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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2024  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11.00

PREACHER: DR. MARGARET DALY DENTON

SETTING: TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611)  
MISSA O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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## **Introit**

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
Eternal source of love,  
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.  
As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son,  
So fill us all with mutual love,  
And knit our hearts in one.

Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

*Please stand for the procession of the choir and clergy*  
**The Gathering of God's People**

## Processional Hymn



Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid:  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid!

Tune: Epiphany  
J. F. Thrupp (1827-67)

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

## The Greeting

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

## The Call to Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

**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**

**Gloria** *(sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee*

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

*We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;*

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus,

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,*

Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*With the Holy Spirit art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,

anointing him with the Holy Spirit:

grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,

that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

# Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

## The First Reading

Genesis 1: 1-5

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm 29

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord :  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name :  
worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters :  
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf :  
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord  
shaketh the wilderness :

yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,  
and discovereth the thick bushes :

in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :  
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people :  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Second Reading

Acts 19: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand for the Gospel Procession as the Acclamation is sung by the choir*

## The Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 4-11

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*

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.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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*

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,

Has given the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia *cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

*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**

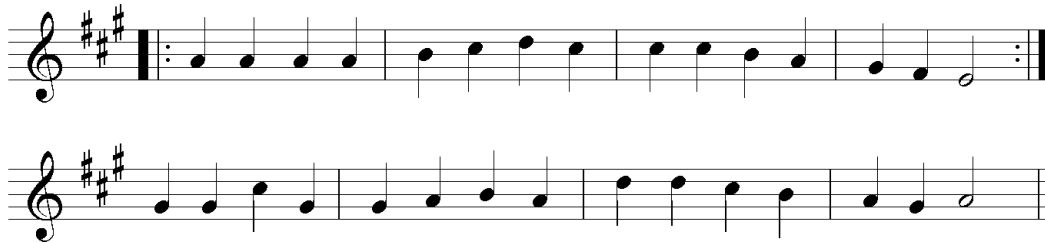
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## Offertory Hymn



To the Name that brings salvation  
Praise and honour let us pay;  
Which for many a generation  
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay,  
But to every tongue and nation  
Holy Church proclaims today.

Jesus – be that Name our treasure,  
Name beyond that words can tell;  
Name of gladness, Name of pleasure,  
Ear and heart delighting well;  
Name of sweetness passing measure,  
Freeing souls from sin's dark spell.

Name that calls for adoration,  
Name that speaks of victory,  
Name for grateful meditation  
In the vale of misery,  
Name for loving veneration  
By the citizens on high.

Name that whosoever preaches  
Makes sweet music to the ear;  
Who in prayer this Name beseeches  
Finds divinest comfort near;  
Joyful then the heart that reaches  
To embrace that Name so dear.

Jesu, we thy Name adoring  
Long to see thee as thou art,  
Of thy clemency imploring  
So to write it in our heart,  
That hereafter, upward soaring,  
We with angels may have part.

Tune: Oriel from Caspar Ett's *Cantica Sacra*  
Munich, 1840

Latin, 15th cent.  
trans. John M. Neale (1818–66)

### The Preparation of the Altar

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
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.

*The choir sings and all repeat each line*

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

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

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:

*We solemnly observe this day ornamented with three miracles:*

Hodie stella magos duxit ad praeseptum:

*today the star led the magi to the manger;*

Vinum ex aqua factum est adnuptias:

*today water was changed to wine at the wedding;*

Hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos,

*today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the river Jordan so that He might save us,*

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Latin text for Epiphany

## **The Great Silence**

*The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.*

## Going Out as God's People

### Prayer after Communion

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God,  
we seek your mercy:  
that by listening faithfully to your only Son,  
and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit,  
we may be your children in name and in truth;  
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



O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Tune: Was lebet  
*The Rheinhardt MS*, 1754

J.S.B. Monsell (1811–1875)

## The Blessing & Dismissal



