



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL ✦ CORK



THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 17th May 2026
11.15am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis in B flat (Little organ) - *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday - Thursday and Saturday

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

Friday

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6.15pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 24th May - THE DAY OF PENTECOST

11.15am Festal Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)

Preacher: Rev. Martin Steele (Dean's Vicar)

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION 332

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can n'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet (1726-1792)
and others*

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 died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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*

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 39: 21-29

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 47

1. Clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
2. For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.
3. He subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.
4. He has chosen our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
5. God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
6. O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7. For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
8. God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
9. The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
10. For the powers of the earth belong to God
and he is very highly exalted.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 1: 6-14

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 - 388

Jesus, shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

John 17: 1-11

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John,
chapter seventeen, beginning at verse one.

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:

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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:

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

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

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 - 355

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

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide to the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We are of thee, the children of thy love,
the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with him, our Brother and our Friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
One in the power that makes the children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.

John Chadwick (1840-1904)

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 Lord,
who after he had risen from the dead ascended into heaven,
where he is seated at your right hand to intercede for us
and to prepare a place for us in glory.

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

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God. O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the king of all the earth. O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.

William Croft (1678-1727)

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 352

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
Who lives—and loves—and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 our exalted King pour on you his abundant gifts
make you faithful and strong to do his will
that you may reign with him in glory:
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

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final from Symphony I - *Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)*

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