THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK, DUBLIN



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

The Third Sunday of Easter 26 April 2020

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 119 vv 145-160

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I call with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes. Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust. Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in thy words. Hear my voice, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness: quicken me, according as thou art wont. They draw nigh that of malice persecute me: and are far from thy law. Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord: for all thy commandments are true. As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since: that thou hast grounded them for ever. O consider mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me: quicken me, according to thy word. Health is far from the ungodly: for they regard not thy statutes. Great is thy mercy, O Lord: quicken me, as thou art wont. Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me: yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies. It grieveth me when I see the transgressors: because they keep not thy law. Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments: O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness. Thy word is true from everlasting: all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore. 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^b Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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^b Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

William Sydney Grieg (1910–83)

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Concert Fantasia in D minor Robert Prescott Stewart (1825-94)