

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



COMMISSIONING OF READERS

Saturday 22 June 2024

17.00

Please remember in your prayers those who are being commissioned:

*Ote Femi Atoyebi, ;Niall Minto and Blessing Obioha as Parish Readers,
and Olive Good, Philip Middleton, Ziva Newman, David Snow and Daniel Stanford as Diocesan
Readers.*

Opening Hymn
Church Hymnal No 34

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now to all humankind
let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might:
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
let there be light!

Tune: Moscow

THE PREPARATION

The Greeting

May the light and love of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. Then I
acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

PENITENCE

Let us sit or kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.
God calls human beings to account for the stewardship of their lives....

Lord, we confess we have not always used our time and our gifts wisely, creatively and
unselfishly: forgive us for misusing or wasting them.
Lord, have mercy

Lord, we have not always lived in your light, or reflected it into the world's darkness:
forgive us for being set in our ways or complacent.
Christ, have mercy

Lord, we have sometimes ended the day in anger or hurt: forgive us for being
unrepentant or unforgiving.

Lord, have mercy

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

Let us praise God for his mercy.

And give thanks to him for his goodness.

Glory to the Father and to the Son:

and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now:

and shall be for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin

and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts

whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,

that we and all creation may be brought

to the glorious liberty of the children of God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Ministry of All People (Fifth Sunday after Trinity):

Almighty and everlasting God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church

is governed and sanctified:

Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry

they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*Sit*)

Psalm - 107: 1-3, 23-32

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, ♦
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered out of the lands
from the east and from the west, ♦
from the north and from the south.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships ♦
and ply their trade in great waters,

24 These have seen the works of the Lord ♦
and his wonders in the deep.

25 For at his word the stormy wind arose ♦
and lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They were carried up to the heavens
and down again to the deep; ♦
their soul melted away in their peril.

- 27 They reeled and staggered like a drunkard ♦
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, ♦
and he brought them out of their distress.
- 29 He made the storm be still ♦
and the waves of the sea were calmed.
- 30 Then were they glad because they were at rest, ♦
and he brought them to the haven they desired.
- 31 *Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦
and the wonders he does for his children.*
- 32 *Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people ♦
and praise him in the council of the elders.*

First Reading - Job 37:1-13

A reading from the prophet Job

Elihu proclaimed. 'At this also my heart trembles,
and leaps out of its place.
Listen, listen to the thunder of his voice
and the rumbling that comes from his mouth.
Under the whole heaven he lets it loose,
and his lightning to the corners of the earth.
After it his voice roars;
he thunders with his majestic voice
and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard.
God thunders wondrously with his voice;
he does great things that we cannot comprehend.
For to the snow he says, "Fall on the earth";
and the shower of rain, his heavy shower of rain,
serves as a sign on everyone's hand,
so that all whom he has made may know it.
Then the animals go into their lairs
and remain in their dens.
From its chamber comes the whirlwind,
and cold from the scattering winds.
By the breath of God ice is given,
and the broad waters are frozen fast.
He loads the thick cloud with moisture;
the clouds scatter his lightning.
They turn round and round by his guidance,
to accomplish all that he commands them
on the face of the habitable world.
Whether for correction, or for his land,
or for love, he causes it to happen.
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn
Church Hymnal No 491

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Now we rejoice to name him King;
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim,
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tune Fulda (Walton)

Second Reading - Luke 21:25-28

A reading from the gospel of St Luke

Jesus said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

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Thanks be to God

BIBLE RESPONSORY

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen.

THE SERMON

Preacher: The Venerable Ross Styles, Archdeacon of Glendalough

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Stand*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father and He will come again to judge the living 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.

Hymn

Church Hymnal No 456:

During this hymn, the collection for the Archbishop's Training for Ministry Fund will be received.

