



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL ♦ CORK



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Eucharist
& Holy Baptism

Sunday 23rd August 2026
11.15am

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday

No services

Sunday 30th August - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.15am Choral Eucharist

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

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

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Services sung by Nordic Voices (Denmark)

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION 205

Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.

*Latin c 7th century
Tr J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The service is introduced.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit.,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fulness of life.

PENITENCE

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created the world and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

All say **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire, or deserve:
Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
save through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 51: 1-6

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
2. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
3. In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
6. **Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
8. **The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12: 1-8

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 - 140

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live,
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

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:
Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.
Brian Foley (1919-2000)

Sit for
THE SERMON
Very Rev. Nigel Dunne - Dean of Cork

THE PRESENTATION

The Dean's Vicar invites the candidate and his sponsors to stand in view of the congregation and invites the sponsors of the baptismal candidate to present him.

We welcome he who comes to be baptized. I invite his sponsors to present him now.

The sponsors answer

We present Chimsomaga to be baptized.

The Dean's Vicar says to the sponsors

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Chimsomaga for baptism and answer on his behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage him in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The Dean's Vicar says to the sponsors

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

The Dean's Vicar says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will support them.

The Dean's Vicar makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

When the candidate has been signed, the Dean's Vicar says

Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

*The Dean's Vicar, ministers and the candidate with his sponsors
and the congregation go to the Font*

Water is poured into the font.

The Dean's Vicar continues

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Chimsomaga to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that he who is baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dean's Vicar asks the following questions of the sponsors of the candidate:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Chimsomaga is to be baptized? **I do.**

The Dean's Vicar addresses the congregation.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these sponsors, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 Dean's Vicar baptizes by pouring water over the candidate, saying

Chimsomaga, Ethan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Dean's Vicar continues

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the Dean's Vicar, saying

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

Stand for

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life together.

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 - 467

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

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwelling of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

Tate and Brady New Version 1696

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.
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
raised us to new life in him
and renewed in us the image of your 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 saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

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 said.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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 GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 360

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that Manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Gracious God,
in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity
of the body of Christ. **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 all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
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

The newly baptized is presented with a candle and sent out with these words:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C from Sonata 2, op.65 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

