

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

## CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



**Tuesday 9 May 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 49

*Please sit*

O hear ye this, all ye people: ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world; High and low, rich and poor: one with another. My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and my heart shall muse of understanding. I will incline mine ear to the parable: and shew my dark speech upon the harp. Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness: and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about? There be some that put their trust in their goods: and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches. But no man may deliver his brother: nor make agreement unto God for him; For it cost more to redeem their souls: so that he must let that alone for ever; Yea, though he live long: and see not the grave. For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together: as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other. And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever: and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another; and call the lands after their own names. Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour: seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish; this is the way of them. This is their foolishness: and their posterity praise their saying. They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning: their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling. But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell: for he shall receive me. Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich: or if the glory of his house be increased; For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth: neither shall his pomp follow him. For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man: and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee. He shall follow the generation of his fathers: and shall never see light. Man being in honour hath no understanding: but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

*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 - Proverbs 3: 5-12

### 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*

Gabriel Jackson (b.1962) The Truro Service

## The Second Lesson - Acts 7: 44-56

### **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.

## Lesser Litany and 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*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men;  
Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and  
desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes  
of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### *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**

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
*Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so*  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.  
*so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*  
Sivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:  
*My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:*  
quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?  
*when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

Jack Oades (b.1994)

Psalm 41: 1,2

## **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*