

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity  
commonly called

# CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



THE CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.00

PREACHER: CANON WILLIAM DEVERELL

SETTING: COLLEGIUM REGALE *HERBERT HOWELLS* (1892-1983)

SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

## **Introit**

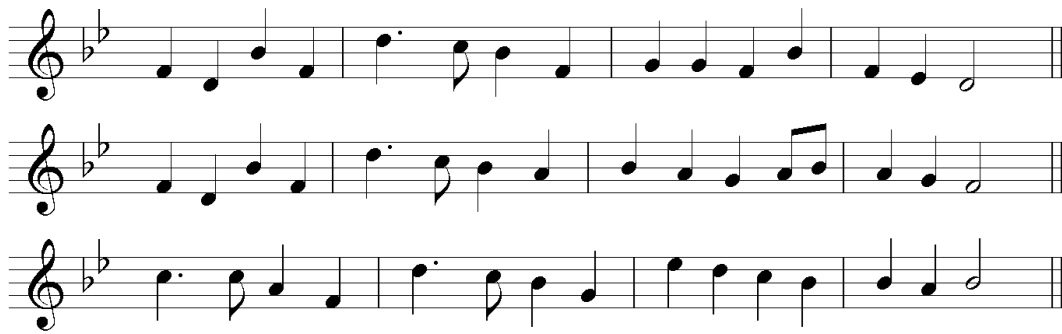
If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

John 14: 15-17

*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and for the singing of the hymn*

## The Gathering of God's People Processional Hymn



Lord of beauty, thine the splendour  
Shown in earth and sky and sea,  
Burning sun and moonlight tender,  
Hill and river, flower and tree:  
Lest we fail our praise to render  
Touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying  
Mighty waters ebb and flow,  
While unhasting, undelaying,  
Planets on their courses go:  
In thy laws thyself displaying,  
Teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining  
All below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining  
Sun and stars sublimely move:  
In our earthly spirits reigning,  
Lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
And, with vision purified,  
Lord of all, when all have known thee,  
Thou in all art glorified.

Tune: Regent Square  
Henry Smart (1813–1879)

Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955)

### The Greeting

In the name of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

### The Call to Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

*Romans 6.4*

**Kyrie** *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

*The celebrant 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.**

**Gloria** *sung by the choir*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee*

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

*We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;*

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us*

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus,

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,*

Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*With the Holy Spirit art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,

so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

# Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

## The First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm *sung by the choir*

Psalm 66: 7-18

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.

## **The Second Reading**

**1 Peter 3: 13-22**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please stand for the Gospel Procession as the Acclamation is sung by the choir*

Alleluia

I am the first and the last says the Lord and the living one.

I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

## The Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John:

### *Response*



### *All turn to face the reader*

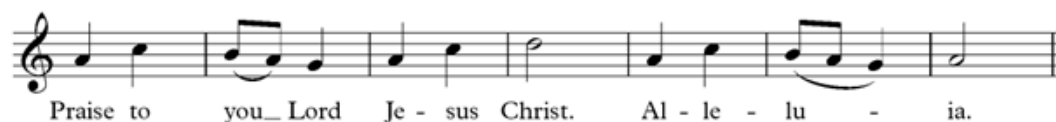
Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19, 20*

*The priest says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**and also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Those present may offer one another a sign of peace*

## **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

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## Offertory Hymn



O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Tune: Hanover

Attr. William Croft (1678–1727)

Robert Grant (1779–1838)

### **The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread

may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world. **Amen.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

**Therefore let us celebrate the feast**

## The Great Thanksgiving



Father, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:  
But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised Jesus gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.  
And so with all your people,  
with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

### *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 Domine. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis*

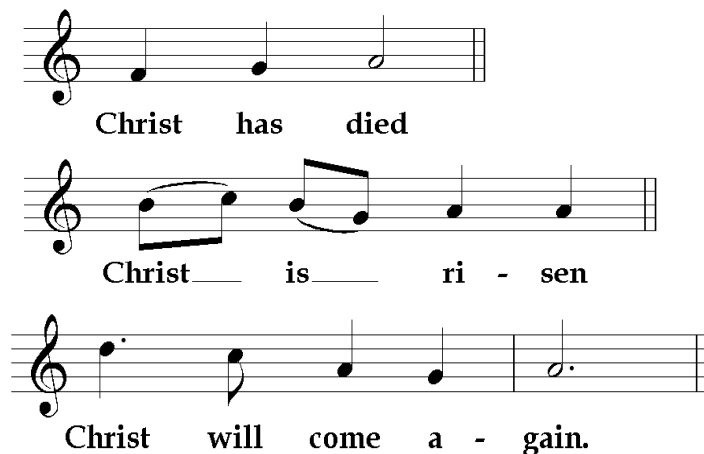
Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving your only begotten 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.

*The choir sings and all repeat each line*



Christ has died

Christ is ri - sen

Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows three lines of musical notation on a five-line staff. The first line has three notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The second line has four notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a quarter note on C5. The third line has four notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. Each line is followed by its corresponding lyrics.

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.*

*During communion, the choir sings*

## Communion Motet

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
*Where charity and love abide, there is God.*  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
*The love of Christ has gathered us together in one.*  
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.  
*Let us be glad and rejoice in the same.*  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
*Let us fear and love the living God.*  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
*And love each other with honest hearts.*

David Briggs (b.1962)

From the Latin liturgy of Maundy Thursday

## The Great Silence

*The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.*

## Going Out as God's People

### Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
May we also thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, 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.**

## Post-communion Hymn

*Refrain*  
You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spi - rit yield.  
You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
and I long to worship you. *You alone...*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple fo my eye. *You alone...*

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything. *You alone...*

Words and music by Martin Nystrom (b.1956)

## The Blessing & Dismissal

*The priest blesses the people with these words*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The deacon sings*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*The choir and people sing*

In the name of Christ, A - men. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Please stand for the procession of choir and clergy and sit for the*

### Organ Voluntary

*which concludes the service*

*All are invited to join the cathedral community for refreshments in the South Transept.*

# SPRING 2026 ORGAN CONCERTS

- 4 May James Short  
Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin
- 11 May Hayden Payne  
Royal College of Music
- 18 May David Grealy  
St John's Cathedral, Norwich
- 25 May Carole O'Connor  
Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church
- 1 June Tom Little  
Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin
- 8 June Stuart Nicholson  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin
- 15 June Damin Spritzer  
University of Oklahoma
- 22 June James Short  
Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

Mondays at 6.30PM  
Free Admission  
Duration: ~45 mins



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