

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, ANNAHILT

**A SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LITANY**

**ON
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
29 MAY 2022
AT 10.00 AM**



**CONDUCTED BY THE RECTOR
THE REVd CANON ROBERT HOWARD**

HYMN CH 266

Hail the day that sees him rise, *alleluia!*
to his throne above the skies; *alleluia!*
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, *alleluia!*
enters now the highest heaven. *alleluia!*

There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates!
he has conquered death and sin;
take the King of glory in!

Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
following thee beyond the skies.

There we shall with thee remain,
partners of thine endless reign;
there thy face unclouded see,
find our heaven of heavens in thee.

The Rector introduces the Service and greets the congregation

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

‘Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith he professed’ *Hebrews 4: 14. 16*

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel

Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Rector pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Minister O Lord, open our lips:

People **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us:

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Minister Praise the Lord:

People **The Lord's name be praised.**

EASTER ANTHEMS TRADITIONAL CHANT 421

Christ our passover is | sacri • ficed | for us;
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,
Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of | malice • and |
wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread | of sin | cerity • and | truth.
Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no | more:
death hath no | more do | minion | over him.
For in that he died he died unto | sin | once:

but in that he liveth he | liveth | unto | God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin:
but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
Christ is | risen • from the | dead:
and become the first | fruits of | them that | slept.
For since by | man came | death:
by man came also the resur | rection | of the | dead.
For as in Adam | all | die:
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a | live.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be | ginning is | now: and shall be for | ever.
A- | men

PSALM 24 DOMINI EST TERRA CHANT 526

1 The earth is the Lord's, and all that | therein | is:
the compass of the world, and | they that | dwell there | in.

2 For he hath founded it up | on the | seas:
and pre | pared it up | on the | floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the | hill of the | Lord:
or who shall rise up | in his | holy | place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a | pure | heart:
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity * nor | sworn to de |
ceive his | neighbour.

5 He shall receive the | blessing from the | Lord:
and righteousness from the | God of | his salvation.

6 This is the generation of | them that | seek him:
even of them that seek thy | face, O | God of | Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye ever | lasting |
doors:

and the King of | glory shall come | in.

8 Who is the | King of | glory:

it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the | Lord | mighty in | battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye ever | lasting |
doors:

and the King of | glory | shall come | in.

10 Who is the | King of | glory:

even the Lord of hosts, | he is the | King of | glory.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son and | to the | Holy | Spirit :
As it was in the be | ginning is | now, and shall be for | ever,
A | men.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying* with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with* the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

CANTICLE

TE DEUM TRADITIONAL CHANT 13 & 14

Part 1

- 1 We praise | thee O | God,
we acknowledge | thee to | be the | Lord.
- 2 All the earth doth | worship | thee,
the | Father | ever|lasting.
- 3 To thee all angels cry aloud
the heavens and all the | powers there|in,
to thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tin·ual|ly do | cry,

- 4 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord | God · of Sa| baoth:
heaven and earth are full of the | majes·ty | of thy | glory.
- 5 The glorious company of the apostles | praise | thee;
the goodly fellowship of the | prophets | praise | thee.
- 6 The | noble | army _of | martyrs | praise | thee.
- 7 The | holy | Church
throughout all the world | doth ac|knowledge | thee;
- 8 The Father of an | infin·ite | majesty,
thine honourable, true, and only Son,
also the | Holy | Spirit · the | Comforter.

Part 2

- 9 Thou art the King of | glory · O | Christ.
Thou art the ever|lasting | Son of · the | Father.
- 10 When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver | man,
thou didst not ab|hor the | Virgin's | womb.
- 11 †When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness · of | death,
thou didst open the kingdom of | heaven · to | all be|lievers.
- 12 Thou sittest at the right | hand of | God,
in the | glory | of the | Father.
- 13 We be| lieve that | thou _ shalt | come to | be our | judge.
- 14 We therefore pray thee | help thy | servants,
whom thou hast re|deemed · with thy | precious | blood.
- 15 Make them to be numbered | with thy | saints
in | glory | ever|lasting.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 24 beginning at verse 44

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah* is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses* of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from

them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshipped him, and⁵³ returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

