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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



# THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00

PREACHER: GILLIAN HICK

SETTING: WILLIAM BYRD (1543-1623) MASS FOR FIVE VOICES

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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# 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.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 are 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

Exodus 20: 1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm (sung by the choir)

The heavens declare the glory of God:

and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another:

and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language:

but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands:

and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun:

which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,

and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,

and runneth about unto the end of it again:

and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul:

the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever:

the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:

sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught:

and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth:

O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,

lest they get the dominion over me:

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart:

be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord:

my strength, and my redeemer.

### The Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1: 18-25** 

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

As the deer pants for the waterbrooks:

so longs my soul for you O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God:

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God.

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

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# The Gospel Reading

John 2: 13-22

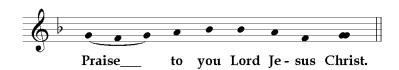
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John. *Response* 



All turn to face the reader

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. 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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## Offertory Hymn



Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth, Who choosest for thine the meek and the poor; To frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth, Entrusting thy riches which aye shall endure;

Throughout the wide world their message is heard, And swift as the wind it circles the earth; It echoes the voice of the heavenly Word, And brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.

Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus the Lord!' Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall; As when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word, And one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.

O loud be the call, and stirring the sound, To rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep; May lights which thou kindlest in darkness around, The dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.

All honour and praise, dominion and might, To thee, Three in One, eternally be, Who pouring around us thy glorious light, Dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

Tune: Old 104th Thomas Ravenscroft (c1590–1633) Jean B. de Santeuil (1630–97) trans. Isaac Williams

# 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, 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. All remain standing

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

Adolescentulus sum ego et contemptus; *I am small, and of no reputation*: justificationes tuas non sum oblitus. *yet do I not forget thy commandments.*Justitia tua, justitia in aeternum, *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness*: et lex tua veritas. *and thy law is the truth.* 

William Mundy (1529-1591)

Psalm 118: 141/2

#### The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

# Going Out as God's People

# **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God, you feed us in this life with bread from heaven, the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory. Grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives; 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**



We love the place, O God, Wherein thine honour dwells; The joy of thine abode All earthly joy excels.

We love the house of prayer, Wherein thy servants meet; And you, O Lord, are there Your chosen flock to greet.

We love the sacred font, For there the holy Dove To pour is ever wont His blessings from above

We love thine altar Lord; O, what on earth so dear! For there, in faith adored, We find thy presence near.

We love the word of life, The word that tells of peace, Of comfort in the strife, And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below For mercies freely given; But O, we long to know The triumph-song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace On earth to love thee more, In heaven to see thy face, And with your saints adore.

Tune: Quam dilecta H.L. Jenner (1820–1898)

William Bullock (1798–1874) and H.W. Baker (1821–1877)

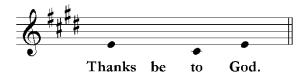
# The Blessing & Dismissal

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**

Fantasia in G minor BWV 542 J.S. 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!



The Cathedral Choir is broadcasting Evensong live on BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday 13 March at 4pm. All are most welcome to attend, please be seated no later than 3.45pm.