

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
commonly called

**CHRIST CHURCH
DUBLIN**



Sunday 18 February 2024

15.30 Intellectual Disability 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.

The recording of any part of the service is strictly prohibited

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

Following the reading of the sentence, the Priest introduces the Confession.

The Confession and Absolution

Dear God,

Sometimes we do things that make you sad.

Thank you that you still love us.

Sometimes we forget to pray.

Thank you that you still love us.

Sometimes we turn away from you.

Thank you that you still love us.

Sometimes we are not kind to those around us.

Thank you that you still love us.

Loving God, we are sorry for all the times we've made you sad and hurt you.

Thank you that you still love us. Amen.

Preces

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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 93

Please sit

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :

the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure :

that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :

thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :

the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :

but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :

holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Please sit

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 – Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

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*

The Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20, 25-27

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 Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Lent

Almighty and you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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 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

Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus;
Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance;
ne subito praeoccupati die mortis,
lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death,
quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire non possimus.
we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it.
Attende, Domine, et miserere; quia peccavimus tibi.
Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against thee.
Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster, et propter honorem nominis tui libera nos.
Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour of thy name deliver us.

William Byrd (1539/40-1623)

Bar. 3:2, Ps. 78:9a

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



Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved:
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

Tune: Amazing grace
N. American folk melody
harm. Donald Davison (b. 1937)

John Newton (1725-1807)
based on Ephesians 2: 4-8

The Blessing

please stand

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

Please join us in the South Transept for refreshments directly after the service.



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