

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity  
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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

GOOD FRIDAY

18 MARCH 2025

15.00

*Please keep silence before the service*

*The choir enters in silence and the clergy enter during The Lamentation.*

## THE LAMENTATION

How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people:  
How is she become as a widow.  
She that was great among the nations and princess among the provinces:  
How is she become tributary.  
She weepeth sore in the night and her tears are on her cheeks:  
Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her.  
The ways of Zion to mourn:  
Because none come to the solemn assembly.  
All her gates are desolate: And she herself is in bitterness.  
The Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:  
Her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.  
All they that go by clap their hands at her:  
They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem saying:  
'Is this the city that men called the perfection of beauty: The joy of the whole earth?'  
Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

For these things I weep:  
Mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water.  
From on high hath the Lord sent fire into my bones and it prevaieth against them:  
He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.  
My flesh and my skin hath he made of old: He hath broken my bones.  
He hath builded against me: And compassed me with gall and travail.  
He hath made me to dwell in dark places:  
As those that have been long dead.  
I am become a derision to all my people: And their song all the day.  
Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him:  
Let him be filled full with reproach.  
Is it nothing to all ye that pass by:  
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.  
Remember mine affliction and my misery: The wormwood and the gall.  
Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Remember O Lord what is come upon us:  
Behold and see our reproach.  
The joy of our heart is ceased: Our dance is turned into mourning.  
The crown is fallen from our head:  
Woe unto us for we have sinned.  
For this our heart is faint: For these things our eyes are dim.  
Let us search again and try our ways:  
And turn again unto the Lord.  
Turn thou us unto thee O Lord and we shall be turned:  
Renew our days as of old.  
It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed:  
Because his compassions fail not.  
They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness.  
The Lord is my portion saith my soul:  
Therefore will I hope in him.  
O Lord thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul:  
Thou hast redeemed my life.  
Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

## **The Collect for Good Friday**

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, Look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*please sit*

## **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Hymn

*During the Hymn, the choir processes to the front of the screen.*



There is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good;  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by his precious Blood.

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in his redeeming Blood,  
And try his works to do.

Tune: Horsley  
W. Horsley (1774-1858)

Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

## The Passion according to St John

*please remain seated*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611), contrafactum by Francis Burgess

*Please refer to separate booklet*

*At the end the Deacon says:*  
This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made and silence is kept.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

*Please kneel or sit as the cross is carried East through the cathedral and the following devotions are made.*

*Cantor: Behold the wood of the cross whereon was hung the saviour of the world.*

*Choir: O come, let us worship.*

*Priest: I am your Creator, Lord of the universe;  
I have entrusted this world to you,  
but you have created the means to destroy it.*

*All: **Holy is God.  
Holy and strong.  
Holy, immortal one, have mercy on us.***

*Priest: I made you in my image,  
but you have degraded body and spirit and marred the image of your  
God.  
You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.*

*All: **Holy is God.  
Holy and strong.  
Holy, immortal one, have mercy on us.***

*Priest: I filled the earth with all that you need,  
so that you might serve and care for one another,  
as I have cared for you;  
but you have cared only to serve your own wealth and power.*

*All: **Father, hear our prayer and forgive us.  
Unstop our ears  
that we may receive the gospel of the cross.  
Lighten our eyes  
that we may see your glory  
in the face of your Son.  
Penetrate our minds  
that your truth may make us whole.  
Irradiate our hearts with your love  
that we may love one another for Christ's sake.  
Father, forgive us.***

*Cantor: Behold the wood of the cross whereon was hung the saviour of the world.*

*Choir: O come, let us worship.*

*Priest: We glory in your cross, O Lord,*

*People: **And praise you for your mighty resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come into our world.***

*Priest: God be merciful unto us and bless us:  
and let the light of his countenance shine upon us,*

*People: **Let your ways be made known upon earth:  
your saving health among all nations.***

*Priest: Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.*

*People: **We glory in your cross, O Lord,  
and praise you for your mighty resurrection;  
for by virtue of your cross  
joy has come into our world.***

*Cantor: Behold the wood of the cross whereon was hung the saviour of the world.*

*Choir: O come, let us worship.*

*Priest: You are worthy, O Christ, for you were slain;  
for by your blood you ransomed men for God:  
from every race and language,  
from every people and nation,  
to make them a kingdom of priests  
to stand and serve before our God.*

*People: **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.***

*Priest: To him who loves us  
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and made us a kingdom of priests  
to stand and serve before our God.*

*People: **To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

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but you have degraded body and spirit  
and marred the image of your God.  
You have deserted me and turned your backs on me.*

*I filled the earth with all that you need,  
so that you might serve and care for one another,  
as I have cared for you;  
but you have cared only to serve your own wealth and power.*

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## **The Veneration of the Cross**

*You are invited to approach the cross during which the choir sings the motets*

*Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato: passus et sepultus est.*

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried.*

Antonio Lotti (c. 1667–1740)

The Nicene Creed

*Crux fidelis, inter omnes, arbor una nobilis:*

*Faithful Cross! above all other, one and only noble tree!*

*Nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine:*

*None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.*

*Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus, sustinet. Amen.*

*Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

John IV, King of Portugal (1604-56)

attrib. Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-609)



