THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK, DUBLIN



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 3 May 2020

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! We welcome you in his name.



DAVID CONNOLLY In Memoriam

David Connolly was a former organ scholar of Maynooth College and Dublin's Pro-Cathedral as a student of Professor Gerard Gillen. He served as a member of the committee of Pipeworks, the Dublin Diocesan Advisory commission on church music and the Irish committee of the Royal School of Church Music, for which he was honorary secretary. From 2005 to 2007, he was director of the Maynooth University Chamber Choir and in 2009 he was appointed the first director of the NUI Maynooth Ladies' Choir. In 2006, he was appointed organist and director of music at St Michael's Church Dún Laoghaire where he was director of the international organ recital series.

He will be greatly missed, and we extend our sympathy to his family and many friends. *May he rest in peace*.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME

The Very Revd William Morton, Dean and Ordinary

INTROIT

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tangent illos tormentum malitiae. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

(The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them: In the eyes of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.)

Matthew Martin (b.1976)

The PRECES and RESPONSES Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 126

In convertendo.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy. Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice. Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south. They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM 127

Nisi Dominus.

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

PSALM 128

Beati omnes.

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house: thy children like the olive-branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy lifelong; Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

MAGNIFICAT

The Edington Service Grayston Ives (b.1948)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Edington Service Grayston Ives (b.1948)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES and RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT For Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heav'ns, a shining frame, their great original proclaim: Th'unwearied sun, from day to day, Does his creator's power display, and publishes to every land The work of an almighty hand. Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth Repeats the story of her birth: Whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets, in their turn, Confirm the tidings as they roll, and spread the truth from pole to pole. What though, in solemn silence, all Move round the dark terrestrial ball? What tho' nor real voice nor sound Amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice, For ever singing, as they shine, 'The hand that made us is divine.' The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course. Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words unto the ends of the world. O ye nights and days, o ye sun and moon, o ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. O all ye powers of the Lord, O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh to judge the world, and the people with his truth. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad. O sing unto the Lord a new song: O sing unto the Lord and praise his name for ever.

John Sanders (1933–2003)

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Toccata-Rondo In the Timbrels and Dances *Eoghan Desmdon*