

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
commonly called

**CHRIST CHURCH
DUBLIN**



Sunday 25 June 2023

15.30 Choral Evensong celebrating Pride month

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.

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Introit

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

"Jesu dulcis memoria" Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

Processional Hymn



For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Tune: Tantum Ergo

Attrib. Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816)

Fred Kaan (b.1929)

Preces

Paul Spicer (b.1952)

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

Welcome

The Very Reverend, The Dean of Christ Church

The Choir sings the psalm(s) appointed for the day, Psalm 119: 33-72

Please sit

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for thy judgements are good. Behold, my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord: even thy salvation, according unto thy word. So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: for my trust is in thy word. O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth: for my hope is in thy judgements. So shall I always keep thy law: yea, for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy commandments. I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings: and will not be ashamed. And my delight shall be in thy commandments: which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and my study shall be in thy statutes.

O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word: wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust. The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me. The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: yet have I not shrunk from thy law. For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord: and received comfort. I am horribly afraid: for the ungodly that forsake thy law. Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage. I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season: and have kept thy law. This I had: because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep thy law. I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me, according to thy word. I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and prolonged not the time: to keep thy commandments. The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgements. I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and keep thy commandments. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: O teach me thy statutes.

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant: according unto thy word. O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes. The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in thy law. It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

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 - Isaiah 58.6-10

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*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) The New College Service

The Second Lesson - Luke 14.12-24

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

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; 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

Behold, O God, our defender:
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

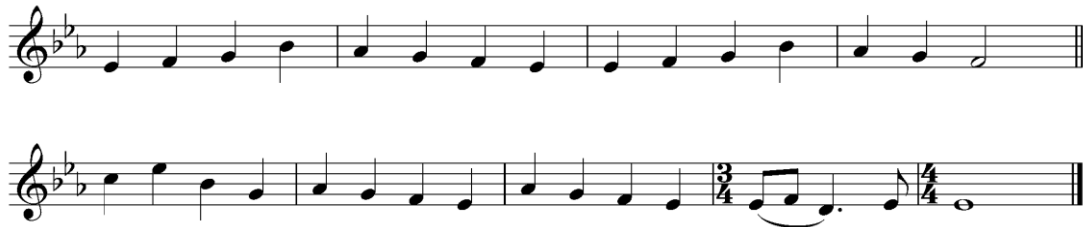
The Prayers

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. Amen

Please stand

The Hymn



Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

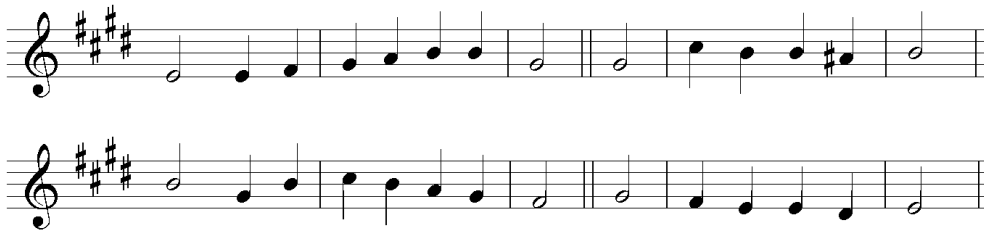
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Words and music by Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

The Sermon

The Rt Revd Trevor Williams

The Hymn *during which a collection will be taken in support of the Cathedral's mission*



Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear;
Let us our friendly aid afford,
And show our loving care.

Help us to build each other up,
Our little stock improve;
Increase our faith, confirm our hope,
And perfect us in love.

Up into thee, our living Head,
Let us in all things grow,
Till thou hast made us free indeed,
And spotless here below.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love
Let all our hearts agree;
And ever toward each other move,
And ever move toward thee.

To thee, inseparably joined,
Let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
That was in thee, receive.

This is the bond of perfectness,
Thy spotless charity;
O let us still, we pray, possess
The mind that was in thee.

Tune: Dunfermline
Melody from *Scottish Psalter* (1615)

Charles Wesley (1707-88) altd.

The Blessing

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

Please sit for the Organ voluntary Scherzo from Symphonie II in e L. Vierne (1870-1937)