

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
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## CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



**Tuesday 20 June 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

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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 103

*Please sit*

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits; Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities; Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong. He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness. He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him. Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him. For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust. The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children; Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all. O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words. O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul. *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 25: 7-11

### **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*

William Byrd (1543-1623) The Second Service

## The Second Lesson - 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 - 3: 5

### 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.

### The 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*

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through merits of the same thy Son 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**

Christe qui lux es et dies,  
 Noctis tenebras detegis,  
 Lucisque lumen crederis,  
 Lumen beatum praedicans.  
*O Christ, Who art the Light and Day,  
 Thou drivest darksome night away!  
 We know Thee as the Light of light  
 Illuminating mortal sight.*

Precamur, sancte Domine,  
 Defende nos in hac nocte;  
 Sit nobis in te requies,  
 Quietam noctem tribue.  
*All holy Lord, we pray to Thee,  
 Keep us tonight from danger free;  
 Grant us, dear Lord, in Thee to rest,  
 So be our sleep in quiet blest.*

Robert White (1535-1574)

Ne gravis somnus irruat,  
 Nec hostis nos surripiat,  
 Nec caro illi consentiens,  
 Nos tibi reos statuatur.  
*Let not the tempter round us creep  
 With thoughts of evil while we sleep,  
 Nor with his wiles the flesh allure  
 And make us in Thy sight impure.*

Oculi somnum capiant,  
 Cor ad te semper vigilet:  
 Dextera tua protegat  
 Famulos qui te diligunt.  
*And while the eyes soft slumber take,  
 Still be the heart to Thee awake,  
 Be Thy right hand upheld above  
 Thy servants resting in Thy love.*

Defensor noster, aspice,  
 Insidiantes reprime,  
 Guberna tuos famulos,  
 Quos sanguine mercatus es.  
*Yea, our Defender, be Thou nigh,  
 To bid the powers of darkness fly;  
 Keep us from sin, and guide for good  
 Thy servants purchased by Thy blood.*

Memento nostri, Domine,  
 in gravi isto corpore:  
 Qui es defensor animae,  
 Adesto nobis, Domine.  
*Remember us, dear Lord, we pray,  
 While in this mortal flesh we stay:  
 'Tis Thou Who dost the soul defend –  
 Be present with us to the end.*

Attributed to St. Ambrose, 4th 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.

*Please stand*

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

*Please sit for the Organ voluntary*