

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023

THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

11.00

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## The Gathering of God's People

### 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 Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hidden;

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *The Confession is introduced:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us  
from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep  
God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

#### *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word  
and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

#### *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.  
Amen.

#### *All join in saying:*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One:  
you alone are the Lord:  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son was circumcised  
in obedience to the law for our sake  
and given the Name that declares your saving love:  
Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,  
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,  
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

**The First Reading**

**Numbers 6: 22-27**

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 O Lord our governor, ♦  
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦  
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦  
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦  
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,**
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦  
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels ♦  
and crown him with glory and honour.**
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ♦  
and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ♦  
even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦  
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, ♦  
how glorious is your name in all the world!**

## The Second Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All turn to face the reader*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw

this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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*

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us into one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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**

*A collection is taken at this point. Card donations are accepted at the Welcome Desk following the service.*

*If you prefer to donate by your Mobile/Cell phone, please scan the following QR code:*



## **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:

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 saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

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.**

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

## **The Great Silence**

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

# **Going Out as God's People**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God,  
whose incarnate Son was given the name of Saviour:  
Grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation  
may live out our years  
in the power of the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

*The priest blesses the people with these words*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your heart and mind  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Please stand for the procession of the clergy and sit for the  
which concludes the service*

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*Please join us in the South Transept for a cup of tea or coffee  
directly following the service!*