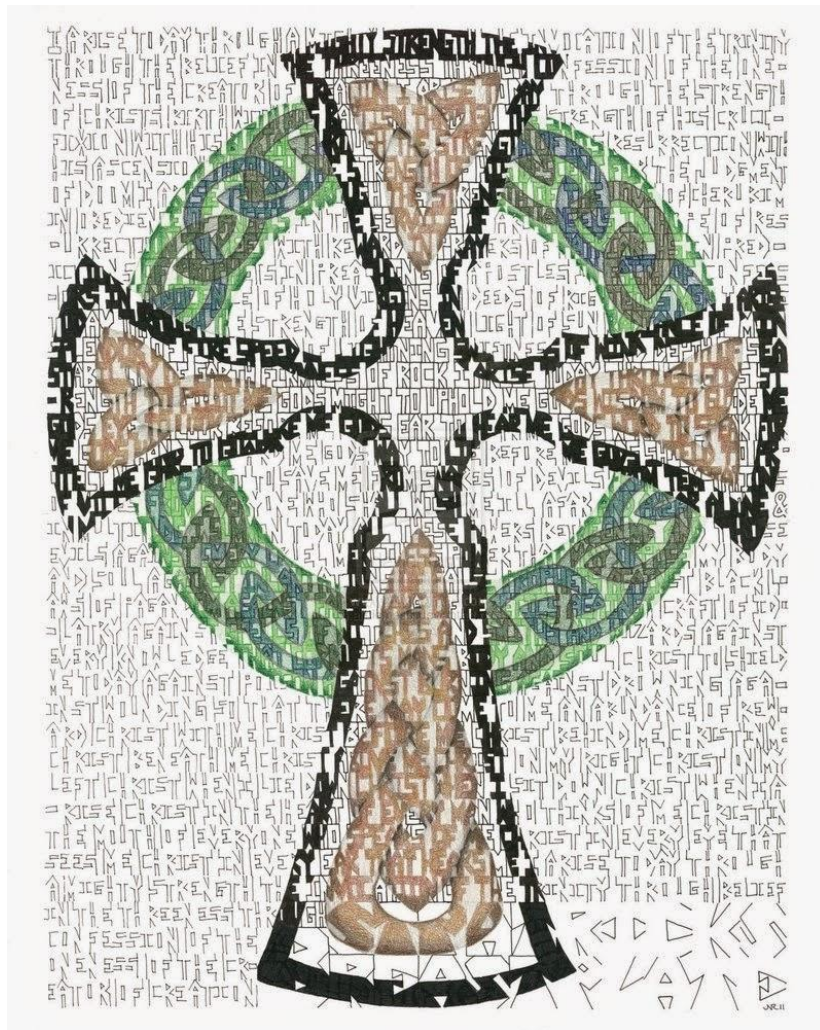


# THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW



## CHORAL EVENSONG THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK (TR.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



+We welcome you to the Cathedral of St. Andrew for this service of  
Choral Evensong +  
Grace and peace be with you

*Evensong is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress -- a conversation between God and humankind which began long before you were born and will go on long after your death. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For this brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.*

[from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, adapted]

Now in the stillness of this hour and the quiet of this space, we join in the conversation.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW - CHORAL EVENSONG

*The hymns for this evening are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack. Please join in the singing!*

**BAGPIPE PRELUDE**

Celtic Kula Pipe Band of Hawai'i

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Ar hyd y nos

Gerald Near

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Z. 15

Henry Purcell

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto thee.

*(Psalm 102:1)*

*Please stand.*

**IN PROCESSION**

Celtic Kula Pipe Band of Hawai'i

**OPENING SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

**THE PRECES** *Precentor and Choir.*

Philip Radcliffe

Ÿ: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Ŕ: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Ÿ: O God, make speed to save us.

Ŕ: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Ÿ: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Ŕ: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ÿ: Praise ye the Lord.

Ŕ: The Lord's Name be praised.

**HYMN** *The Hymnal 1982 #671* Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (v. 1)  
with Celtic Kula Pipe Band of Hawai'i

*New Britain*

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 97** *Sung by Choir.*

Nicholas Keone Lee

1 The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3 There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

*1662 BCP translation*

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 LESSONS

*All remain seated.*

### FIRST READING

*Matthew 28: 16-20*

*Lector* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

*Lector* Here endeth the Reading.

*All stand.*

**MAGNIFICAT** *Sung by Choir.*

Truro Service

Gabriel Jackson

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, forever.

