The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity commonly called

CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Thursday 6 June 2023

Corpus Christi

18.00 Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Introit

Ego sum panis vivus, I am the living bread,
Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto, et mortui sunt. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
Hic est panis de coelo descendens:
This is the bread which cometh down from heaven:
si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non morietur.
that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

GP da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Preces

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 110

Please sit

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning. The Lord sware, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. The Lord upon thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.

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 9: 11-17

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.

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

William Byrd (1543-1623) The Short Service

The Second Lesson - Luke 9: 11-17

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 Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur.

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is offered up.

Recolitur memoria passionis ejus, mens impletur gratia,

We recall the memory of his passion, our souls are filled with grace,

et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

and hope of future glory is given us.

Alleluia!

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Olivier Messiaen (1908–1995)

Latin, 14th century

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.

Hymn



Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast, Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water flowing from thy side. Strength and protection may thy passion be, O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me, Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign, In death's dread moments make me only thine; Call me and bid me come to thee on high Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Tune: Anima Christi William Maher (1823–77) Latin, 14th century trans. Anonymous

The Blessing

Please stand

The service concludes with the procession of the clergy and choir. Please sit for the Organ voluntary

Le Banquet céleste Olivier Messiaen (1908-1995)