

# CHORAL EVENSONG

*With Trinity College Chapel Choir*

College Chapel || St Patrick's College, Maynooth  
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## Trinity College Chapel Choir

There were several plans to establish a university in Dublin during the sixteenth century, but it was not until 1592 that these plans came to fruition. A royal charter dated 3 March 1591, old style, provided for the 'College of the most Holy and Undivided Trinity of the foundation of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin'. The site for the new university was to have been at Saint Patrick's Cathedral but the then Archbishop of Dublin, Adam Loftus, did not favour this plan and so a new site was chosen. The suppressed Augustinian priory of All Hallows became the home of the new university. Although this site is now considered to be right in the heart of the Dublin it was then about an half-mile to the east of the city walls; hence the qualification *iuxta Dublinia*.

The early history of the Chapel and its music remains obscure but by the middle of the seventeenth century there are records of the appointment of an organist to the college. The first regular choir in the College Chapel was established by Provost Francis Andrews in 1762. The present Chapel building was consecrated in 1798 just three years after the foundation of Saint Patrick's College Maynooth. Choral music in the College Chapel remained largely dependent on singers from Saint Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedral until the late 1960s, when it was decided that there should be an independent choral foundation in Trinity. Organ and Choral Scholarships were established and a mixed choir of about thirty voices was formed.

In addition to the regular choral services during each week of lecture term and various special College and University services, the Chapel Choir goes on an international trip every year and some of the music at evensong this evening has been performed by the choir in New York, Hong Kong and many countries in continental Europe.

### Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong has become an international 'hallmark' of the Anglican Church. The origins of this Service may be found in the ancient monastic offices. Archbishop Thomas Cramner conflated these older offices to provide just two daily liturgies at the reformation. While the monks had been singing offices many times each day, after the suppression of the monasteries by King Henry VIII, clergy who were no longer in religious orders celebrated the offices just twice a day: one in the morning (Mattins) and one in the evening (Evensong). In the case of Evensong, the canticle *Magnificat* is taken from the office of Vespers while the *Nunc Dimittis* comes from Compline. This 'new' office of Evensong was enshrined in the Book of Common Prayer which had its first manifestation in 1549 in the reign of King Edward VI. This prayer book has been part of the daily life of the Anglican Church since the reformation. The text used this evening is from the 1662 revision of the Prayer Book

after the Restoration of Charles II. This version was that which was used in the Church of Ireland until liturgical reforms in the late twentieth century. This 1662 version and it is still widely used as an alternative to modern language translation versions of Evensong.

The book of Common Prayer provides for the entire Psalter to be to be said or sung every month. The Psalter is divided into 30 days with Psalms 1 to 5 being sung at Mattins for Day 1 and by the end of the month Psalms 147 to 150 are sung at Evesong of Day 30. The psalm appointed for Evensong on Day 11 is Psalm 59. The translation of the Psalter used in the Book of Common Prayer is that of Myles Coverdale (1488 – 1569 Bishop of Exeter 1551–53). The readings at Evensong today are taken from the Authorised version of King James I (1611).

Trinity College Chapel Choir is delighted and honoured to share this ancient liturgy with you this evening as part of the celebrations of 225 years at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth.

### **A note on the music at evensong**

The Preces and Responses are sung to a setting by Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625). These responses were widely sung at the time of the foundation of Saint Patrick's College and are still commonly used. The psalm is sung to a chant in c minor by William Sydney Greig (1910–83). Greig was organist of Trinity College Chapel (1960–67) and organist of Saint Patrick's Cathedral (1960–76). He combined these posts with a busy teaching career. One of his pupils was Gerard Gillen, Professor of Music at Maynooth (1985–2007). The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* are sung to a setting by George Henry Phillips Hewson (1881–1972). Hewson was organist of Trinity College Chapel 1927– 1960 and Professor of Music at Trinity 1935–62. He was also organist of Saint Patrick's Cathedral 1920–60. Hewson was succeeded as organist of both Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College by his former assistant organist W. S. Greig in 1960. The anthem is a setting of words by George Herbert (1593–1633) *Let all the world in every corner sing* by W. S. Greig.

