

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00

PREACHER: DR BRIDGET NICHOLS

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

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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*Please stand as the choir and clergy process in silence.*

# The Gathering of God's People

## The Lent Prose

*The cantor sings the response 'Hear us O Lord' and the choir and the people repeat this before and after the sentence for the day.*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, For we have sinn'd a-against thee.

O thou chief cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

## 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 Call to Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken Spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

## 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.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness:

Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The Collect for Lent**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent;  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we,  
worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you,  
the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Please sit*

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

### **The First Reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 121**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel :  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for evermore.

**The Second Reading**

**Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand for the Gospel Procession as the Acclamation is sung by the choir*

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

A bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said:

This is my beloved Son listen to him.

Tell no one the vision:

until the Son of man is raised from the dead.

The Lord is a lamp shining in a dark place:

until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

## The Gospel Reading

**Matthew 17: 1-19**

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

*Response*



*All turn to face the reader*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

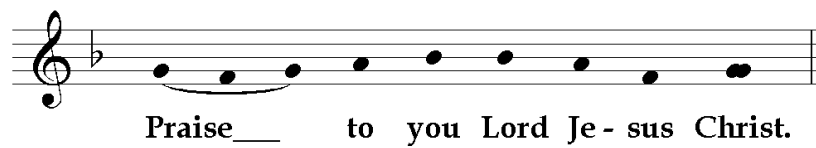
As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

And the disciples asked him, 'Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.' And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?'

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*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*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.*

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please scan the following QR code:*



## Offertory Hymn



The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
To him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command  
From earth we rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world of sin, the Prince of peace;  
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom still maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

Before the Saviour's face the ransomed nations bow,  
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace for ever new:  
He show the prints of love - they kindle to a flame,  
And sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
And 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry, 'Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah Father, great I AM, we worship thee.'

Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand,  
And tell the wonders he has done throughout the land:  
The listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame,  
And sing in songs which never end the wondrous name.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry;  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Tune: Leoni  
adapted from a melody for the Yigdal

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)  
based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*

### The Preparation of the Altar

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **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:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels 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.

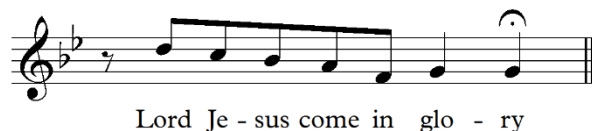
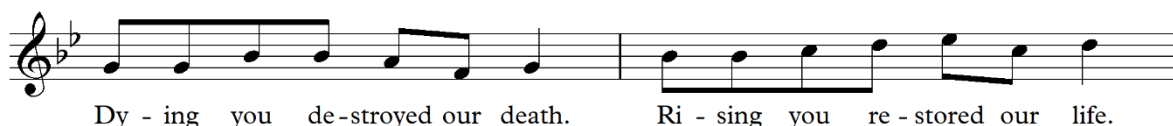
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you.

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**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Psalm 102 v. 1

## **The Great Silence**

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

## Going Out as God's People

### Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy mysteries  
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which we receive your grace  
and are assured of your love,  
which is through him now and for ever.

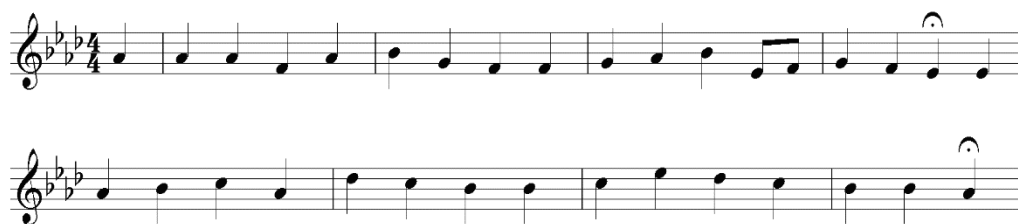
**Amen.**

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



Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
The Lord for thee the Cross endured,  
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,  
All praise for evermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Tune: Breslau  
from Christian Gall's *As Hymnodus Sacer*, Leipzig, 1625

Charles W. Everest (1814-77)

# The Blessing & Dismissal

*The priest blesses the people with these words*

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart.

**Amen.**

May Christ,  
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

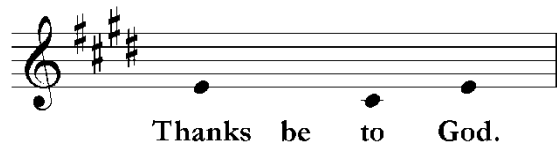
**Amen.**

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

*The choir and the people sing*



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

## **Organ Voluntary**

Fantasia in g BWV 542 JS Bach (1685-1750)

*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!*

The General Vestry meeting will be held Thursday 30 March  
following Choral Evensong.



## Lent Preaching

During this season of Lent, our Sunday preachers will speak on the topic of forgiveness, and in particular, repentance and reconciliation.

Lent III	Naoimh McNamee, <i>Director of Glencree Reconciliation Centre</i>
Lent IV	Dr. Catherine Wilcox, <i>Author</i>
Lent V	Rev. Dr. Maithrie White, <i>St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast</i>

## Preaching Reflection

The Dean will lead evenings of reflection while continuing to explore the themes of the previous Sunday's sermon. Please email [dean@christchurch.ie](mailto:dean@christchurch.ie) to book a place for: Wednesday 8, 15, 22, 29 March at 19.00

## Upcoming services

Sunday 5 March	15.30	Choral Evensong
Monday	10.00	Morning Prayer
	12.45	Eucharist
	19.00	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.00	Morning Prayer
	12.45	Eucharist
	18.00	Choral Evensong
Wednesday	10.00	Morning Prayer
	12.45	Eucharist
	19.00	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10.00	Morning Prayer
	12.45	Eucharist
	18.00	Choral Evensong
Friday	10.00	Morning Prayer
	12.45	Eucharist
	19.00	Evening Prayer
Sunday 12	11.00	Choral Eucharist
	15.30	Choral Evensong

# MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH

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## A series of lunchtime lectures

**Tuesdays in March 2023 @ 13.10**

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### **Tuesday 7 March**

MUSIC & LITURGY IN THE  
MEDIEVAL CATHEDRAL

*Frank Lawrence*

University College Dublin

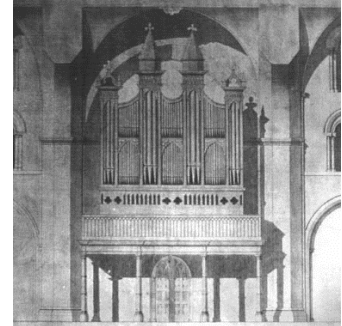


### **Tuesday 14 March**

THE ROSEINGRAVES & 18TH CENTURY  
CATHEDRAL MUSIC IN DUBLIN

*Kerry Houston*

Technological University Dublin



### **Tuesday 21 March**

THE VICARS CHORAL OF THE DUBLIN  
CATHEDRALS IN THE 19TH CENTURY

*Paul Arbuthnot*

St Ann's, Dawson Street



### **Tuesday 28 March**

MUSIC AT CHRIST CHURCH  
IN THE 20TH CENTURY

*David O'Shea*



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