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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00

PREACHER: CANON PROF MAURICE ELLIOT

SETTING: MASS FOR FIVE VOICES, WILLIAM BYRD (1543-1623)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

## **The Advent Prose**

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

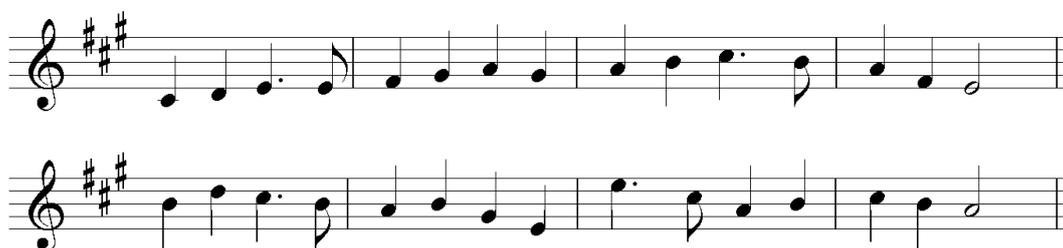
Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, And beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

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

# The Gathering of God's People

## Processional Hymn



Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Onward goes the pilgrim band,  
Singing songs of expectation,  
Marching to the Promised Land.

Clear before us through the darkness  
Gleams and burns the guiding light;  
Brother clasps the hand of brother,  
Stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,  
O'er his ransomed people shed,  
Chasing far the gloom and terror,  
Brightening all the path we tread;

One the object of our journey,  
One the faith which never tires,  
One the earnest looking forward,  
One the hope our God inspires.

One the strain that lips of thousands  
Lift as from the heart of one;  
One the conflict, one the peril,  
One the march in God begun;

One the gladness of rejoicing  
On the far eternal shore,  
Where the One Almighty Father  
Reigns in love for evermore.

Tune: Marching  
Martin Shaw (1875–1958)

Bernhardt S. Ingemann (1789–1862)  
trans. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)

## The Greeting

In the name of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all  
**and also with you.**

## **The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

On these two commandments depend all the law  
and the prophets.

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

## **The Call to Penitence**

When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

## **Kyrie** *(sung by the choir)*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

### *The priest pronounces the Absolution:*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,  
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in  
all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger

to prepare your way before you:

Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

## **The Advent Collect**

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Please sit*

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 35: 1-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** *(sung by the choir)*

**Psalm 146: 4-10**

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: who keepeth his promise for ever; Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong: who feedeth the hungry. The Lord looseth men out of prison: the Lord giveth sight to the blind. The Lord helpeth them that are fallen: the Lord careth for the righteous. The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down. The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore: and throughout all generations.

## The Second Reading

James 5: 7-10

A reading from the book of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Advent Wreath Prayers

*Please stand as the Gospel moves down the Nave*

*On each of the four Sundays in this season we will light a candle on the Advent Wreath to remind us of those who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Today we remember John the Baptist.*

*The choir sings:*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

*and the people join in singing the response:*



*The deacon then lights the candle*

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11: 2-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

*Response*



*All turn to face the reader*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the

deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,  
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Response*



## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

*please stand*

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 Prayers of the People

*All sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*please stand*

## **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the peace with these words*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*The priest says*

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

*Those present may offer one another a sign of peace.*

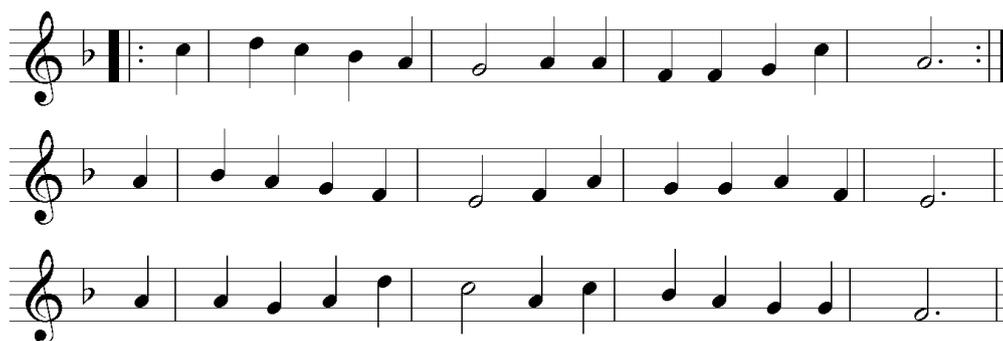
## **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

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Welcome Desk following the service.*

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## Offertory Hymn



Hail to the Lord's Anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blest:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever;  
That Name to us is Love.

