



Saint Patrick's Day

Festival and Civic Choral Eucharist

Friday 17th March 2023
at 9.15am

Welcome to Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral

Musical Setting: Missa brevis in B flat (Little Organ) - *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

Bishop

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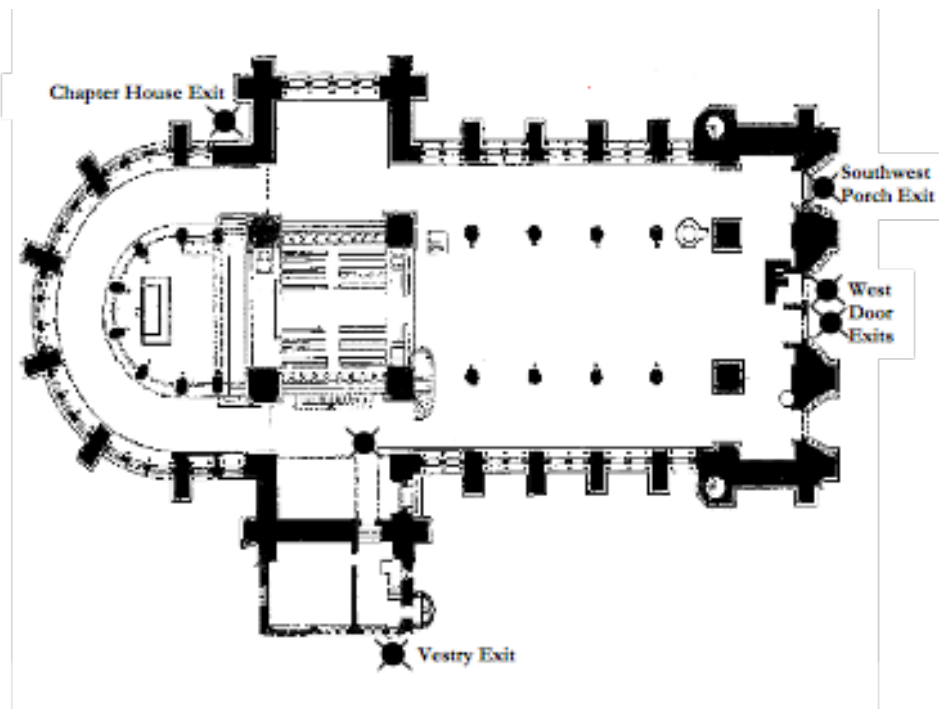
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*Please stand when the Lord Mayor and City Council enter the Cathedral
and are led to their seats by the Dean of Cork.*

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

God, whose city's sure foundation
stands upon his holy hill,
by his mighty inspiration
chose of old and chooseth still
men of every race and nation
his good pleasure to fulfil.

Here in Ireland through the ages,
while the Christian years went by,
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
strong to live and strong to die,
wrote their names upon the pages
of God's blessed company.

Some there were like lamps of learning
shining in a faithless night,
some on fire with love, and burning
with a flaming zeal for right,
some by simple goodness turning
souls from darkness unto light.

As we now with high thanksgiving
their triumphant names record,
grant that we, like them, believing
in the promise of thy word,
may, like them, in all good living,
praise and magnify the Lord.

C.A. Alington 1872-1955

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Bishop says appropriate words of welcome and introduction.

PENITENCE

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with Patrick, Brigid, Columba, Fin Barre and all the saints. Knowing our unworthiness and sin let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Lord God, you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and to one another,
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit through you we put to death the sins of the body and live.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Bishop pronounces

THE ABSOLUTION

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *is said*

Almighty God,
in your providence you chose your servant Patrick,
to be the apostle of the Irish people
to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error
to the true light and knowledge of your Word:
Grant that walking in that light
we may come at last to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE READING

Tobit 13: 1b-7

Then Tobit said: 'Blessed be God who lives for ever, because his kingdom lasts throughout all ages. For he afflicts, and he shows mercy; he leads down to Hades in the lowest regions of the earth, and he brings up from the great abyss, and there is nothing that can escape his hand. Acknowledge him before the nations, O children of Israel; for he has scattered you among them.

He has shown you his greatness even there. Exalt him in the presence of every living being, because he is our Lord and he is our God; he is our Father and he is God for ever. He will afflict you for your iniquities, but he will again show mercy on all of you.

