



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 27th November 2022

11.15am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa secunda - *Hans Leo Hassler (1564 - 1612)*

CATHEDRAL DIARY

Later today: Sunday 27th November - The First Sunday of Advent

3.30pm - Advent Carols in Procession

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December

Both at 7.00pm - Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Cathedral Choir with Orchestra.

Tickets €25 available from the Cathedral Shop or on the webstore page of the Cathedral website.

Sunday 11th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

11.15am Choral Eucharist with the 'Great Os'

12 noon - 4.00pm - Saint Fin Barre's National School Christmas Fair in the Cathedral Hall, Dean Street.

Face painting, crafts making, Christmas music, raffle, treats and coffee. Also good quality books, toys and holiday foods to take away. All proceeds in aid of school funds.

Entrance €10 per family or €5 per person.

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION - 9

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The service is introduced.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLISING THE PROPHETS

The Choir sings:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENCE

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**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 choir sings the **KYRIES**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY *is said*

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
Give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 122

1. I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
2. And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
3. Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
4. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
5. For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
7. 'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
8. For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
9. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

Sit for

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13: 11-14

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 - 15

The last verse of this hymn is sung after the Gospel

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24: 36-44

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

Sit for

THE SERMON

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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY - 5

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

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
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 when your Son Jesus Christ humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
So now we watch for the day,
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again 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.**

The Choir sing the

COMMUNION MOTET

Rorate coeli - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 - 1594)

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 16

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

God our deliverer,
awaken our hearts
to prepare the way for the advent of your Son,
that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,
we may serve you faithfully all our days;
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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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