THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK, DUBLIN



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

The Day of Pentecost 31 May 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart. Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of Both, to be but One, that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song: Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Latin, tr. John Cosin (1594–1672)

Mode viii

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME The Very Revd William Morton, Dean and Ordinary

The PRECES and RESPONSES Saint Patrick's Use

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 150

Laudate Dominum.

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him in the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord. 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

in B minor

Thomas Tertius Noble

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

in B minor Thomas Tertius Noble

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

Of one that is so fair and bright *velut maris stella* Brighter than the day is light *parens et puella* I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me tam pia That I may come to thee, *Maria*. All this world was forlorn *Eva peccatrice* Till our Lord was yborn *de te genetrice* With *Ave* it went away Darkest night - and comes the day *Salutis* The well springeth out of thee *Virtutis*. Lady, flower of everything *Rosa sine spina* Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's king *gratia divina*: Of all thou bearest the prize, Lady, queen of paradise *Electa* Maid mild, Mother *es effecta*.

Benjamin Britten (1913–76)

THE SERMON
The Very Revd N. Sloane
Chancellor

THE PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Pentecostal Themes David Leigh