He will gather you from all the nations among whom you have been scattered. If you turn to him with all your heart and with all your soul, to do what is true before him, then he will turn to you and will no longer hide his face from you. So now see what he has done for you; acknowledge him at the top of your voice. Bless the Lord of righteousness, and exalt the King of the ages. In the land of my exile I acknowledge him, and show his power and majesty to a nation of sinners: "Turn back, you sinners, and do what is right before him; perhaps he may look with favour upon you and show you mercy." As for me, I exalt my God, and my soul rejoices in the King of heaven.'

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and face the reader for the reading of

THE GOSPEL

John 4: 31-38

The Choir sings

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Behold a great priest who in his days pleased God.

There was not found the like to him, who kept the law of the Most High.

Alleluia!

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John, chapter four, beginning at verse thirty one.

All sing: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sit for
THE SERMON
The Bishop

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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Paul our bishop,
for the bishops and leaders of our sister churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President and all in authority in this land,
for the leaders of all nations, for peace in Ukraine
and all other places of ongoing conflict in the world.
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our city and county
and for all that builds up our common life together,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering,
for the lonely, addicted and destitute,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Saint Patrick, Saint Fin Barre and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, O Lord.

**Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer, and make us one in mind and heart
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Stand for

THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house,
and peace to all who are yours.

1 Samuel 25: 6

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

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

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in Jordan river;
his death on Cross for my salvation;
his bursting from the spiced tomb;
his riding up the heavenly way;
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea,
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*St Patrick 372-466
Tr Mrs C.F. Alexander 1818-95*

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Bread and Wine are laid on the High Altar

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Bishop takes the bread and wine into his hands and says

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

To this land you sent the glorious gospel
through the teaching of Saint Patrick.
You caused it to grow and flourish
in the life of your servant Saint Fin Barre
and in the lives of men and women
filled with your Holy Spirit,
building up your Church
to send forth the good news to other places.

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, and in 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

Mar a mhúin ár Slánaitheoir Críost dúinn,
tá sé de mhisneach againn a rá:

Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil,
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniú.
Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht,
agus an chumhacht, agus an ghlóir,
trí shaol na saol. Áiméan.

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 choir sings AGNUS DEI

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God,
who has taken away the sins of the world,
happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of all Christian traditions
are very welcome to receive the Sacrament*

The **COMMUNION MOTET** *is sung*

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori: Illi autem in pace.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died: but they are at peace.

– *Words: Wisdom 3: 1-3. Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

After Communion
THE GREAT SILENCE
for thanksgiving is kept

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

Athelstan Riley 1858-1945

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Bishop says:

Hear us, most merciful God,
for that part of the Church
which through your servant Patrick you planted in our land;
that it may hold fast the faith entrusted to the saints
and in the end bear much fruit to eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say:

**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

God, who in days of old gave to this land
the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon 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

Grand March from Aida – *Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)*

Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral Choir

The first mention of a choir in the Cathedral is in a manuscript dating to 1328 and in the 17th century the boy choristers were referred to as the '17th century were called *pueri symphonie*'.

The tradition continues to this day and there are eight Lay Vicars Choral (adult singers) who are remunerated for their singing. A new development brought about by the pandemic has been the development of the Junior Lay Vicars Choral, either boys whose voices broke during that time or girls who have 'moved up the ranks' since then.

In addition to their regular pattern of services and rehearsals (an average of two rehearsals and services for the girl and boy choristers per week and three services and one rehearsal per week) they have in recent years recorded a Christmas CD and a CD of anthems and motets, the latter of which includes the winning entry in the 150th Anniversary Composition Competition - a setting of the Evensong canticles *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by London based composer Nicholas O'Neill.

In recent years the choir has also featured on the RTÉ Today show, toured to Hamburg and Lübeck in Germany, and this year, the Lay Vicars joined Lichfield Cathedral Choir for their 1,350th diocesan anniversary celebrations and sang Choral Evensong in Coventry Cathedral. The full choir also give regular concerts in the Cathedral and around the Diocese.

The Cathedral's music department also runs the Diocesan Church Music Scheme which works in primary schools and parishes across the Diocese.

There are currently vacancies for boy and girl choristers. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming part of this ancient and living tradition please contact the Director of Music, Peter Stobart, who will be happy to discuss the details with you.

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