*(Luke 1: 46-55)*

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 be seated.*

### SECOND READING

*Lector* A Reading from "The Cry of the Deer" from *Irish and Celtic Myths and Legends, Irish Folklore and Irish Fairy Tales from the Historical Cycle: Saint Patrick's Breastplate.*

The shifting shadows of pagan times held sway over Ireland when the High King was a man known as Laoghaire, famed for his merciless fury and great strength, and he sat upon the seat of the High Kings in Tara. But unknown to him, Saint Patrick had landed in a little boat at Colpe in the Boyne estuary, travelling to a place called Ferta fer Feic, or the burial place of the men of Fiacc, and was making his way towards the Hill of Tara.

It was at the beginning of the festival of Beltane and people had come from all corners of Ireland to join the festivities, so the druids had commanded that no fires were to be lit on that night, save only their own, which was to be lit by the king himself and no other. This was their ancient tradition and sacred rite, and it was enforced with terrible punishments!

But only a few miles away at the Hill of Slane, burial place of the great Fir Bolg King Sláine, who had cleared the forests so that Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth could be raised, Patrick had been told by the Holy Spirit that he was to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of Easter with a fire of his own, the holy Paschal fire!

Not being far off, Laoghaire and his druids couldn't believe their own eyes when they saw a fire lit on that day of days, before a spark had touched their own. Two of the druids then spoke of a prophecy they knew, and told Laoghaire

"If that fire which we now see be not extinguished tonight, it will never be extinguished, but will over-top all our fires: and he that has kindled it will overturn thy kingdom."

Well the king set out that very minute in great wrath, and bought with him nine other chariots. Through the gloaming night they rode, red sparks spitting from the iron rims of their wheels, horses frothing with the scent of their masters' rage upon them. They were intent on avenging their injured pride, and the druids smiled.

But when they reached the summit of Slane, the king dismounted and shouted for the interlopers to come forth, and that none of his men should rise from their place. Despite this, upon seeing the Saint, Erc son of Degeo rose up and saluted, which caused King Laoghaire to pause. They conferred and it was agreed that Saint Patrick and his men should visit Tara on the morrow, and away they went to their festival, as all the while the fires burned on Slane, where later was built a monastery.

The druids were beside themselves with rage and plotted an unpleasant surprise for Patrick when he travelled to Tara the following morning! A strong band of armed men of the sort who'd do anything for enough money were dispatched through a druid-mist to kill the Saint and his company as they went, but the Saint raised a prayer and when the bandits beheld them, they saw nothing but deer followed by a faun.

And so Patrick was held safe, and went on to be given permission to preach throughout Ireland! The prayer is known as The Deer's Cry, or the Breastplate of Saint Patrick, and was in the form of a lorica, which is a prayer for protection, where the petitioner invokes all the power of God as a safeguard against evil in its many forms....

*Lector* Here endeth the Reading.

*All stand.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Sung by Choir.*

Truro Service

Gabriel Jackson

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.

*(Luke 2: 29-32)*

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** *All.*

**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 RESPONSES** *Precentor and Choir.*

Philip Radcliffe

**Ÿ:** The Lord be with you.

**Ŕ:** And with thy spirit.

**Ÿ:** Let us pray.

℞: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. 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.

℣: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

℞: And grant us thy salvation.

℣: O Lord, save the State.

℞: 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 COLLECTS

Almighty God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of thee: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. *Amen.*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

#### **ANTHEM**

#### The Deer's Cry

Arvo Pärt

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in me, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me,  
Christ with me.

*(text from "St. Patrick's Breastplate")*

A SHORT READING OF ST. PATRICK'S BIOGRAPHY *Sung by all.*

*The Hymnal 1982 #370*

I bind this day to me for ever (vv. 1, 5, 6)

*St. Patrick's Breastplate*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

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 our selves 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 Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER *An Irish Blessing.*

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*IN PROCESSION* *The Hymnal 1982 #488*

Be thou my vision

*Slane*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

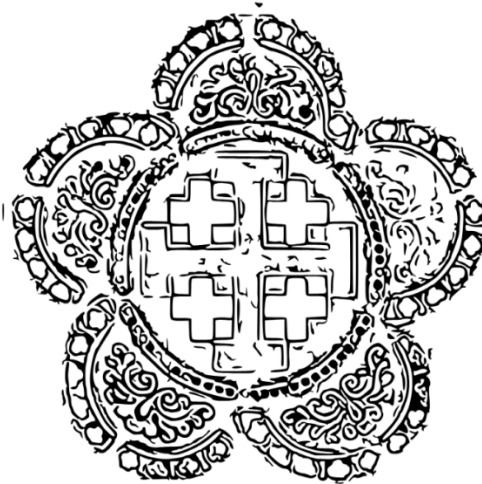
*ORGAN POSTLUDE* "Great" Fugue in G minor, BWV 542a

J.S. Bach



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