SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL · CORK



# Christ the King

## Choral Eucharist

Sunday 22nd November 2026
11.15am

## Musical Setting

Charles Villers Stanford (1852 -1924) in B flat

## Services This Week

**Monday - Thursday & 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 29th November - The First Sunday of Advent**

11.15am Lighting of the First Advent Candle & Choral Eucharist

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

*Preacher: Fr. Ferdinand vonProndzynski (Assistant Curate at St Andrew's Church, Alford, Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney)*

3.30pm Advent Carols in Procession

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# The Gathering of God's People

*All stand for the*

**Hymn of the Procession 351**

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the sea, or built the sky,
love eternal, free and boundless,
forced the Lord of life to die,
lifted up the Prince of princes
on the throne of Calvary.

Now on those eternal mountains
stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
with the ceaseless alleluyas
which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.

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.

*Job Hupton (1762-1849) and J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

**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**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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

*All say:*

**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*

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*Sit for*

**The First Reading**

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

*At the end of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings* **Psalm 95: 1-7**

1. O come, let us sing to the Lord;
   let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

4. In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5. The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6. Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**The Second Reading**

Ephesians 1: 15-23

*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 - 332**

*The last verse of this hymn is sung after the Gospel*

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.

*All face the reader for*

**The Gospel**

Matthew 25: 31-46

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Matthew, chapter thirty-one, beginning at verse forty-six.

*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 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*

*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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
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 - 338

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

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with the Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

*Caroline Noel (1817-1877)*

# Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### The Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.
**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.

And now we give you thanks
because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, as priest and King.
Crowned with thorns, he offered his life upon the cross,
that he might draw all people into that kingdom
where he now reigns 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.**

***Communicant members of all Christian traditions***
***are most welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*The Choir sings the*

**Communion Motet**

Ecce vicit Leo de tribu Juda, radix David, aperire librum, et solvere septem signacula eius. Alleluia. Dignus est Agnus qui occisus est, accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et sapientiam, et fortitudinem, et honorem, et gloriam, et benedictionem. Alleluia.
Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof. Alleluia. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and godliness, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Alleluia. - *Peter Philips (1561-1628)*

**The Great Silence**

*Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection*

## Going Out As God's People

*Stand to sing the*

**Post-Communion Hymn - 373**

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

*John Mason (c 1645-1694)*

## Post-Communion Prayers

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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 upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

Toccata – *Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)*

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