

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

## CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



### **Holy Week**

**Wednesday 16 April 2025**

17.45 Organ Meditation

18.00 Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

### **Organ Meditation**

Vor deinen Thron tret' ich hiermit BWV 668a *JS Bach (1685-1750)*

Adagio e dolce from Sonata III BWV 527 *JS Bach*

Choral Prelude on 'Rockingham' *CHH Parry (1848-1918)*

**Recording of the service is strictly prohibited.**

*Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.*

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 102 vv. 1-15**

*Please sit*

*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 – Wisdom 1: 16- 2: 1, 2: 12-22**

**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*

**The Second Lesson – Jeremiah 11: 18-20**

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The 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 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**

Incipit Lamentatio Jeremiae prophetae.

*Here beginneth the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah.*

ALEPH. Quomodo sedet sola civitas plena populo!

*ALEPH. How lonely sits the city that was full of people!*

Facta est quasi vidua domina gentium;

*How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations!*

princeps provinciarum facta est sub tributo.

*She that was a princess among the cities has become a vassal.*

BETH. Plorans ploravit in nocte, et lacrimæ ejus in maxillis ejus:

*BETH. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks;*

non est qui consoletur eam, ex omnibus caris ejus;

*among all her lovers she has none to comfort her;*

omnes amici ejus spreverunt eam, et facti sunt ei inimici.

*all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.*

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord thy God.*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Lamentations of Jeremiah I

## **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.**

*Please stand*

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

*Please sit for the Organ voluntary*