



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

DUBLIN

Sunday 25 September 2022
15.30 Choral Evensong
Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

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 Philip Moore (b.1943)

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 105 sung by the choir

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. O let your songs be of him, and praise him: and let your talking be of all his wondrous works. Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore. Remember the marvellous works that he hath done: his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth. O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye children of Jacob his chosen. He is the Lord our God: his judgements are in all the world. He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise: that he made to a thousand generations; Even the covenant that he made with Abraham: and the oath that he sware unto Isaac; And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law: and to Israel for an everlasting testament; Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan: the lot of your inheritance; When there were yet but a few of them: and they strangers in the land; What time as they went from one nation to another: from one kingdom to another people; He suffered no man to do them wrong: but reprov'd even kings for their sakes; Touch not mine Anointed: and do my prophets no harm. Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land: and destroyed all the provision of bread. But he had sent a man before them: even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant; Whose feet they hurt in the stocks: the iron

entered into his soul; Until the time came that his cause was known: the word of the Lord tried him. The king sent, and delivered him: the prince of the people let him go free. He made him lord also of his house: and ruler of all his substance; That he might inform his princes after his will: and teach his senators wisdom. Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham. And he increased his people exceedingly: and made them stronger than their enemies; Whose heart turned, so that they hated his people: and dealt untruly with his servants. Then sent he Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen. And these shewed his tokens among them: and wonders in the land of Ham. He sent darkness, and it was dark: and they were not obedient unto his word. He turned their waters into blood: and slew their fish. Their land brought forth frogs: yea, even in their kings' chambers. He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies: and lice in all their quarters. He gave them hail-stones for rain: and flames of fire in their land. He smote their vines also and fig-trees: and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts. He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and caterpillars innumerable: and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. He smote all the first-born in their land: even the chief of all their strength. He brought them forth also with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad at their departing: for they were afraid of them. He spread out a cloud to be a covering: and fire to give light in the night-season. At their desire he brought quails: and he filled them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out: so that rivers ran in the dry places. For why? he remembered his holy promise: and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy: and his chosen with gladness; And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they took the labours of the people in possession; That they might keep his statutes : and observe his laws. *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 – Nehemiah 2

MAGNIFICAT

CV STANFORD (1852-1924) EVENING SERVICE IN G

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 – John 8: 31-33, 38-59

NUNC DIMITTIS

CV STANFORD (1852-1924) EVENING SERVICE IN G

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 Philip Moore (b.1943)

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

Keep, we beseech, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

My soul, there is a country Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry All skilful in the wars:
There, above noise and danger, Sweet Peace sits, crowned with smiles, And One born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files;
He is thy gracious friend, And – O my soul, awake! –
Did in pure love descend, To die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither, There grows the
flower of peace,
The Rose that cannot wither, Thy fortress, and thy ease.
Leave then thy foolish ranges, For none can thee secure But One who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

Henry Vaughan (1628-1698)

THE PRAYERS

HYMN



Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet, I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will : remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on ∪
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till ∪
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

Tune: Alberta

William Henry Harris (1883-1973)

John Henry Newman (1801-90)

THE BLESSING

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

FANTASIA AND TOCCATA IN D MINOR – CV STANFORD (1852-1924)

which concludes the service