SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL · CORK

The Fifth Sunday Before Advent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 25th October 2026
11.15am

Musical Setting

Missa octavi toni - *Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)*

Services This Week

Monday No services

Tuesday - Friday
12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)
Please note that there is no Choral Evensong on Friday.

Sunday 1st November - All Saints' Day
11.15am Festival Eucharist (said, with hymns)
Celebrant & Preacher: Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)

Please note that there is no afternoon service due to Choir half term break.

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The Gathering of God's People

All stand for the

Hymn of the Procession - 485

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Plumtre (1821-1891)

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 so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Sit for

The First Reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

At the end of the reading the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

Psalm 1

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
   nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord
   and they meditate on his law day and night.
3. Like a tree planted by streams of water
   bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
   whatever they do, it shall prosper.
4. As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
   they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
   nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
   but the way of the wicked shall perish.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

At the end of the reading the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand to sing the

Hymn of the Gradual - 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.

All face the reader for

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-46

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

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:

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)

Sit for

The Sermon

Rev. Susan Green

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
Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 - 372
A collection for Cathedral funds is taken during the singing of this hymn.

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound—
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan 1628-1688
and Percy Dearmer 1867-1936

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.

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth forever. Amen.

– *Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

The Great Silence

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

Going Out As God's People

Stand to sing the

Post-Communion Hymn - 235

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,
and hide my simple heart above,
above the thorns of choking care,
the gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day.

For thee delightfully employ
what'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Post-Communion Prayers

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
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 peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
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

Offertoire sur les grands jeux (Messe pour les Couvents)
François Couperin (1668 - 1733)

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