## Order of Service

The Introit sung from the entrance to the Chapel

### The Introit

John 14: 15-17

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the spirit of truth;*

George Jackson (b. 1987)  
*Conductor of Trinity College Chapel Choir 2008-09*

Please stand for the procession

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

## A GENERAL CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION or Remission of sins is pronounced by the priest alone.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

**Sentence of Scripture**

Joel 2:13

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

**Minister:** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**Answer:** And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

**Minister:** O God, make speed to save us.

**Answer:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Minister:** 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.

**Answer:** Praise ye the Lord.

Please Sit

*PSALM 59 Eripe me de inimicis.*

Deliver me from mine enemies, O God : defend me from them that rise up against me.

O deliver me from the wicked doers : and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

For lo, they lie waiting for my soul : the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault : arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen : and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

They go to and fro in the evening : they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

Behold, they curse with their mouth, and swords are in their lips : for who, say thee, doth hear?

But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision : and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

My strength will I ascribe unto thee : for thou art the God of my refuge.

God sheweth me his goodness plenteously : and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

Slay them not, lest my people forget it : but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our defence.

For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride : and why? their talking is of cursing and lies.

Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish : and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

And in the evening they will return : grin like a dog, and will go about the city.

They will run here and there for meat : and grudge if they be not satisfied.

As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning : for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing : for thou, O God art my refuge, and my merciful God.

Please Stand

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.

Please Sit

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 58:1-10**

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loosen the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day.

Please Stand

**The Magnificat**

**Luke 1:46–55**

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden. 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.

Please Sit

**THE SECOND LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Please Stand

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**

*Please Turn to face the Altar*

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.

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**Answer:** And with thy spirit.

**Minister:** Let us pray.

*Please Kneel*

**Minister:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Answer:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Minister:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Minister:** O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**Answer:** And grant us thy salvation.

**Minister:** O Lord, guide and defend our rulers.

**Answer:** And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

**Minister:** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**Answer:** And make thy chosen people joyful.

**Minister:** O Lord, save thy people.

**Answer:** And bless thine inheritance.

**Minister:** Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

**Minister:** O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**Answer:** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The First Collect

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Second Collect

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 Third Collect

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.**

Please Sit

## ANTHEM

W. S. Greig (1910–83)

George Herbert (1593–1633)

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
'My God and King!'  
The heav'ns are not too high,  
God's praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
God's praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
'My God and King!'

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
'My God and King!'  
The church with psalms must shout:  
no door can keep them out.  
But, more than all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in ev'ery corner sing,  
'My God and King!'

### Prayers

*Please Kneel*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who art the eternal Wisdom of the Father, we beseech thee to assist us with thy heavenly Grace, that we may be blessed in our studies this day, and above all things, may attain the knowledge of thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that, according to the example of thy most holy childhood, we may grow in wisdom and years and favour with God and Man. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them that continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who in days of old didst give to this land the benediction of thy holy Church and apostles to this land such as Patrick; Withdraw not, we pray thee, thy favour from us, but so correct what is amiss, and supply what is lacking, that we may more and more bring forth fruit to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE HYMN

All Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One; All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son, And to the Holy Spirit-- The perfect Trinity. Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

**(V1).** Christ is the world's Redeemer,  
The lover of the pure,  
The fount of heav'nly wisdom,  
Our trust and hope secure,  
The armour of His soldiers,  
The Lord of earth and sky;  
Our health while we are living,  
Our life when we shall die.

**(V2).** Christ has our host surrounded  
With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph And  
fire us for the fight.  
This Christ the cross ascended  
To save a world undone,  
And, suffering for the sinful,  
Our full redemption won.

**(V3).** All Glory to God the Father,  
The unbegotten One;  
All honor be to Jesus,  
His sole begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit —  
The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer:  
Amen! So let it be.

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Dominus vobiscum  
Et cum spiritu tuo  
Benedicamus Domino  
Deo gratias

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.