

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
commonly called

CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Thursday 9 February 2023

18.00 Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

Preces

John Reading (1645-1692)

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 44

Please sit

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us: what thou hast done in their time of old; How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in: how thou hast destroyed the nations and cast them out. For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword: neither was it their own arm that helped them; But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou hadst a favour unto them. Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Jacob. Through thee will we overthrow our enemies: and in thy Name will we tread them under, that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall help me; But it is thou that savest us from our enemies: and puttest them to confusion that hate us. We make our boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever. But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion: and goest not forth with our armies. Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies: so that they which hate us spoil our goods. Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep: and hast scattered us among the heathen. Thou sellest thy people for nought: and takest no money for them. Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbours: to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round about us. Thou makest us to be a by-word among the heathen: and that the people shake their heads at us. My confusion is daily before me: and the shame of my face hath covered me; For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer: for the enemy and avenger. And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee: nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back: neither our steps gone out of thy way; No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons: and covered us with the shadow of death. If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange god: shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart. For thy sake also are we killed all the day long: and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain. Up, Lord, why sleepest thou: awake, and be not absent from us for ever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face: and forgettest our misery and trouble? For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the ground. Arise, and help us: and deliver us for thy mercy's sake.

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 - Genesis 26: 1-5

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

Sydney Watson (1903-1991) Evening Service in E

The Second Lesson - James 1: 12-16

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

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; 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

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Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Psalm 44; 1-9

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