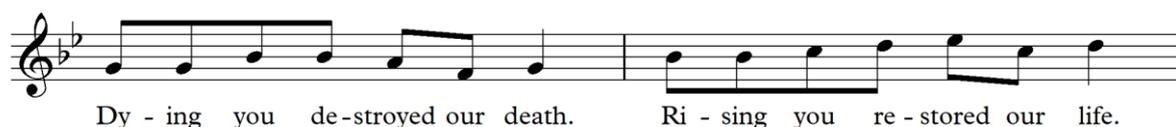
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you.

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.

*All sing*



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.*

*Guided by the vergers, the people come forward to receive communion. Wherever you are from and whatever you believe you are welcome to receive at the table of the Lord. If you require a gluten free wafer please indicate this to the priest.*

## **Communion Motet**

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Johannes.

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

Hic venit ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

*The same came that he might bear witness to the light, and to prepare the perfect way of the Lord.*

Giovanni da Palestrina (1525–1594)

John 1

## **The Great Silence**

*The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.*

# 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.**

## Postcommunion Hymn



Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew.  
Come to make all things new;  
Bear his People's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
When he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
When he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?*



Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
 She believed, she obeyed.  
 In her womb God is laid;  
 Till the time expected  
 Nurtured and protected.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*We will make him welcome!*

Journey ends! Where afar  
 Bethlem shines, like a star,  
 Stable door stands ajar.  
 Unborn Son of Mary,  
 Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*We will make him welcome!*

Tune: Personent hodie  
 Melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

F. Pratt Green (1903–2000)

## The Blessing & Dismissal

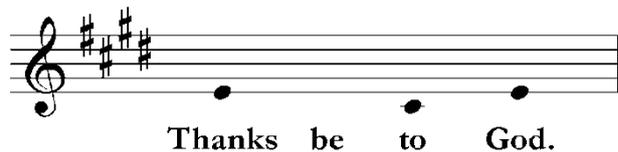
*The priest blesses the people with these words*

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 the deacon says or sings*

Go in the peace of Christ

*The choir and the people sing*



*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the*  
**Organ Voluntary**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 *J.S.Bach* (1685-1750)

*which concludes the service*

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*Please join us in the South Transept for a cup of tea or coffee  
directly following the service!*



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