

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
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# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



## EASTER DAY

Sunday 20 April 2025

15.30 Choral Evensong

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.

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## **Introit**

Christ being raised from the dead: Dieth no more: Death hath no more dominion over him.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: For the Lord hath done marvellous things in the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgements.

With his own right hand and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory.  
Alleluya

Philip Moore (b.1943)

Romans 6: 9 & Psalm 98: 1-2

***Please stand when the choir and clergy enter.***

## Processional Hymn



The day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad!  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over,  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light:  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own 'All hail' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

Tune: Ellacombe  
Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833

St John of Damascus (c. 750)  
trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

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 66**

*Please sit*

O be joyful in God, all ye lands :  
sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.  
Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :  
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.  
For all the world shall worship thee :  
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.  
O come hither, and behold the works of God :  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.  
He turned the sea into dry land :  
so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.  
He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :  
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.  
O praise our God, ye people :  
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holdeth our soul in life :  
and suffereth not our feet to slip.  
For thou, O God, hast proved us :  
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.  
Thou broughtest us into the snare :  
and laidest trouble upon our loins.  
Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :  
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.  
I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings :  
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips,  
and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.  
I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :  
I will offer bullocks and goats.  
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God :  
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.  
I called unto him with my mouth :  
and gave him praises with my tongue.  
If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart :  
the Lord will not hear me.  
But God hath heard me :  
and considered the voice of my prayer.  
Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer :  
nor turned his mercy from me.

*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 – Isaiah 43: 1-21**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### **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 (1929-1988) The St Paul's Service

### **The Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### **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.

#### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. 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 - Easter Hymn**



Regina coeli laetare. Alleluia!  
*Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!*  
Quia quem meruisti portare Alleluia!  
*Because whom you were worthy to bear Alleluia!*  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!  
*has arisen as He said, Alleluia!*

Inneggiamo il Signor non è morto!  
*Exalt, the Lord is not dead!*  
Ei fulgente ha dischiuso l'avel!  
*He, bright shining, has opened the tomb!*  
Inneggiamo al Signore risorto,  
*Let us sing praise unto the arisen Lord,*  
oggi asceso alla gloria del Ciel!  
*today ascended to the glory of Heaven!*  
Ei fulgente ha dischiuso l'avel!  
*He, bright shining, has opened the tomb!*  
Inneggiamo al Signore risorto,  
*Let us sing praise unto the a*  
oggi asceso alla gloria  
*today ascended to the glory of Heaven!*

Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

*from Cavaliere Risticana*

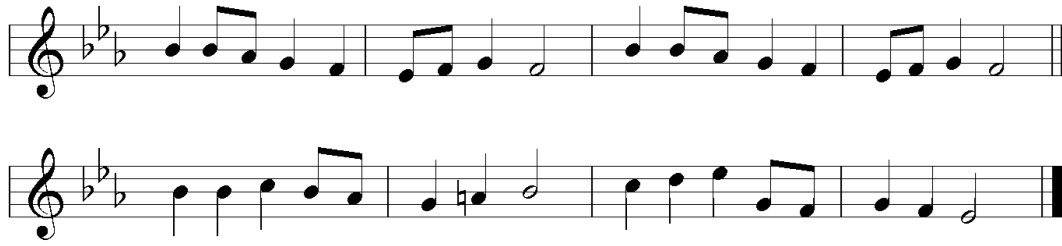
## **The Prayers**

*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*



Love's redeeming work is done  
Fought the fight, the battle won  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Tune: Savannah (Herrnhut)  
Melody from MS. *Choralbuch* c. 1740  
as given in John Wesley's *Foundry Collection* 1742

Jonathan F. Bahnmaier (1774-1841)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1829-78)

## The Blessing

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

*Please sit for the Organ voluntary*

Con moto maestoso from Sonata III Felix Mendelsohn (1809-1847)



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