



SAINT FIN BARRE'S  
CATHEDRAL ✦ CORK



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Choral Eucharist**

Sunday 10th May 2026  
11.15am

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## MUSICAL SETTING

Mass in D major Op.86 - Antonín Dvořák (1841 - 1904)

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Monday - Thursday and Saturday

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

### Friday

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

6.15pm Choral Evensong

### Sunday 17th May - Sunday after the Ascension

11.15am Choral Eucharist

*Celebrant: Rev. Martin Steele (Dean's Vicar)*

*Preacher: Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*All stand for the*

## **HYMN OF THE PROCESSION 106**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watches, nor the seal,  
hold thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

*Greek, St John of Damascus (c. 750); Tr J.M. Neale (1816-1866)*

### **GREETING**

Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*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**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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 choir sings* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *is sung*

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.

# PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

*Sit for*

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 41: 17-20

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

## PSALM 66: 7-18

7. Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
8. Who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip.
9. For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12. I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams;  
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
15. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me,
17. But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

## THE SECOND READING

Acts 17: 22-31

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the*

**HYMN OF THE GRADUAL - 139**

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
and from thy celestial home  
shed thy light and brilliancy:  
Father of the poor, draw near,  
giver of all gifts, be here,  
come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,  
of the soul the sweetest guest,  
come in toil refreshingly:  
Thou in labour rest most sweet,  
thou art shadow from the heat,  
comfort in adversity.

O thou Light most pure and blest,  
shine within the inmost breast  
of thy faithful company:  
Where thou art not, man has nought;  
every holy deed and thought  
comes from thy divinity.

Sinful hearts do thou make whole,  
bring to life the arid soul,  
guide the feet that go astray:  
Make the stubborn heart unbend,  
to the faint, new hope extend,  
wounded souls, their hurt allay.

*All face the reader for*

**THE GOSPEL**

John 14: 15-21

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John,  
chapter fourteen, beginning at verse fifteen.

*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 hymn continues:*

Fill the faithful, who confide  
in thy power to guard and guide,  
with thy sevenfold mystery:  
Here thy grace and virtue send,  
grant salvation in the end,  
and in heaven felicity.

*Latin, Stephen Langton d 1228  
Tr J.M. Neale (1818-1866) and Editors*

*Sit for*

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Martin Steele - Dean's Vicar

*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:*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Stand to sing*

**THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY - 390**

*A collection for Cathedral funds is taken during the singing of this hymn.*

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
Such ever bring thee where they come,  
and going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care;  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

*William Cowper (1731-1800); John Newton (1725-1807)*

## **CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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.

Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;  
by dying he destroyed our death;  
by rising he restored our 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 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.

*All communicant members of other Christian traditions  
are most welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The Choir sings the*

### COMMUNION MOTET

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

*Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection*

## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Stand to sing the*

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 439 (I)

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful;  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against their foe,  
should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful;  
most sure in all his ways.

*John Henry Newman (1801-1890)*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

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.**

**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**

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:  
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 the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude in G major, BWV - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Please remain seated in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.*