

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



Sunday 9 February 2025

15.30 Choral Evensong and Installation of Canons

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.

Processional Hymn



God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
 God is Love: let earth rejoice;
 Let creation sing before him,
 And exalt him with one voice.
 He who laid the earth's foundation,
 He who spread the heav'ns above,
 He who breathes through all creation,
 He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
 All the world in one embrace;
 With unfailing grasp he holdeth
 Every child of every race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 Under sorrow's iron rod,
 Then they find that selfsame aching,
 Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
 Sin afflicts the souls of men,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 Holds and guides them even then.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 O'er us final triumph gain;
 God is Love, so Love for ever
 O'er the universe must reign.

Tune: Abbot's Leigh
 Cyril Taylor (1907-91)

Bishop Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

The Installation of Canons

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 5

Please sit

Ponder my words, O Lord :
consider my meditation
O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God :
for unto thee will I make my prayer.
My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord :
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness :
neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight :
for thou hatest all them that work vanity.
Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing :
the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy :
and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies :
make thy way plain before my face.
For there is no faithfulness in his mouth :
their inward parts are very wickedness.
Their throat is an open sepulchre :
they flatter with their tongue.
Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations :
cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.
And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice :
they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them;
they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous :
and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

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 – Judges 5

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 St Paul's Service

The Second Lesson – James 5

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.

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.

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. 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.

Anthem

Ave Regina caelorum, Hail,
O Queen of Heaven,
Ave Domina Angelorum!
Hail by Angels mistress owned!
Salve Radix sancta ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Root of Jesse, whence the world's true Light was born
Gaude gloriosa, super omnes speciosa.
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee, loveliest whom in
Valle valde decora,
heaven they see! Fairest thou where all are fair!
Et pro nobis semper Christum exora.
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)

Liber primus missarum

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*



Saviour, again to thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night,
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Peace to thy Church from error and from strife:
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:

Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Tune: Ellers
E.J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

John Ellerton (1826-93)

The Blessing

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

Please sit for the Organ voluntary



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