

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland

CHORAL EUCHARIST

*celebrated at the National Cathedral
and Collegiate Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin*

*by The Most Reverend M. G. St A. Jackson
Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland; and Metropolitan*

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THE WELCOME

The Most Reverend F. J. McDowell
*Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland; and Metropolitan
from the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Armagh*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant introduces the CONFESSIO

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.**

GLORIA

Missa Sancti Kentigerni *John Hosking* (2013)

sung by the Lay Vicars of the National Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Dublin

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Filii unigenite Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus,
Iesu Christe cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*(Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace
to those of good will.*

*We praise you, we bless you,
We worship you, we glorify you.*

*We give thanks to you
for your great glory.*

*O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

O Lord the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

*O Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father,
you who take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.*

*You who take away the sins of the world
receive our prayer.*

*You who are seated at the Father's right hand,
have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,*

*You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.)*

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: Bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of this Synod; keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11: 1–10

read by Mrs Geraldine West

at the Cathedral Church of Saint Eunan, Raphoe

THE GRADUAL

O mysterium ineffabile! *Jean Baptiste François Lallouette (1651–1728)*
sung by the Choristers of the National Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Dublin

O mysterium ineffabile! O caritatis sacramentum admirabile! O bonitatis prodigium! O pietatis miraculum! O amor! O pietas, O epularum iucunditas, O convivarum felicitas!
(O ineffable mystery! O admirable sacrament of love! O prodigy of goodness! O miracle of faithfulness! O love, O faithfulness, O joy of the feast, O felicity of those feasting!)

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12: 1–12

read by The Very Reverend A. Williams Dean of Elphin and Ardagh

from the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary the Virgin and Saint John the Baptist, Sligo

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Thanks and Praise 134

from Christ Church Cathedral, Lisburn

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All your purposes, for your glory.
2. Teach us, O Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

Words and Music: *Keith Getty (b.1974), Stuart Townend (b.1963)*

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 10: 21–24

*read by The Very Reverend C. L. Peters Dean of Ross
from the Cathedral Church of Saint Fachtna, Roscarbery*

THE SERMON

Preacher: The Most Reverend P. L. Storey

Bishop of Meath and Kildare

from the Cathedral Church of Saint Brigid, Kildare

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Very Reverend W. W. Morton

Dean and Ordinary of the National Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Dublin

Each petition ends with this versicle and response

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Merciful Father,

**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace, and says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, according to whose promise the Holy Spirit came to dwell in us, making us your children, and giving us power to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. 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:

SANCTUS

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Sanctus Dominus, Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*(Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.)*

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

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread and says

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.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Celebrant receives Holy Communion

A short time of silence is observed

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Celebrant ends the silence with the Post Communion Prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, who from of old taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit;

Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with you to bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Church Hymnal 529

from the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Armagh

1. Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Thy people owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
2. Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They summoned all to hasten
And share the great King's feast;
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, earth restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
3. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.
4. Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave thy work undone;
With thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then, by all creation,
Thy Name shall be adored,
And this shall be our anthem:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: *Edward Plumptre (1821–91)* altered

Music: *Thornbury Basil Harwood (1859–1949)*

THE DISMISSAL

Stuart Nicholson (2020)

The Dean's Vicar and the Lay Vicars of the National Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Dublin

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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