



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL • CORK



CHORAL EVENSONG
WITH
THE ANNUAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All Souls'/Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November 2025
at 3.30p.m.

MUSICAL SETTINGS

Responses – *Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)*

Canticles – *Charles Villers Stanford (1852 -1924) in B flat*

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CATHEDRAL CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December at 7pm

Tickets for the Cathedral Choir Fundraising Christmas Concerts are now on sale in the Cathedral Shop or on the Cathedral website www.stfinbarres.ie

This year's concerts are performances of Handel's *Messiah*.

Silence is kept before the service begins.

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION - 420

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Bode (1816-1874)

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.

PENITENCE

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Kneel

Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:
He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 PRECES

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Stand

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.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sing

THE OFFICE HYMN - 493

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,
his will obey, him serve aright;
For thee the Saints uplift their voice:
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
with joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:
Remember thou his love of old;
Walk in his way, his word adore,
and keep his truth for evermore.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

PSALM 85: 8-13

*The congregation is seated to meditate on the words of the Psalm
as they are sung by the Choir*

8. I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me :
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again unto foolishness.
9. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :
that glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth are met together :
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth :
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
12. Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness :
and our land shall give her increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him :
and shall direct his going in the way.

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 FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 10: 33 - 11: 9

Stand for the canticle

MAGNIFICAT

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 2. For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
 3. For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call be blessed.
 4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
 5. And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
 6. He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 8. He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
- 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.

Sit for

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-12

Stand for the canticle

NUNC DIMITTIS

1. Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

Cantor: The Lord be with you

Choir: and with thy Spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

Kneel.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us
Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings
THE LORD'S PRAYER

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Cantor: O Lord, show 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

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in thy beloved Son, the king of all:
Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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.

Sit for

THE ANTHEM

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars, where stands a winged sentry all skilful in the wars: There, above noise and danger sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles and One, born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend and, O my soul, awake! Did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flow'r of Peace, the Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure but One who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848 - 1918)

Stand

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

INTRODUCTION

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Hear these words from the New Testament:

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid'

(John 14: 27)

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. *(James 3: 17-18)*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. *(1 John 1: 5)*

Wreaths are laid in memory of those who died in all conflicts, especially those from Cork City and County.

REMEMBERING

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Two minutes' silence is kept.

At the end of the two minutes' silence the Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

All kneel

Lord of the Church,
we remember the responsibility we have as the body of Christ,
to pray for peace, to bring forth your word
and to see swords beaten into ploughshares:
especially, we pray for chaplains
who minister to the members of our defence forces;
grant them discernment, perseverance and protection.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord of all Creation,
as your Son faced the violence of his own death,
yet cried "Father, forgive!"
so we pray for hearts of forgiveness in your world.
Where nation will rise against nation, people against people,
we pray that peace might prevail.
Bless the leaders of the world with clarity of vision
to speak peace into situations of conflict.
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord of eternity,
you knit together your elect in the Communion of all your saints;
we remember with gratitude the fallen of all wars.
We thank you for the promise in your word,
that even death cannot separate us
from your love found in Christ Jesus.

Grant that we may live lives worthy of this truth
as we recall those who died in the horrors of war.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Father of heaven and earth,
hear the prayers which we ask in faith
for the sake of your Son, who conquered death
and stood victorious as the Prince of Peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
We will.

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love;
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

HYMN - 417

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) The Closing Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER

Everliving God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, our government and all people,
unity, peace, and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING ANTHEM

Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of
the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night
to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the light of the
world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you. – *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) – *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Please remain in your seat until the Organ Voluntary has ended.