

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

**CHRIST CHURCH  
DUBLIN**



**FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG**

**EASTER DAY**

**SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022**

**15.30**

**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.

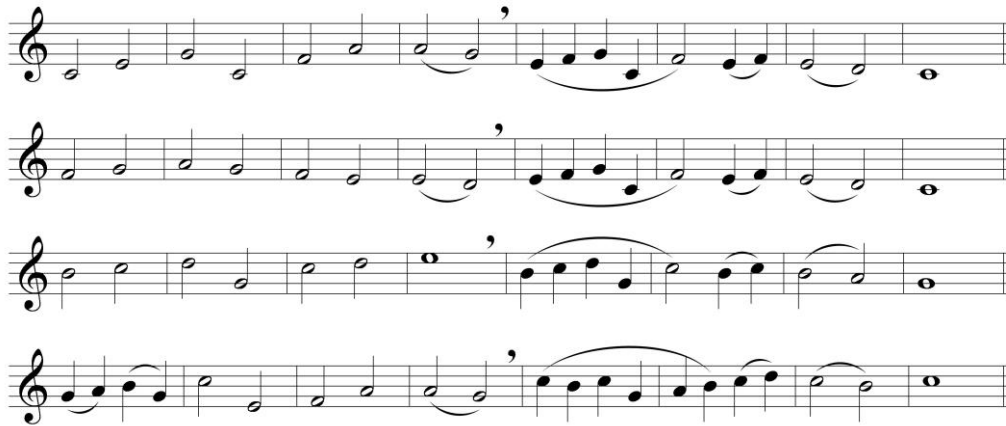
There are no announcements during services. Please join strongly in all spoken parts and in the singing of hymns (where these are appointed). To aid reflection you are invited to *sit* during the singing of the psalm(s) and the canticles.

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

#### INTROIT

Sing joyfully unto God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel; the pleasant harp and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon; even in the time appointed, and at our feast-day.  
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Tune: Easter Hymn

Adapted from a melody in *Lyra Davidica* 1708

*Lyra Davidica*

*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 114 sung by the choir*

When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people, Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion. The sea saw that and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep. What aileth thee, O thou sea that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills like young sheep? Tremble thou earth at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob; Who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a springing well. *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 Isaiah 43:1-21

MAGNIFICAT

JACK OADES (b.1994) The St Bride's Service

*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 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

NUNC DIMITTIS

JACK OADES (b.1994) The St Bride's Service

*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 (1916-1996)

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 God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

Lo the full final Sacrifice  
On which all figures fixt their eyes.  
The ransomed Isaac, and his ram:  
The Manna and the Paschal Lamb.

Jesu Master just and true!  
Our Food and faithful Shepherd too!

O let that love which thus makes thee  
Mix with our low Mortality,  
Lift our lean Souls, and set us up  
Convictors of thine own full cup,  
Coheirs of saints. That so all may  
Drink the same wine; and the same Way,  
Nor change the Pasture, but the Place  
To feed of Thee in thine own Face.

O dear Memorial of that Death  
Which lives still and allows us breath!  
Rich Royal food! Bountiful Bread!  
Whose use denies us to the dead!

Live ever, Bread of loves, and be  
My life, my soul, my surer self to me.

Help Lord, my Faith, my Hope increase  
And fill my portion in thy peace.  
Give love for life: nor let my days  
Grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.

Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing  
Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King.  
Stretch all powers; call if you can  
Harps of heaven to hands of man.  
This sovereign subject sits above  
The best ambition of thy love.

Lo the Bread of Life, this day's  
Triumphant Text provokes thy praise.  
The living and life-giving bread,  
To the great twelve distributed  
When Life, himself, at point to die  
Of love, was his own Legacy.

O soft self-wounding Pelican!  
Whose breast weeps Balm for wounded man,  
All this way bend thy benign flood  
To a bleeding Heart that gasps for blood.  
That blood, whose least drops sovereign be  
To wash my worlds of sins from me.  
Come Love! Come Lord! and that long day  
For which I languish, come away.  
When this dry soul those eyes shall see,  
And drink the unseal'd source of thee;  
When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase,  
And for thy veil give me thy Face.

## THE PRAYERS

### CLOSING HYMN

*Collection in aid of U&Ukraine appeal to assist Ukrainian refugees*



**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, th'eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth: *Yours the glory...***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified: *Yours the glory...***

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love: *Yours the glory...***

**So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song: *Yours the glory...***

Tune: Guiting Power  
John Barnard (b. 1948)

Michael John Saward (b. 1932)

## THE BLESSING

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

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation sur 'Victimae Paschali' Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

*which concludes the service*

*Mon-Fri 10.00 Morning Prayer; Mon-Sat 17.00 Evening Prayer (where there is no choral service);  
Mon-Sat 12 noon Prayer for Peace; Mon-Fri 12.45 the Eucharist*



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