CANTICLE

GLORY AND HONOUR CHANT 78

- 1 Glory and | honour · and | power
are yours by | right O | Lord our | God.
- 2 For you cre|ated | all things
and by your | will they | have their | being.
- 3 Glory and | honour · and | power
are yours by | right O | Lamb · for us | slain;
- 4 For by your blood you ransomed | us for | God
from every race and language
from | every | people · and | nation.
- 5 To make us a | kingdom of | priests,
to stand and | serve be|fore our | God.
- 6 To him who sits on the throne and | to the | Lamb
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and | ever. | A|men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**

Kneel

Minister *Let us pray.*

Minister Lord have mercy

People **Christ have mercy**

Minister Lord have mercy

**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 versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen:
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people:
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we
give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from
falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us
to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN T&P 80

King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out to praise.

THE LITANY

The Rector says:
Let us pray in the word of the Litany.

Kneel or Sit

1

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

2

Save us, good Lord, from all sin and wickedness, from pride,
hypocrisy and conceit, from envy, hatred and malice, and all
uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed, from the lusts of the flesh,
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want,
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, from contempt of
your word and commandment, and from the evil of schism.
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy, in the hour of death, and
in the day of judgement,
save us, good Lord.

3

Save us, Lord Christ, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by
your birth, childhood and obedience, by your baptism, fasting and
temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work, by your mighty acts of power, and by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial, by your cross and passion, and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

4

FOR THE CHURCH

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and deacons, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR THE STATE

Guard and bless our rulers, especially Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Secretary of State Brandon Lewis and the Government, all MLAs, also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Government in the Republic, and grant that they may trust in you, and seek your honour and glory,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless our country, and give grace, wisdom and understanding to all in authority,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless the European Nations,
and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice in honesty and truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all who maintain peace and safety,
hear us, good Lord.

Give to all nations unity, peace and concord,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR ALL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

Strengthen the faithful, comfort and help the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and drive out all evil,
hear us, good Lord.

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress, protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel,
hear us, good Lord.

Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress,
hear us, good Lord.

Heal the sick, care for the old and lonely, and comfort the bereaved,
hear us, good Lord.

Remember the poor who long to hear good news: give us the will to strengthen them through acts of generous love,
hear us, good Lord.

Show your pity on victims of strife, on the homeless and the hungry, on prisoners, and on all who live in fear,
hear us, good Lord.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts,
hear us, good Lord.

Guide and direct all who influence others through the written or the spoken word, and inspire all who serve mankind in science, industry and art,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people,
hear us, good Lord.

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,
hear us, good Lord.

5

Saviour of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done, and left undone; grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may amend our lives according to your holy word, and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

HYMN CH 284

The golden gates are lifted up,
the doors are opened wide,
the King of glory is gone in
unto his Father's side.

Thou art gone up before us, Lord,
to make for us a place,
that we may be where now thou art,
and see thee face to face.

And ever on our earthly path
a gleam of glory lies;
a light still breaks behind the cloud
that veils thee from our eyes.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
let thy pure grace be given,
that, while we journey here below,
our treasure be in heaven:

that, where thou art at God's right hand,
our hope, our love may be:
dwell in us now, that we may dwell
for evermore in thee.

SERMON: THE RECTOR

HYMN CH 259

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Maranatha!¹ Come, Lord, come.

THE BLESSING

Christ our exalted King
pour on you his abundant gifts
make you faithful and strong to do his will
that you may reign with him in glory:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* Amen.

Notices

HYMN OLD ICH 149

Golden harps are sounding,
Angel voices sing,
Pearly gates are opened,
Opened for the King;
Christ, the King of glory,
Jesus, King of love,
Is gone up in triumph
To his throne above:

*All his work is ended,
Joyfully we sing,
Jesus hath ascended!
Glory to our King!*

He who came to save us,
He who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory
At his Father's side.
Never more to suffer,
Never more to die;
Jesus, King of glory,
Has gone up on high:

Praying for his children,
In that blessed place,
Calling them to glory;
Sending them his grace;
His bright home preparing,
Faithful ones for you;
Jesus ever liveth,
Ever loveth too:

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Please remain seated following this service
until advised by a Churchwarden**