## The Intercessions for Good Friday

*The President introduces the prayers*

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father  
for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world:  
for unity in faith, in witness and in service,  
for bishops and other ministers, and those whom they serve,  
for *Michael*, our Archbishop, and the people of these dioceses,  
for all Christians in this place,  
for those to be baptized,  
for those who are mocked and persecuted for their faith,  
that God will confirm his Church in faith,  
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.**

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders:  
for our president Michael D Higgins and the government of this land,  
for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office,  
for all who strive for justice and reconciliation,  
that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Most gracious God and Father,  
in whose will is our peace,  
turn our hearts and the hearts of all to yourself,  
that by the power of your Spirit  
the peace which is founded on justice  
may be established throughout the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's ancient people, the Jews,  
the first to hear his word:  
for greater understanding between Christian and Jew,  
for the removal of our blindness and bitterness of heart,  
that God will grant us grace to be faithful to his covenant  
and to grow in the love of his name.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord God of Abraham,  
bless the children of your covenant, Jew, Christian and Muslim;  
take from us all blindness and bitterness of heart,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom,  
when the Gentiles shall be gathered in,  
all Israel shall be saved,  
and we shall dwell together in mutual love and peace  
under the one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
for those who have not heard the message of salvation,  
for all who have lost faith,  
for the contemptuous and scornful,  
for those who are enemies of Christ and persecute those who follow him,  
for all who deny the faith of Christ crucified,  
that God will open their hearts to the truth  
and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful God,  
creator of all the people of the earth,  
have compassion on all who do not know you,  
and by the preaching of your gospel with grace and power,  
gather them into the one fold of the one Shepherd;  
Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray for all those who suffer:  
for those who are deprived and oppressed,  
for all who are sick,  
for those in darkness, in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear,  
for prisoners, captives and refugees,  
for the victims of false accusations and violence,  
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them,  
that God in his mercy will sustain them  
with the knowledge of his love.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:  
hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,  
and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to his unfailing love,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that, with all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
we may come to the fullness of eternal life  
and the joy of the resurrection.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

## Motet

In manus tuas Domine commendo spiritum meum. Redemisti me Domine Deus veritatis.  
*Into thy hands O Lord I commend my spirit. For thou hast redeemed me O God of truth.*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,  
look favourably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery,  
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence  
carry out the work of our salvation:  
and let the whole world  
feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up  
and things which had grown old are being made new  
and that all things are returning to perfection  
through him from whom they took their origin,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN



**When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the Cross of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his Blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Tune: Rockingham

Adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)

Harmony chiefly from Webb's *Collection of Psalm Tunes* 1820

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*The presiding minister prays:*

Restless with grief and fear,  
the abandoned turn to you:  
in every hour of trial,  
good Lord, deliver us,  
O God most holy, God most strong,  
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ. **Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart in silence*

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# Christ Church Cathedral Dublin

## Music and Services List

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### April 2025

<b>Thursday</b> 17  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>11.00</b> <b>The Chrim Eucharist</b> Missa Papae Marcelli <i>Palestrina</i> Ubi caritas <i>Gjeilo</i> O sacrum convivium <i>Tallis</i> Preacher: The Archbishop Voluntary: Mattheus-Final <i>JS Bach arr. Widor</i>  Hymns: CP 418, 418, 321 Psalm 23
	<b>18.00</b> <b>Choral Eucharist</b> A new commandment <i>Shephard</i> Missa Aeterna Christi munera <i>Palestrina</i> Jesu grant me this, I pray <i>Bairstow</i> Christus factus est <i>Bruckner</i>  Hymns: A&M 448, 268 Psalm 22
<b>Friday</b> 18  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>11.30</b> <b>Reflections at the Cross</b> <b>15.00</b> <b>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> The Lamentations <i>Bairstow</i> The Passion according to St John <i>Victoria</i> Crucifixus á 8 <i>Lotti</i> In manus tuas <i>Tallis</i>  Hymns: 92, 517, 95
	<b>19.00</b> <b>Ecumenical Walk of Witness</b> (beginning at St Mary's Pro Cathedral)
<b>Saturday</b> 19  <b>Easter Eve</b>	<b>21.00</b> <b>The Easter Vigil &amp; First Eucharist of Easter</b> <i>with Confirmations</i> Missa Brevis <i>Dove</i> The day draws on with golden light <i>Bairstow</i> Voluntary: Toccata from Symphonie V <i>Widor</i>  Hymns: 119 t. 107, 124 Psalms 33: 1-11, 114, 42: 1-7 Easter Anthems
<b>Sunday</b> 20  <b>Easter Day</b>	<b>11.00</b> <b>Festal Choral Eucharist</b> Christ being raised from the dead <i>Moore</i> Messe Solennelle <i>Vierne</i> Coronation Te Deum <i>Walton</i> Preacher: The Archbishop Voluntary: Paean <i>Howells</i>  Hymns: 110, 109 t. ii, 120 Easter Anthems
	<b>15.30</b> <b>Festal Choral Evensong</b> Christ being raised from the dead <i>Moore</i> The St Paul's Service <i>Howells</i> Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana <i>Mascagni</i> Voluntary: Con moto maestoso from Sonata III <i>Mendelssohn</i>  Responses: <i>Moore</i> Psalm: 66 Hymn 113





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