

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity
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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11.00

PREACHER: CANON SUZANNE HARRIS

SETTING: MASS FOR 5 VOICES, WILLIAM BYRD (1543-1623)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Lent Preaching

Suzanne is originally from Clondalkin Parish. She attended The King's Hospital School and then went to Trinity College Dublin to study Geography and Sociology. She completed teacher training in TCD and taught Geography and Religious Education for 34 years in Kilkenny College and in Newpark School where she was also school chaplain. Suzanne was commissioned as a Lay Reader in 1996, ordained in 2009 and assisted in the Parishes of Booterstown and Mount Merrion for 11 years as a non-stipendiary minister. She was appointed Rector of the Parishes of Castlemacadam and Ballinaclesh with Aughrim in Co Wicklow in 2022. She is married to Richard Meates and they have two adult children -Andrew and Jessica. Suzanne was installed as the 12th canon of Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 9th February 2025.

Suzanne is exploring the second mark of mission – TEACH.

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please turn your Hearing Aid to the T position.*

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 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 Ash Wednesday

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 15: 1-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh :
they stumbled and fell.
Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid :
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle :
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.
And now shall he lift up mine head :
above mine enemies round about me.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness :
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee :
have mercy upon me, and hear me.
My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face :
Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me :
nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour :
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me :
the Lord taketh me up.
Teach me thy way, O Lord :
and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries :
for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
I should utterly have fainted :
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
O tarry thou the Lord's leisure :
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart ;
and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Luke 13: 31-35

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

Response



All turn to face the reader

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here,

for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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;
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.*

*If you prefer to donate by your Mobile/Cell phone,
please scan the following QR code:*



Offertory Hymn



Ye servants of the Lord
Each for your Master wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins as in his sight,
For awful is his name.

Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

Christ shall the banquet spread
With his own royal hand,
And raise that faithful servant's head
Amidst the angelic band.

Tune: Narenza

Melody adapted by W.H. Havergal (1793–1870)
from the *Cöln Gesangbuch*, 1619

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

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



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

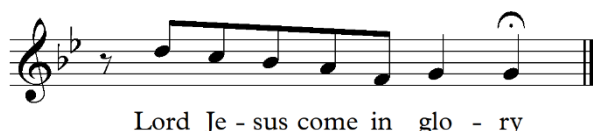
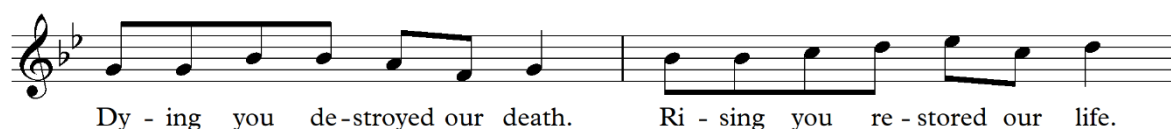
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on 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

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta. Sion deserta facta est. Jerusalem desolata est.

Thy holy city is now like a wilderness, Sion a desert place, Jerusalem lies desolate.

William Byrd (c.1540 – 1623)

Isaiah 64: 10

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



O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone;

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.

Tune: Stockton
Thomas Wright (1763–1829)

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

The Blessing & Dismissal

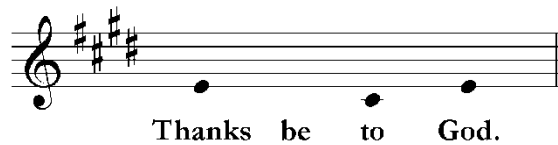
The priest blesses the people with these words

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 BWV 542 JS 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!*

A message from the Dean about our fundraising ambitions

Introduction

- As the millennium of this sacred place draws close in 2028, we are ever grateful to be entrusted with its care for the use of this and future generations
- A great sense of responsibility comes with that, as does a steadfast commitment to ensure its future as a place of Christian worship
- Our immediate focus is on the next decade
- We have significant plans for both capital and programmatic components – including the restoration of the railings; the building of a new organ; the installation of a lift between nave and crypt and other interventions to render the building more accessible; along with our musical outreach to schools and the community

Consultative Phase

- To achieve our goals, we will need to commit to a fundraising campaign
- An important first step is to gather opinions of those who will directly benefit from the Cathedral's enhancement – you as congregants, visitors, friends, and commercial partners
- We will do so through one-to-one conversations and via an e-survey over the coming months

Request

- If invited to participate, we appreciate you being generous with your time and insight
- In the meantime, please pray for our success
- Given our active community, many are involved in more than one group. You will likely receive an email message also. Thank you for your understanding

Christ Church Cathedral
Past Choristers' Association
presents

Pride & Prejudice

A screening in three parts of the BBC's 1995
adaptation in the 250th year of Jane Austen's birth



19.00
Mon 24th March
Mon 31st March
Mon 7th April
in the
Henry Roe





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SALVATION IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

KEYS FOR UNLOCKING THE MESSAGE TODAY

1. AFTER ANSELM
2. JOHN 3:9-18
3. HEALING, SERVICE AND LOVE
4. PASSOVER AND NEW CREATION
5. THE HOLY SPIRIT
6. AND TODAY?



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March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2025
April 2 & 9 2025
19:30

Venue: A hybrid event.
In person in the Music Room
at Christ Church Cathedral.
Via Zoom.

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