

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



**SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022**

**CHORAL EVENSONG  
WITH COMMISSIONING OF DIOCESAN LAY MINISTERS AND PARISH READERS**

**15.30**

**PREACHER: RUTH GYVES**

**SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

*Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness;  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy Name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Tune: Thornbury  
Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

E.H. Plumptre (1821-91)

WORDS OF WELCOME  
*The Archbishop*

*Today we welcome Seb Dungan and Brian Hickey who will be commissioned as Parish Readers and Lynn Adams, John Deane-O'Keeffe, Dee Huddleston, Thabi Madide, Jeanne Salter and Mandy Swanwick who will be commissioned as Diocesan Lay Ministers.*

*Three of the candidates will share reflections on their sense of calling and their experiences of training for lay ministry.*

## *The Commissioning of Diocesan Lay Ministers and Parish Readers*

*The Archbishop says*

Saint Paul wrote:

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)*

Today, giving thanks for the variety of gifts and ministries that God has bestowed on the Church we have come together to publicly recognize those whom we believe God has called to the office of Lay Minister in the Church

### *The Commissioning of Diocesan Lay Ministers*

*The Candidates come forward*

*sit*

*The Director of Lay Ministry presents the candidate/s to the Archbishop.*

Archbishop, I present to you *Lynn Adams, John Deane-O'Keeffe, Dee Huddleston, Thabi Madide, Jeanne Salter and Mandy Swanwick* to be admitted as Diocesan Lay Ministers in the United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough.

*The Archbishop addresses the Director*

Are those responsible for their selection and training satisfied that they are called and ready to be commissioned in the Church of God?

*The Director* **They are satisfied.**

*The Archbishop addresses the candidates*

Do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a Lay Minister in the Church of Ireland?

*Candidates* **I believe that God has called me.**

*The Archbishop addresses each of the candidates*

**N..** I commission you as a Lay Minister in the Church of God and to exercise that ministry in these United Dioceses. Receive this badge and wear it as a sign of your ministry.

*The Archbishop addresses all the candidates*

You are bound to Christ,

who promises you his perfect freedom,

so we call you to give yourself wholeheartedly to the task he gives you.

The ministry to which God calls you to fulfil,  
is part of the ministry of all baptized people.

So we invite you to seek the support and prayers of those who share with you the ministry of God. We commit you to God's care.

*A time of silent prayer*

*The Archbishop continues*

Relying on the mercies of God, and following in his ways  
will you do your best to fulfil the calling you accept today?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Seeking to preserve the unity of the church, and the honour of Christ's name will you submit yourself to those placed over you in this work?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Knowing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, will you work in his strength and witness to Christ's love in the way you serve?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Almighty God

You have chosen these your servants

to be Lay Ministers in your church

give them the will to undertake this task

the strength to perform it

So that they may complete the work which you have begun in them

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### *The Commissioning of Parish Readers*

*The Director of Lay Ministry presents the candidates to the Archbishop.*

Archbishop, I present to you *Seb Dungan and Brian Hickey* to be admitted to the office of Parish Reader.

*The archbishop addresses the director of Lay Ministry*

Are you satisfied that these persons are equipped and ready to serve as Parish Readers?

*The director responds:*

**I am satisfied.**

*The Archbishop says to the candidates*

Do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a Parish Reader?

*Answer* **I believe that God has called me.**

As Parish Readers will you undertake to assist in leading the people of God in public worship, and to be committed to the ministry of your parish?

*Answer* **I will.**

The ministry which God calls you to fulfil is part of the ministry of all baptized people. So we invite you to seek the support and prayers of those who share with you the ministry of God.

We commit you to God's care.

*A time of silent prayer*

Relying on the mercies of God, and following in his ways will you do your best to fulfil the commitment you make today?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Seeking to preserve the unity of the church, and the honour of Christ's name will you submit yourself to those placed over you in this work?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Knowing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, will you work in his strength and witness to Christ's love in the way you serve?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Almighty God you have chosen these your servants to be Parish Readers in your church. Give them the will to undertake this task and the strength to perform it so that they may complete the work which you have begun in them through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Archbishop addresses the congregation*

Will you support and encourage these people in their ministry, praying for them as they will pray for you?

**We will!**

PRECES Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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 42 sung by the choir*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God? Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God; In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me? Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance. My God, my soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon. One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes: all thy waves and storms are gone over me. The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me: why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me? My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword: while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth; Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy God? Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God: for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*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 FIRST LESSON – Proverbs 3:1-6

MAGNIFICAT

HERBERT SUMSION (1899-1995) EVENING SERVICE IN A

*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 — Mark 5:21-43

NUNC DIMITTIS

HERBERT SUMSION (1899-1995) EVENING SERVICE IN A

*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 Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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

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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Charles V Stanford (1852-1924)

Collect for The Book of Common Prayer

THE PRAYERS

HYMN



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise:  
Thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**High King of heaven, when the battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun,  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Tune: Slane  
Irish c. 8<sup>th</sup> Century

Irish Trad. Harm. Eric Routley (1917-82)  
tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

### THE SERMON

### HYMN

*A collection is taken at this time*



**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Tune: St. Clement  
Rev. Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

### THE BLESSING

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

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*which concludes the service*