

The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of the Holy Trinity
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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
DUBLIN**



FESTAL EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS DAY 2022

11.00

Whether you come as a member of the Church of Ireland, an Anglican - Episcopalian from abroad, as a member of another Christian tradition, or from another faith background we greet you in the name of the Lord. Christian worship has been offered on this site for nearly one thousand years. Your prayers today are added to those of countless generations of Christ's people. We hope that you will know the presence and peace of God as we gather for worship today.

You are invited to join in saying the responses printed in bold and in the singing of the hymns.

At any point in the service, those who find it difficult to stand should feel free to sit.

Preacher The Most Revd Dr M Jackson
 Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough

Celebrant The Very Revd Dermot Dunne, The Dean

Setting The Truro Eucharist, David Briggs (b.1962)

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Please stand for the procession of the choir and clergy

Processional Hymn



It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wings,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Tune: Noel

English traditional melody adapted by A.S. Sullivan (1842-1900)

Edmund Sears (1810-1876)

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

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Kyrie *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

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

The president 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.**

Gloria *sung by the choir*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnum gloriam tuam.

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus,

Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

With the Holy Spirit art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Nativity of our Lord

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of
your one true light: Bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on
earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 52: 7-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *Please remain seated while the choir sings*

Psalm 98

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things; With his own right hand and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord all ye lands: sing rejoice and give thanks. Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King. Let the sea make a noise and all that therein is: the round world and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he is come to judge the earth. With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

As the gospel procession moves through the nave, the choir sings

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

cf John 1.14

The Gospel

John 1: 1-18

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

Response



All turn to face the reader

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

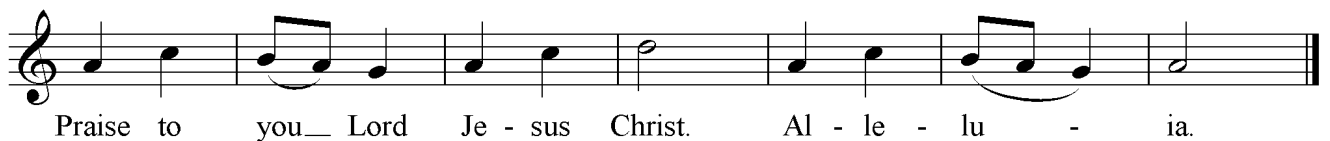
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Response



The Sermon

The Baptismal Creed

Please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

Each intercession will end with:

Holy God;

The congregational response is:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ**

The Peace

Please stand

The president says

This holy night the angels sang,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,

And on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

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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The Offertory Hymn



God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy!

But when to Bethlehem they came whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy!

At the Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for the communion are placed on the altar. The president says

Word made flesh, life of the world,
In your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
By your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

The president takes the bread and wine, and says

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The president says or sings

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:

You have given Jesus Christ your only Son

to be born of the Virgin Mary,

and through him you have given us power

to become the children of God:

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:

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:

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.

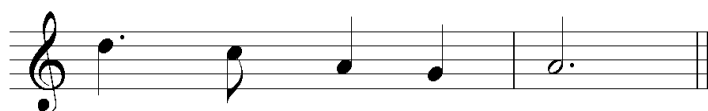
The choir sings and all repeat each line



Christ has died



Christ is ri - sen



Christ will come a - gain.

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

The president says

As our Saviour Christ has 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 president 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 Invitation

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.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the priest. 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.

The Communion Motets

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
O wondrous mystery and adorable sacrament,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praeseptio.
that the beasts behold the Lord incarnate lying in the manger.

O beata virgo,
O most blessed virgin,
cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.
whose body was deemed worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

T. L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Fifth respond for Christmas matins

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

Our Saviour Christ and His lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?

And all the souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;

Philip Marshall (1921-2005)

Traditional

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces the prayer

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

Amen.

The president continues

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.

Please stand

The Post-Communion Hymn



Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King*

Christ, by highest heaven adored!
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings,
Mild, he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Tune: Mendelssohn
From a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)
and others

