

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11.00

PREACHER: DR AMANULLAH DE SONDY

SETTING: COMMUNION SERVICE IN C, CHARLES V STANFORD (1852-1924)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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please turn your Hearing Aid to the T position.*

Please stand as the choir and clergy process to the West End.

The Advent Prose

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.
We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: And
our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from
us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.
Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

The Gathering of God's People

The Greeting

In the name of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

The Call to Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

cf John 1.23

Kyrie *(sung by the choir)*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
† pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in
all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:

Give us grace so to imitate him

in the humility and purity of his first coming

that when he comes again,

we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Collect for Advent

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (*sung by the choir*)

Psalm 85: 1,2, 8-13

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land :
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people :
and covered all their sins.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together :
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth :
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness :
and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him :
and he shall direct his going in the way.

The Second Reading

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*On each of the four Sundays in this season we will light a candle on the Advent Wreath to remind us of those who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Today we remember the prophets.
The choir sings:*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true, to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

and the people join in singing the response:



The deacon then lights the candle

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

Response



Glo - ry to you Lord Je - sus Christ.

All turn to face the reader

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Response



Praise__ to you Lord Je - sus Christ.

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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

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.

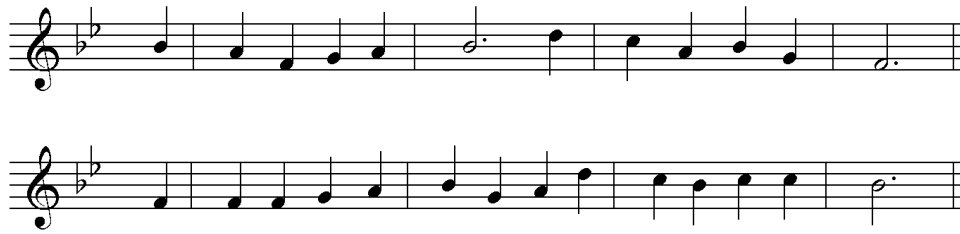
Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*A collection is taken at this point. Card donations are accepted at the
Welcome Desk following the service.*

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Offertory Hymn



Ye servants of the Lord
Each for your Master wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.

Tune: Narenza

Melody adapted by W.H. Havergal (1793–1870)
from the *Cöln Gesangbuch*, 1619

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

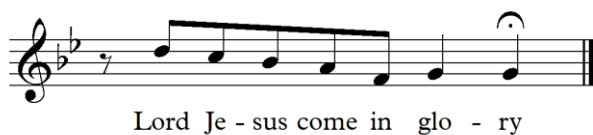
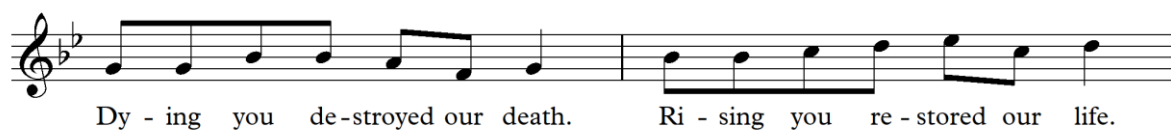
On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.

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.

All sing



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

Ut queant laxīs
Do let our voices
resonāre fibrīs
resonate most purely,
Mīra gestōrum
miracles telling,
famulī tuōrum,
far greater than many;
Solve pollūtī
so let our tongues be
labīi reātum,
lavish in your praises,
Sāncte Iohannēs.
Saint John .

Jack Oades (b.1994)

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Paulus Diaconus (8th century)

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

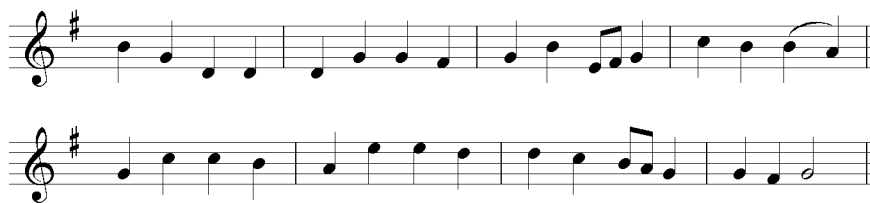
Lord,
here you have nourished us with the food of life.
Through our sharing in this holy sacrament
teach us to judge wisely earthly things
and to yearn for things heavenly.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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



**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Tune: Cross of Jesus
John Stainer (1840-1901)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Blessing & Dismissal

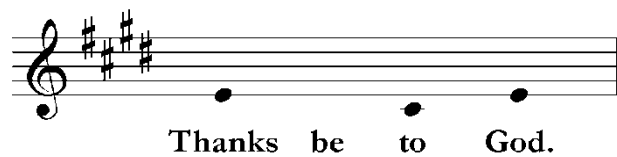
The priest blesses the people with these words

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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 the peace of Christ

The choir and the people sing



Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the

Organ Voluntary

'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' JS Bach (1685-1750)

which concludes the service

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


This year one of our Christmas Trees in the Nave will be a 'Giving Tree' in which congregation, staff and locals can donate toys etc for those who are less fortunate.

Edwin has chosen the charity Aoibhneas to be the recipient of the donations, which is a charity that offers support to women and children affected by domestic abuse.

Donations to be dropped to the Welcome Desk / Chapter House by Tuesday December 19th to pass them onto Aoibhneas in time for Christmas.

Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral

December 2023

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- 10 Park Singers Concert 20.00
 - 11 Shoppers Carols 13:30 Eureka Kells
 - 12 Peata Carol service 13:15
 - 13 O Holy Night concert – *sold out*
 - 14 O Holy Night concert – *sold out*
 - 15 Shoppers Carols 13:30, Mount Sackville
 - 15 Blue Christmas 17:00,
 - 15 Chamber Choir concert 20.00
 - 16 Christmas organ concert 13.30
 - 16 Chorister for a day workshop 15.00
 - 16 Mornington Singers Concert 20.00
 - 17 Community Chorus concert, 20.00 free admission
 - 18 Focus Ireland concert 20.00
 - 19 Shoppers Carols 13:30 Mount Carmel
 - 19 Focus Ireland concert 20.00
 - 21 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols 18.00
 - 24 Festal Eucharist for Christmas Eve 23:00
 - 25 Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day 11:00

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