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DUBLIN



SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2022

15.30

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND CONSECRATION

OF

THE VENERABLE ADRIAN MARK WILKINSON

AS BISHOP OF CASHEL AND OSSORY

BY

THE MOST REVD DR MICHAEL JACKSON,

ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN AND BISHOP OF GLENDALOUGH

Welcome

You are very welcome to this celebration of the Episcopal Ordination and Consecration of Adrian Wilkinson in the context of the Eucharist. Whether you come as a member of the Church of Ireland, an Anglican/Episcopalian from abroad, or as a member of another Christian tradition, we greet you in the name of the Lord. Christian worship has been offered on this site for nearly one thousand years. Your prayers today are added to those of countless generations of Christ's people.

Standing

At any point in the service, those who find it difficult to stand should feel free to sit.

Wheelchair access to Communion

On this occasion, Communion will be administered at the Screen. There are no steps between your seat and the Screen.



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please turn your Hearing Aid to the T position.*

The sung setting is Messe Solennelle *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

The music is sung the Cathedral Choir

Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Assisting Bishops: Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis

Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Rt Revd Pat Storey

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Introit

Surely thou hast tasted that the Lord is good.

So come to him our living stone – the stone rejected by men,
but choice and precious in the sight of God.

Come, and let yourselves by built, as living stones, into a spiritual temple;
a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Bernard Rose (1916–1996)

1 Peter: 3-5

please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy

Processional Hymn



**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.**

Alleluia!

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.**

Alleluia!

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.**

Alleluia!

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
and all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia!

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.**

Alleluia!

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blessed.**

Alleluia!

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day :
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.**

Alleluia!

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

Alleluia!

The Gathering of God's People

The archbishop says

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

One God and Father of all.

Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace. *Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)*

The archbishop introduces the Ordination Service, finishing with these words

Today, giving thanks for the variety of gifts and ministries that God has bestowed on the Church we have come together to admit to the order of bishops, Adrian, whom we believe God has chosen for this particular ministry within the body, seeking by prayer with the laying on of hands the bestowal of the Holy Spirit for that office and work. In doing so we are maintaining the historic threefold ministry of bishops, priests and deacons which this Church has received.

The Bishop-elect is presented by representatives from the diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and representatives from the wider Church to the consecrating bishops (Dublin, Meath & Kildare and Clogher) with these words:

Archbishop, we present Adrian Mark Wilkinson, and believe him to be called and ready to be ordained bishop in the Church of God.

The archbishop says to the bishop-elect

Do you believe, so far as you know in your heart, that God has called you to the office and work of a bishop in his Church?

Answer I believe that God has called me.

Archbishop

Let us pray

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
we thank you that through your Son
you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church.
Hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
they may be instruments of your love,
and give to this your servant now to be ordained
the needful gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Numbers 27: 15-20,22,23

Read by Mr Gary Wilkinson

A reading from the book of Numbers

Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, 'Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep without a shepherd.' So the LORD said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; have him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. You shall give him some of your authority, so that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey.

So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation; he laid his hands on him and commissioned him - as the LORD had directed through Moses.

The Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm 119: 165-174

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law: and they are not offended at it. Lord I have looked for thy saving health: and done after thy commandments. My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and loved them exceedingly. I have kept thy commandments and testimonies: for all my ways are before thee. Let my complaint come before thee O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. My lips shall speak of thy praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous. Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments. I have longed for thy saving health O Lord: and in thy law is my delight.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 1-10

Read by Mrs Hazel Corrigan

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

Gospel Alleluia *sung by the choir and then repeated by the people*

please stand



The choir sings the sentence You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek

The choir and the people repeat the Alleluia

The Gospel Reading

John 21.15-17

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Saint John, chapter twenty-one beginning at verse fifteen.

The choir and the people sing

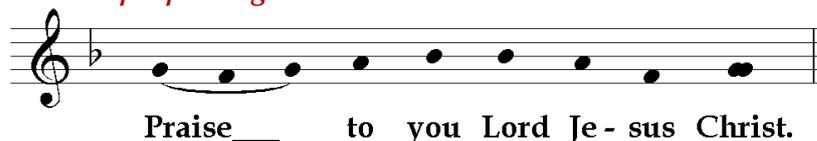


Please turn to face the reader

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

The choir and the people sing



The Sermon

please sit

Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Nicene Creed

please stand

The archbishop says

Mindful of our baptism, we proclaim the faith of the universal church

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 Rite of Ordination

The Presentation

The archbishop says

Let the authority for the ordination be read.

*The Provincial Registrar reads the certificate of election
and the certificate of the approval of the House of Bishops*

The bishop-elect makes the Declaration of Canonical Obedience

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Adrian Mark Wilkinson, chosen bishop of the Church and See of Cashel and Ossory solemnly promise all due reverence and canonical obedience to the archbishop of Dublin and to his successors.

The Declarations

please sit

The bishop-elect stands before the archbishop and the bishops of Meath & Kildare and of Clogher.

The archbishop says

Bishops are called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in the oversight of the Church. As chief pastors they share with their fellow bishops a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, to guard its faith and to promote its mission throughout the world. It is their duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to their charge, and to teach and govern them after the example of the apostles, speaking in the name of God and interpreting the gospel of Christ. They are to know their people and be known by them. They are to ordain and to send new ministers, guiding those who serve with them and enabling them to fulfil their ministry.

They are to baptize and confirm, to preside at the Holy Communion, and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. They are to be merciful, but with firmness, and to minister discipline, but with mercy. They are to have special care for the sick and for the outcast and needy; and to those who turn to God they are to declare the forgiveness of sins. In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be strengthened in your resolve to fulfil your ministry, you must make the declarations we now put to you.

Do you believe and accept the holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer I do.

