

# Saint Patrick's College Maynooth



Solemn Vespers  
with  
The Sisters of Mercy

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

## The College Chapel

The College Chapel, built in fourteenth century French Gothic style, is the heart of the College and the finest of all its buildings. Built with the support of the Irish people, it took twenty-eight years to complete. The theme of the decoration of the Chapel is the praise of God.

The Chapel is the largest and finest choir chapel in the world, having 454 carved oak stalls. These stalls face across the chapel facilitating the public celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, one side answering the other. Behind the stalls, oak panelling on the walls is carved with the coats of arms of the dioceses of Ireland.

The ceiling is decorated with medallions of angels and saints. Another particularly interesting feature of the Chapel is the very colourful set of Stations of the Cross, which are painted on canvas. The windows are of Irish and German stained glass. Some 11,000 priests have been ordained in the chapel for ministry in Ireland and all over the world.



## Introduction

Celebrant                      All

O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

## Evening Prayer Hymn

Praise my soul the King of  
 heaven, to his feet your tribute bring.  
 Ransomed, healed, restored,  
 forgiven,  
 who am I his praise to sing?  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
 to our fathers in distress;  
 praise him still the same forever,  
 slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
 well our feeble frame he knows;  
 in his hands he gently bears us,  
 rescues us from all our foes.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
 you behold him face to face;  
 sun and moon bow down before  
 him,  
 ev'ry thing in time and space.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

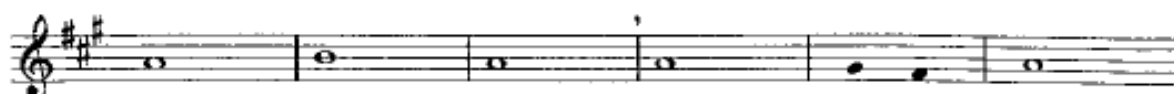
## Psalmody

### Antiphon 1:

*The Choir intones the Antiphon, which is repeated at the end of the Psalm.*



*This Psalm is sung to the two-line tone below, which is intoned by the Choir and is taken up then by the Choirs side of the Chapel, then by the opposite side, and continues to alternate from side to side:*



### Psalm 113

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people.  
To the childless wife he gives a home  
and gladdens her heart with children.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son / and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. *Repeat Antiphon 1*

## Antiphon 2:

*The Choir intones the Antiphon, which is repeated at the end of the Psalm.*



*This Psalm is sung to this four-line tone, alternating between Choir and Congregation:*



## Psalm 118 (119)

Your word is a lamp for my steps  
and a light for my path.  
I have sworn and have made up my mind  
to obey your decrees.

Lord, I am deeply afflicted;  
by your word give me life.  
Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips  
and teach me your decrees.

Though I carry my life in my hands,  
I remember your law.  
Though the wicked try to ensnare me,  
I do not stray from your precepts.

Your will is my heritage for ever,  
the joy of my heart.  
I set myself to carry out your statutes  
in fullness, for ever.

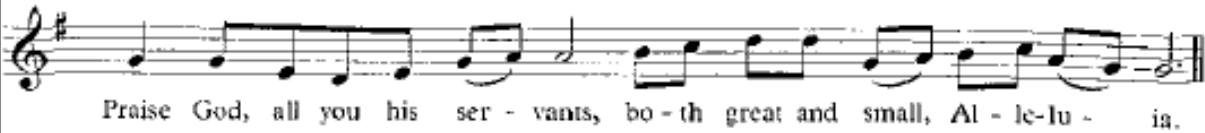
Glory be to the Father and to the Son / and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

*Repeat Antiphon 2*

### Antiphon 3:

*The Choir intones the Antiphon, which is repeated at the end of the Psalm.*



*The Canticle verses are sung by the Choir. The Congregation respond with 'Alleluia' as follows:*

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|--|------------------------|
| ✠ Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, | 1℞ Alleluia!           |
| ✠ his judgements are true and just.                | 2℞ Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| ✠ Praise our God, all you his servants,            | 1℞ Alleluia!           |
| ✠ you who fear him, small and great.               | 2℞ Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| ✠ The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns,          | 1℞ Alleluia!           |
| ✠ let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. | 2℞ Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| ✠ The marriage of the Lamb has come,               | 1℞ Alleluia!           |
| ✠ and his bride has made herself ready.            | 2℞ Alleluia, Alleluia! |
| ✠ Praise the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,      | 1℞ Alleluia!           |
| ✠ forever, for ages unending.                      | 2℞ Alleluia, Alleluia! |

*Repeat Antiphon 3*

## Scripture Reading

## Short Responsory



From the ris-ing of the sun to its set-ting, great is the na-me of the Lord.

C: From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.

℞: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.**

C: High above the heavens is His glory. ℞

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. ℞

### Magnificat Antiphon:

*The Choir intone the Antiphon and the Magnificat, which is sung by all.*



The Lord has come to help us, his ser-vants; he has re-mem-bered his mer-cy.

### Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her  
lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me  
blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Give praise to the Father Almighty;  
To His Son Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;  
Both now and forever. Amen.

*Repeat Magnificat Antiphon*

## Intercessions

R: Lord hear our prayer.

### The Lord's Prayer:



Ár nAthair a-tá ar neamh, go naofar tAinm, go dtaga do  
riocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an dtalamh mar a ní — thear ar  
neamh. Ár n-arán lae — thiúil tabhair dúinn in-niu, agus maith dúinn ár  
bhfa — cha, mar mhaithimid d'ár bhféi-chiúna féin. A's ná lig sinn i gca-  
thú, ach saor sinn ó olc.

### Concluding Prayer



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