



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL • CORK



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Choral Eucharist

22nd March 2026

11.00am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis in F - *Andrea Gabrieli* (1533-1585)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday - Thursday & Saturday

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

Friday

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6.15pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 29th March - PALM SUNDAY

11.15am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: Very Revd Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION - 383

Jesu, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick,, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The service is introduced.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PENITENCE

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace:

The KYRIES are sung.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

All say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *is sung*

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE READING

Ezekiel: 37: 1-14

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as the Choir sings the

MOTET OF THE GRADUAL

Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance
sin doth never cease.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 20-28

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Matthew, chapter twenty, beginning at verse twenty.

All sing: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the end of the Gospel.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Choir continues:

In your deep floods
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye
see sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

Sit for

THE SERMON

Very Rev. Nigel Dunne - Dean of Cork

Stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

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 and the Son,
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.

Kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following response is used at the end of each petition:

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the prayers:
Merciful Father,
**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand for
THE PEACE

Now in union with Christ Jesus
you who were once far off have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY - 484 ICH

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Each new-born soldier of the crucified
is signed with the cross, the seal of him who died:

Upper voices: This is the sign that Satan's army fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:

Lower voices: Saved by the cross on which their Lord was slain,
see Adam's children their lost home regain:

Upper voices: From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of praise:

Lower voices: Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell!

Lord Christ, once lifted high on Calvary's tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

*Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) altd.
based on George William Kitchin (1827-1912);
v. 7 based on John 12: 32*

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise,

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who, for the redemption of the world,
humbled himself to death on the cross;
that, being lifted up from the earth,
he might draw all people to himself.

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 singing:

*The **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS** are sung.*

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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

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, 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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
Our Father who art in heaven ...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 AGNUS DEI is sung.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Communicant members of all Christian traditions
are most welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

The Choir sing the

COMMUNION MOTET

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab
auf daß alle die an ihn glauben nicht verloren werden
sondern das ewige Leben haben.

*'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.'*

Words: John 3: 16. Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 94

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the Cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is Love';
he bears our sins upon the Tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly (1769 - 1855)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

God of hope,
in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet
and the richness of eternal life.

May we who bear witness to the death of your Son,
also proclaim the glory of his resurrection,
for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain in your seat in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.