Lord, you give the great commission:
'Heal the sick and preach the word'.
Lest the Church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
'In my name baptize and teach'.
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
'This my body, this my blood'.
Let us all, for earth's true glory
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:
'Father, what they do, forgive'.
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of the ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end'.
faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Tune: Hyfrydol

THE COMMISSIONING

The Archbishop says

Saint Paul wrote:

Just as in a single human body there are many limbs and organs, all with different functions, so we who are united with Christ, though many, form one body, and belong to one another as its limbs and organs. We have gifts allotted to each of us by God's grace.

Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)

Today, giving thanks for the variety of gifts and ministries that God has bestowed on the Church we have come together to publicly recognise those whom we believe God has called to the office of Parish Reader and Diocesan Lay Reader

The Commissioning of Diocesan Readers

The Director for Lay Ministry presents the candidates to the Archbishop.

Archbishop, I present to you to be admitted to the office of Diocesan Reader.

Archbishop

Rev John Tanner, as Director for Lay Ministry are you satisfied that these persons are equipped and ready to serve as Diocesan Reader?

Rev John Tanner **I am satisfied.**

The Archbishop says to the Diocesan Reader candidates

Do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a Diocesan Reader?

Answer **I believe that God has called me.**

As Diocesan Readers will you undertake to assist in leading the people of God in public worship, to proclaim God's Word and to be committed to the ministry of your dioceses and parish?

Answer **I will.**

The Archbishop addresses all the candidates

The ministry which God calls you to fulfil is part of the ministry of all baptized people. So we invite you to seek the support and prayers of those who share with you the ministry of God.

We commit you to God's care.

A time of silent prayer

Relying on the mercies of God, and following in his ways will you do your best to fulfil the commitment you make today?

With the help of God, I will.

Seeking to preserve the unity of the church, and the honour of Christ's name will you submit yourself to those placed over you in this work?

With the help of God, I will.

Knowing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, will you work in his strength and witness to Christ's love in the way you serve?

With the help of God, I will.

The Archbishop addresses the congregation

Will you support and encourage these candidates in their ministry, praying for them as they will pray for you?

We will!

Almighty God you have chosen these your servants to be Diocesan Lay Readers in your church. Give them the will to undertake this task and the strength to perform it so that they may complete the work which you have begun in them through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God, let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on These his servants. Let us pray also that God will each day enlarge and enlighten their understanding of the Scriptures, so that they may grow stronger and more mature in their ministry, as they fashions their lives and the lives of the people they serve on the word of God. **Amen.**

The Commissioning of Parish Readers

The Director for Lay Ministry presents the candidates to the Archbishop.

Archbishop, I present to you to be admitted to the office of Parish Reader.

The archbishop addresses the director of Lay Ministries

Are you satisfied that these persons are equipped and ready to serve as Parish Readers?

The director responds:

I am satisfied.

The Archbishop says to the candidates

Do you believe in your heart that God has called you to the office and work of a Parish Reader?

Answer **I believe that God has called me.**

As Parish Readers will you undertake to assist in leading the people of God in public worship, and to be committed to the ministry of your parish?

Answer **I will.**

The ministry which God calls you to fulfil is part of the ministry of all baptized people. So we invite you to seek the support and prayers of those who share with you the ministry of God.

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The Archbishop addresses the congregation

Will you support and encourage these people in their ministry, praying for them as they will pray for you?

We will!

Hymn
Church Hymnal No 597

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them
move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my king;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all, for thee.

(2nd tune: Nottingham)

The Prayers

A General Collect
Heavenly Father,
in darkness and in light,
in trouble or in joy,
help us to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us draw all our prayers into to one by praying as our Lord himself taught us to pray...

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 DISMISSAL

Lord God, you have taught that all we have comes from you: teach us also to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our possessions, that they may be generously and effectively used in the service of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Hymn
Church Hymnal No 658 (Southcote)

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go:
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Tune: Southcote

The service concludes with the procession of the clergy Readers.

Please sit for the:

Organ voluntary



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