



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL + CORK



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Festal Choral Eucharist

Sunday 24th May 2026

11.15am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis in C (organ solo) - W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

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 31st May - Trinity Sunday

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 137

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Italian, Bianco da Siena d 1434
Tr R.F. Littledale (1833-1890)*

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

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord 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*

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
By the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 11: 24-30

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings
PSALM 104: 26-37

26. O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
27. There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
28. There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
29. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
30. When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
31. When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.
32. When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
33. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;
34. He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
35. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
36. So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.
37. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 2: 1-21

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 - 342

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with the fire divine.

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23

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

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.**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch 1835-89

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, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

At the end of the prayers:

in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Stand for

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
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 - 367

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

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore gives us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); John Chadwick (1840-1904)

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Lord,
according to whose promise
the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us,
making us your children,
and giving us power
to proclaim the gospel throughout the world.

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

Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes, erant omnes in eodem loco
et factus est repente de caelo sonus tanquam spiritus vehementis
et replevit totam domum, Alleluia.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one
place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled all the house.

Dum ergo essent in unum discipuli congregati, propter metum iudæorum
sonus repente de coelo venit super eos, tanquam spiritus vehementis, et replevit
totam domum. Alleluia

When therefore the disciples were gathered together in one for fear of the Jews,
a sound from heaven came upon them, as of a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Alleluia.

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

THE GREAT SILENCE
Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the
POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 431

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
Open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God:
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

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Le Saint-Esprit - *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

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