

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00

PREACHER: CANON PROF. JIM LUCEY

SETTING: MISSA AVE REGINA COELORUM
TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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Please stand as the choir and clergy process in silence.

The Gathering of God's People

The Lent Prose

The cantor sings the response 'Hear us O Lord' and the choir and the people repeat this before and after the sentence for the day.



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, For we have sinn'd a-gainst thee.

O thou chief cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

All: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

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 Call to Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken Spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
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

Please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

The First Reading

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *(sung by the choir)*

Psalm 22: 23-31

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him :
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor :
he hath not hid his face from him,
but when he called unto him he heard him.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation :
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied :
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves,
and be turned unto the Lord :
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's :
and he is the Governor among the people.
All such as be fat upon earth :
have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him :
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
My seed shall serve him :
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The Second Reading

Romans 4: 13-24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was

able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory

A bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said:

This is my beloved Son listen to him.

Tell no one the vision:

until the Son of man is raised from the dead.

The Lord is a lamp shining in a dark place:

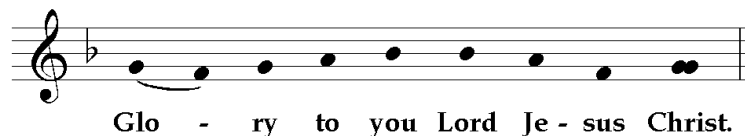
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8: 31-38

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

Response



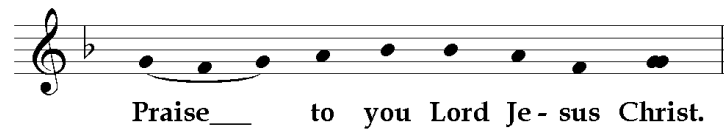
All turn to face the reader

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Response



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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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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please scan the following QR code:*



Offertory Hymn



The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
To him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command
From earth we rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world of sin, the Prince of peace;
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom still maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry, 'Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah Father, great I AM, we worship thee.'

Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end the wondrous name.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry;
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Tune: Leoni
adapted from a melody for the Yigdal

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)
based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*

The Preparation of the Altar

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord
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.

Father, almighty and everliving God,

at all times and in all places it is right to give you 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 in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels 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,

All remain standing

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:

he instituted,

and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,

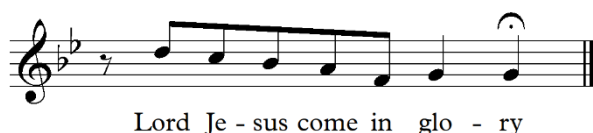
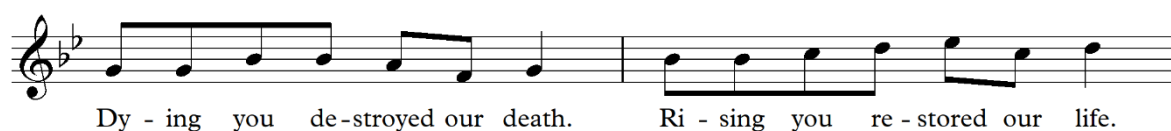
a perpetual memory of his precious death

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

View me, Lord, a work of Thine:
Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might Thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At Thine altar pure and white:
They that once Thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heav'nly light appears,
But the cov'nants Thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust,
To Thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet Thy grace can lift me high.

Richard Lloyd (b.1933)

Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Going Out as God's People

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which we receive your grace
and are assured of your love,
which is through him now and for ever.

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



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Tune: Slane
Irish c. 8th Century

Irish Trad. harm. Eric Routley (1917-82)
tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

The Blessing & Dismissal

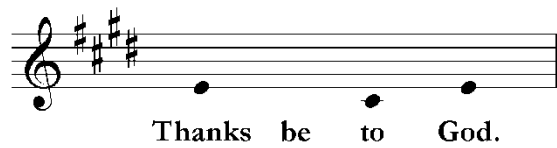
The priest blesses the people with these words

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart,
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 peace to love and serve the Lord

The choir and the people sing



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

Organ Voluntary

Fugue on B.A.C.H Op. 60, No. 3 Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

which concludes the service

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

