

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

11.00

PREACHER: CANON LEONARD RUDDOCK

SETTING: MISSA AVE REGINA COELORUM, TL DE VICTORIA (1548-1611)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Introit

Ave Maria gratia plena, Dominus tecum:

Hail, Mary, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee:

benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. 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 magnam 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,

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

You have created the heavens and the earth

And made us in your own image:

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit

reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Genesis 1: 1-2 : 3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm 136

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O thank the Lord of all lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who hath made great lights :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
The sun to rule the day :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
The moon and the stars to govern the night :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who smote Egypt with their first-born :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
And brought out Israel from among them :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who divided the Red sea in two parts :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
And made Israel to go through the midst of it :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who led his people through the wilderness :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who smote great kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
Yea, and slew mighty kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
Sehon king of the Amorites :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
And Og the king of Basan :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
And gave away their land for an heritage :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who remembered us when we were in trouble :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
And hath delivered us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
Who giveth food to all flesh :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

The Second Reading

Romans 8: 18-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

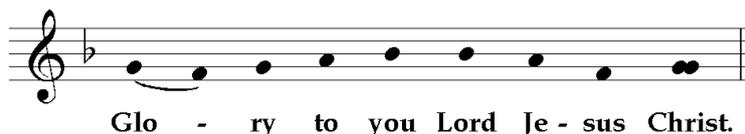
Please stand for the Gospel Procession as the Acclamation is sung by the choir

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6: 25-34

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

Response



All turn to face the reader

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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.

Romans 5.1,2

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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Offertory Hymn



For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God!
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping;
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing;
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God!
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us;
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God!

Tune: East Acklam
Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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:

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.

The choir sings and all repeat each line

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

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

Beata viscera Mariae Virginis, quae portaverunt aeterni Patris Filium. Alleluia.

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, that bore the son of the everlasting Father. Alleluia.

William Byrd (1539-1623)

Communion motet of the Votive Mass of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart
of the earthly paradise,
and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church.
May we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through 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.**

Postcommunion Hymn



Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self-denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Tune: Mannheim
from a chorale by Friedrich Filitz (1804–1876)

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

The Blessing & Dismissal

The priest blesses the people with these words

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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

Praeludium in e (The Great) *Nicolaus Bruhns* (1665-1697)

which concludes the service

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



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