Do you believe and accept the doctrine of the Christian faith as the Church of Ireland has received it?

Answer I do.

In your ministry will you expound the Scriptures and teach that doctrine?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you be faithful in ordaining deacons and priests and in commissioning readers, and will you sustain them in their ministry?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you encourage all baptized people in their gifts and ministries and support them by your prayers?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading holy Scripture, and in such studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel against error?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to fashion your own life and your family relationships according to the way of Christ?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you promote unity, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

Will you then be a faithful witness to Christ to those among whom you live, and lead your people to obey our Saviour's command to make disciples of all nations?

Answer By the help of God, I will.

The archbishop presents the bishop-elect to the people, and says

You have heard the testimony of those who present Adrian to be consecrated bishop, and also his own declarations before you. Those who have authority to do so have chosen him as a person of godly life and sound learning. Is it therefore your will that he should be ordained?

Answer It is.

Will you uphold Adrian in his ministry?

Answer We will.

Prayers

The archbishop says

Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God, let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Adrian.

Let us pray also that God will each day enlarge and enlighten his understanding of the Scriptures, so that he may grow stronger and more mature in his ministry, as he fashions his life and the lives of his people on the word of God.

please remain seated as the choir stands to sing The Litany

By your agony and trial,
by your cross and passion,
and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection,
by your glorious ascension,
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church,
fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel
and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and deacons,
that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless your servant now to be made bishop
in faithfully serving your Church and revealing your glory in the world,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word
and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived
into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Saviour of the world,
forgive our sins, known and unknown,
things done, and left undone;
grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
that we may amend our lives according to your holy word,
and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

Lord, you are merciful and forgive our sins.
You hear those who pray in the name of your Son.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept

Hymn of Invocation

please remain seated



A—men.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tune: Veni Creator (Mechlin)
Plainsong mode viii

John Cosin (1594–1672)
based on Veni, creator Spiritus

The Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands

please sit

The archbishop stands with the assisting bishops of Meath & Kildare and of Clogher

The archbishop says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and glorify you, almighty Father,
because, in your infinite love,
you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession,
a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ,
the image of your eternal and invisible glory,
the firstborn of all creation,
to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith;
and the Shepherd of our souls.

We praise and glorify you that by his death he has overcome death;
and that, having ascended into heaven, he has poured out gifts abundantly
to equip your people for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

And now we give you thanks
that you have called this your servant,
whom we ordain in your name
to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

Here the archbishop and other bishops lay their hands on the head of the bishop-elect as the archbishop says

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servant Adrian for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The archbishop then continues

Give to this your servant grace and power which you gave to your apostles, to lead those committed to his charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through him increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable him as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock, to be wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of the faith and sacraments of your Church. Guide and direct him in presiding at the worship of your people. Give him humility, to use his authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend him from all evil, that as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ he may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy. Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The newly-ordained bishop is vested with the episcopal habit

He is presented by the archbishop with his cross and episcopal ring

The archbishop then gives the Bible to the bishop, saying

Receive this Book; here are words of eternal life. Take them for your guide and declare them to the world.

The archbishop says

please stand

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you Adrian Mark Wilkinson, Bishop in the Church of God.

Answer **Adrian, in the Name of the Lord, we welcome you.**

The newly-consecrated bishop is welcomed with applause

The Peace

please stand

The archbishop says

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13: 34*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Hymn

*Apart from some expenses,
the collection will be given to the archbishop's fund for ordinands*



**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluia.**

**The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluia.**

**Then magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluia.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then:
Alleluia.**

**Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluia.**

**Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light:
Alleluia.**

Melody from Melchior Vulpius' Gesangbuch, Jena, 1609

George Bell (1883–1958)

Offertory Motet

Praise our Lord, all ye gentiles; praise him all ye peoples:
Because his mercy is confirmed upon us: and his truth remaineth forevermore. Amen.

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Psalm 117

The Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine are placed on the altar for the communion
The archbishop says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

The archbishop takes the bread and wine and says
Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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:

Within the royal priesthood of your Church
you ordain ministers to proclaim your word,
to care for your people
and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant:

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 hosts,
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

all remain standing

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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

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 Christ has taught us, so we pray
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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 are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The archbishop breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

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

The archbishop says

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.

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; grant us thy peace.

Communion motets

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love abide, there is God.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together in one.

Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.

Let us be glad and rejoice in the same.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us fear and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And love each other with honest hearts.

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

From the Latin Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Tantum ergo sacramentum veneremur cernui;

Therefore we before him bending this great sacrament revere;

et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui.

types and shadows have their ending for the newer rite is here;

Praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

Faith our feeble mind befriending makes our inward vision clear.

Genitori genitoque laus et jubilatio;

Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son;

salus honor virtus quoque sit et benedictio;

honour might and praise addressing, while eternal ages run:

procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

evermore his love confessing who from both with both is one. Amen.

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–1274)

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

The archbishop says

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you have chosen and consecrated Adrian

to be a shepherd and guardian of your flock,

and given him the will to undertake these things:

Give him also the strength to perform them,

that you may complete the work which you have begun in him;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn



Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou, who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Tune: Angel Voices

Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Almighty God stir up in you the gifts of his grace
and sustain each one of you in your ministry;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The newly-consecrated bishop stands before the archbishop.

The archbishop gives the pastoral staff to the new bishop, saying

Keep watch over the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd.
Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the body of Christ;
that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the unfading crown of glory.

The deacon sings

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

The choir and people reply



The new bishop departs before the other bishops, carrying the bible and pastoral staff, accompanied by Deans of Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin.

Once the procession has left the cathedral, please sit for the Organ Voluntary

Finale from Symphonie II Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



Following the service, you are warmly invited to enjoy some refreshments which will be held in the nave of St. Patrick's Cathedral.



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