



THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 11th February 2024

11.15am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 - 1594)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

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

Please note that there is no Choral Evensong on Friday 16th due to choir half term.

Ash Wednesday Services (14th February)

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

8.00pm Choral Eucharist with Extended Liturgy of Penitence
& the Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 18th February - The First Sunday in Lent

11.15am Sung Litany & Choral Eucharist
Celebrant: Very Revd Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)

3.30pm Choral Evensong

LIVE-STREAMING

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION - 234

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

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.

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 *is sung*

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
Give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

2 Kings 2: 1-12

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 50: 1-6

1. The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.
3. Consuming fire goes out before him
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
4. He calls the heaven above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
5. 'Gather to me my faithful,
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
6. Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

Sit for

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

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 - 178

The last verse of this hymn is sung after the Gospel

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9: 2-9

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark, chapter nine, beginning at verse nine.

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.**

Sit for

THE SERMON

Revd 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 or sit 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 will transfigure our human body
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY - 343

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

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of 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.

And now we give you thanks
because the divine glory of the incarnate Word
shone forth upon the holy mountain
before the chosen witnesses of his majesty;
and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

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.**

The Choir sings the

COMMUNION MOTET

See, see the Word is incarnate; God is made man in the womb of a Virgin. Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing 'Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will towards men. The law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles converted by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation. The blind have sight and cripples have their motion; diseases cured, the dead are raised, and miracles are wrought. Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna. The Paschal Lamb is offered, Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin. The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of hell are shaken; and lo, he is risen up in victory. Sing Alleluia. See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood, the prick of thorns, the print of nails. And in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension. When now he sits on God's right hand where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing: Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne. Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna: Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; with Alleluia, we triumph in victory, the serpent's head is bruised, Christ's kingdom exalted, and heaven laid open to sinners. Amen.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 494

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself,
that you may live in his light and share his 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

Postlude in G minor – *Charles Villers Stanford (1852 -1924)*

Please remain in your seat in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Christian Stewardship - Planned Giving 2024

The Select Vestry ask you to collect your box of Planned Giving envelopes at all services today.

Every household is asked to take weekly contribution envelopes for 2024 in the hope that this will help to focus everyone's mind on their regular contribution to the Cathedral.

The total contributed through Planned Giving in 2023 was €30,500 for which the Select Vestry is most grateful. Nonetheless, this was €4,500 (13%) short of the budgeted Planned Giving figure of €35,000. Church Plate Collections were €11,578, which was €2,578 ahead of the budgeted €9,000.

The total running cost of the Cathedral and all its activities in 2023 was in the region of €525,000. Our Diocesan Fair Share (Assessment) figure for 2024 alone is €107,226 which ideally ought to be met by Planned Giving and Church Collections. It is very important therefore that all involved in the Cathedral's life contribute in a planned and generous way throughout the year.

If there is not a labelled set of envelopes for your household please ask the Churchwardens for a box and fill in your details on the sheet provided. You can choose to put your weekly contribution into the dated envelope week by week; or you can sign up to a monthly Standing Order, in which case you can place an empty envelope on the collection plate when you attend.
