

THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH
OF SAINT PATRICK, DUBLIN



CHORAL EVENSONG
Sung by the Cathedral Choir

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
17 May 2020

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

INTRODUCTION *and* WELCOME

The Very Revd William Morton, Dean and Ordinary

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 61

Exaudi, Deus.

Hear my crying, O God: give ear unto my prayer. From the ends of the earth will I call unto thee: when my heart is in heaviness. O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy. I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings. For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires: and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name. Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations. He shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him. So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows. 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 G Percy Whitlock

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 G Percy Whitlock

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

Blessed city, heavenly 'Salem, vision dear of peace and love, who of living stones art builded in the height of heaven above, and by angel hands apparelled, as a bride dost earth-ward move; out of heaven from God descending, new and ready to be wed, to thy Lord, fair adorned, whose love espoused thee, shalt thou be led; All thy streets and all thy bulwarks of pure gold are fashionèd. Bright thy gates of pearl are shining; they are open evermore, and their well-earned rest attaining thither faithful souls do soar; who for Christ's dear Name in this world, pain and tribulation bore. Many a blow and biting sculpture polished well those stones elect, in their places now compacted by the heavenly Architect, nevermore to leave the temple which with them the Lord hath decked. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and binding all the fabric into one; holy Sion stands for ever by her trust in him alone. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, on exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody. In perpetual melody, God the One in Three extolling in glad hymns eternally. To this temple, where we call thee, come O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants, as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, forever with the blessèd to retain: And hereafter in thy glory, evermore with thee to reign. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run. Amen.

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THE SERMON.

The Revd P.R. Campion, B.A., B.Th., M.A., M.Phil.

Precentor

THE PRAYERS

THE HYMN

LONDONDERRY AIR



We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.
We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

June Barbara Boyce-Tillman (b.1943)

Irish Trad.

recorded in isolation by choristers past and present

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

An Improvisation on Easter Themes* – David Leigh

**Resurrexi, Victimae Pascali, Lumen Christi and Haec Dies*