Tune: Crüger  
later form of a chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

James Montgomery (1771-1854)  
based on Psalm 72

### The Preparation of the Altar

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

*the priest says*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you**

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:  
Salvation is your gift  
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and by him you will make all things new  
when he returns in glory to judge the world:  
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 power and might,*

**Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.**

*heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

**Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

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:

*All remain standing*

he instituted,  
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

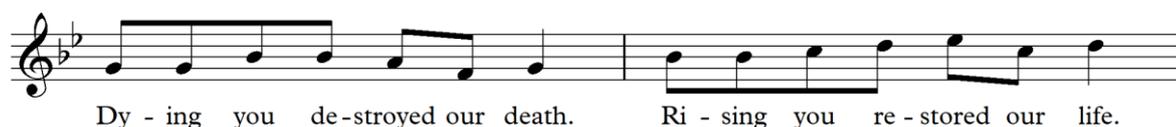
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you.

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.

*All sing*



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 taught us we are bold to say  
Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread for communion and says*

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**

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.**

*Please sit while the choir sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

*Guided by the vergers, the people come forward to receive communion. Wherever you are from and whatever you believe you are welcome to receive at the table of the Lord. If you require a gluten free wafer please indicate this to the priest.*

## **Communion Motet**

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, thro'out all the lands their glad tidings.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Romans 10: 15, 18

## **The Great Silence**

*The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.*

# Going Out as God's People

## Prayer after Communion

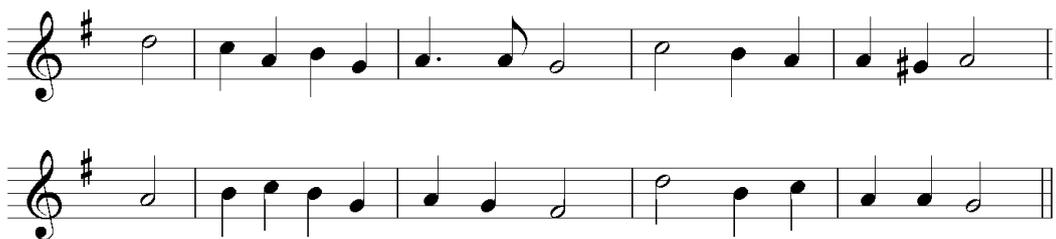
Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts.  
Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit  
that when Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

*All say:*

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Postcommunion Hymn



Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
Enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

Tune: Bristol  
Thomas Ravenscroft's *Psalmes*, 1621

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

# The Blessing & Dismissal

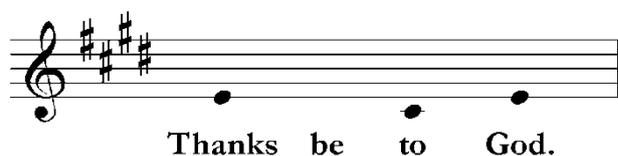
*The priest blesses the people with these words*

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The priest or the deacon says or sings*

Go in the peace of Christ

*The choir and the people sing*



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

## Organ Voluntary

Allegro from Sonata V BWV 529 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*which concludes the service*

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# Advent and Christmas 2022

## November

### **Sunday 27 November**

Advent Procession, 17:00

## December

### **Thursday 1 December**

Aidlink Concert, 20:00

### **Saturday 3 December**

Christmas Wreath workshop, 14:00-16:00

Swedish Chamber Concert, 20:00

### **Sunday 4 December**

Kendu Music Concert, 20:00

### **Tuesday 6 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30

### **Wednesday 7 December**

O Holy Night!, A Concert of Seasonal Favourites, 18:00 & 20:30

### **Thursday 8 December**

O Holy Night!, A Concert of Seasonal Favourites, 18:00 & 20:30

### **Friday 9 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30

### **Saturday 10 December**

Chorister workshop, 14:00-16:00

Mornington Singers Concert, 20:00

### **Sunday 11 December**

Park Singers Concert, 20:00

### **Tuesday 13 December**

Peata Carol Service, 13:15

### **Thursday 15 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30





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## **Saturday 17 December**

New Dublin Voices Concert, 20:00

## **Sunday 18 December**

Nine Lessons and Carols, 15:30

## **Monday 19 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30

Focus Ireland Concert, 19:30

## **Tuesday 20 December**

Focus Ireland Concert, 19:30

## **Saturday 24 December**

Festal Eucharist for Christmas Eve, 23:00

## **Sunday 25 December**

Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day, 11:00

## **Monday 26 December**

St Stephen's Day, Cathedral closed

## **Saturday 31 December**

Bellringing for New Years Eve, 23:30

## January

## **Sunday 1 January**

New Years Day, Eucharist 11:00

## **Tuesday 3 - Thursday 5 January (inclusive)**

Cathedral closed

## **Sunday 29 January**

Candlemas, 17:00

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