

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Choral Evensong **Commemorating the Armenian 1915 Genocide**

Sunday 28 April 2024

Sung by:

The Christchurch Cathedral Choir

Քրիստոստէրչ տաճարի երգչախումբ

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 Armenian Genocide unofficially began with the arrest of 250 Armenian intellectuals by Turkish officials on April 24, 1915. Over the next several years a series of systematic deportations and mass executions along with intentional starvation would cause the deaths of more than one million Armenians in Ottoman Turkey. The aftermath left the remaining Armenian population scattered, resulting in one of the greatest diasporas in the twentieth century...

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Piano Introit

Eduard Baghdasaryan - Prelude No 6

Pianist Varazdat Khachatryan

Էդուարդ Բաղդասարյան - Պրելյուդ No 6

Դաշնակահար Վարազդատ Խաչատրյան

Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.

Processional Hymn



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. *Chorus***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

**Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Chorus***

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

**Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Chorus***

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Chorus***

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

**Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Chorus***

Music and text by Bernadette Farrell

The Welcome

Archbishop Michael Jackson

Արքեպիսկոպոս Մայքլ Ջեքսոն

Followed by

A minute of silence in memory of the victims of for the Armenian Genocide

Լուրթյան թույլ է հիշատակ Հայոց ցեղասպանության զոհերի

Preces

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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 appointed for the day, Psalm 65

Please sit

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer :
unto thee shall all flesh come.
My misdeeds prevail against me :
O be thou merciful unto our sins.
Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee :
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,
even of thy holy temple.
Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation :
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,
and of them that remain in the broad sea.
Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains :
and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea :
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens :
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it :
thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water :
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof :
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness :
and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep :
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing. *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 First Lesson - Hebrew 10:32-39,

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*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) The Westminster Service

The Second Lesson - John 14:1-13

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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, **the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew 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 Second 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 Third 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.

Prayer 1

Let us remember the victims of war,
violence and terror, the bereaved,
the wounded and prisoners of war who have all suffered grievously.
May they truly know the peace given by Christ.

Lord Jesus, lead your Church in love and forgiveness.
Let the Holy Spirit dwell in the hearts of all people,
so that they may be protected from evil and wars.
Amen.

Prayer 2

Let us pray for our two small nations Ireland and Armenia.
May the Almighty God grant the Presidents,
government officials, institutions,
organisations and Church leaders with wisdom and courage.
We give thanks for our common mutual heritage and the bond of faith.

Father, raise up servant leaders, in Jesus' name.
Amen

Prayer 3

We give thanks that this Khachkar stands here today as a Memorial,
for all those who died while fleeing the Armenian Genocide and lie in unmarked graves.

May Christ our risen Lord,
with whom we celebrated His resurrection,
grant them the crown of martyrdom.
Amen

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



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay,
from his own fullness, all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Finlandia (J J C Sibelius, (1865-1957)

K A D von Schlegel (b.1697)

The Blessing

*Please stand for the final procession to the Khachkar memorial.
The congregation is invited to follow the archbishops during the playing of the:*

The Voluntary

The service concludes at the Khachkar