

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Thursday 19 January 2023

18.00 Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection—of leaving ourselves open that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service.

We welcome you to share with us in worship that has been offered here for nearly a thousand years. Cathedrals with a great choral tradition draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the medieval offices of Vespers and Compline. Here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way. Within this hallowed space you may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

There are no announcements during services. Please join strongly in all spoken parts and in the singing of hymns (where these are appointed). To aid reflection you are invited to *sit* during the psalmody and canticles.

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

Preces

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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

The Choir sings the psalm(s) appointed for the day, Psalm 89*Please sit*

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever: and set up thy throne from one generation to another. O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints. For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the Lord? And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord? God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him. O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side. Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise. Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it: thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is. Thou hast made the north and the south: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance. Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns. For the Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast: and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea: and his right hand in the floods. He shall call me, Thou art my Father: my God, and my strong salvation. And I will make him my first-born: higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven. But if his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgements; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges. Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my truth to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David. His seed shall endure for ever: and his seat is like as the sun before me. He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon: and as the faithful witness in heaven. But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed: and art displeased at him. Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant: and cast his crown to the ground. Thou hast

overthrown all his hedges: and broken down his strong holds. All they that go by spoil him : and he is become a reproach to his neighbours. Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies: and made all his adversaries to rejoice. Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword: and givest him not victory in the battle. Thou hast put out his glory: and cast his throne down to the ground. The days of his youth hast thou shortened: and covered him with dishonour. Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever: and shall thy wrath burn like fire? O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men for nought? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell? Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses: which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have: and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people. Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed: Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen. *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 - Samuel 1: 1-20

The Magnificat *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*

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The Second Lesson - Galatians 1: 11-24

The Nunc Dimittis *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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth;
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of
our life; 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

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away?
Never the like did come ablowing
Amidst the flowery fields of Spring?
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away?

But see the light so brilliant, breaking
Out in the night to strike our eyes!
Never so bright, the day-star waking,
Started to climb the morning skies!
But see the light so brilliant, breaking
Out in the night to strike our eyes!

At Bethlehem, all in a cradle,
Find your Redeemer newly born,
Let us now as we are able,
To worship at our Saviour's throne.
At Bethlehem, all in a cradle,
Find your Redeemer newly born.

All powerful God, eternal glory
Be to thee given above the skies;
May peace be known in every nation,
May grace abound in every place.
All powerful God, eternal glory
Be to thee given above the skies.

Arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Traditional French carol

The Prayers

Following the Prayers, we say together

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all for evermore.

Please stand

The service concludes with the procession of the clergy and choir.

Please sit for the Organ voluntary

