

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



CHORAL EVENSONG

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2022

18.00

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.

This evening's service marks both the end of the choir year and the final service with our Organist and Assistant Director of Music, Jack Oades. As such, the service begins and ends with two of his compositions.

The first, *Sing unto the Lord*, has been reworked for tonight, from a single voice work to a full choir setting. *Hymn to St Brigid* was composed for this choir for the occasion of the feast of St Brigid, 2020.

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

INTROIT

Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Jack Oades (b. 1994)

Psalm 96 vv. 1, 9

PRECES RICHARD SHEPHARD (1949-2021)

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 9 SUNG BY THE CHOIR

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest. While mine enemies are driven back: they shall fall and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou art set in the throne that judgest right. Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly: thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them. But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath also prepared his seat for judgement. For he shall judge the world in righteousness: and minister true judgement unto the people. The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed: even a refuge in due time of trouble. And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee. O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion: shew the people of his doings. For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor. Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me: thou that liftest me up from the gates of death. That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion: I will rejoice in thy salvation. The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken. The Lord is known to execute judgement: the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands. The wicked shall be turned into hell: and all the people that forget God. For the poor shall not always be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever. Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O Lord: that the heathen may know themselves to be but men. *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 – 2 Kings 21: 1-15

MAGNIFICAT

EDWARD C BAIRSTOW (1874-1946) EVENING SERVICE IN D

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 – Romans 7: 14-25

NUNC DIMITTIS

EDWARD C BAIRSTOW (1874-1946) EVENING SERVICE IN D

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 RICHARD SHEPHARD (1949-2021)

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 Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; 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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God hath made Himself known in her palaces for a refuge. For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw, then were they amazed; they were dismay'd, they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there, pain as of a woman in travail, as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. We have thought on thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: as is thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let mount Zion be glad, because of Thy judgements, let the daughters of Judah rejoice; walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Prayers are interspersed with verses from Hymn to St Brigid by Jack Oades

HYMN



How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Tune: Coe Fen
Ken Naylor (1931-1992)

John Mason (c.1645-1694)

THE BLESSING

Following The Blessing, the choir sings

May the grace of Christ our Saviour
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford. Amen

Alan Weakley (b. 1976)

John Newton (1725-1807)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Finlandia Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)