

St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow

The Archdiocese of Glasgow
The Rite of Election
And
The Rite of recognition and call to
continuing conversion



First Sunday of Lent
17th February 2012.

Choir: O Bone Jesu (Palestrina)
Lead me, Lord
Jesu Rex admirabilis (Palestrina)
Father, give us thy grace (Handel)

Firmly I believe and truly God is Three, and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely, Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration, For the love of Him alone,
Holy Church as His creation, And her teachings are His own.

And I take with joy whatever Now besets me, pain or fear,
And with a strong will I sever All the ties which bind me here.

Adoration aye be given, With and through the angelic host,
To the God of earth and Heaven, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Introit

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Antiphon

He will call to me, and I shall
an - swer with free - dom and ho - nour and length of days.
* choir parts double organ here
He will call to me. he will call to me.

Choir: He will call to me and I shall answer
With freedom and honour and length of days.
He will call to me. He will call to me.
All: He will call to me and I shall answer

Choir: All you, sheltered by the Most High,
Who live in Almighty God's shadow,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust."
All: He will call to me

Choir: God will free you from hunter's snares,
will save you from deadly plague,
will cover you like a nesting bird.
God's wings will shelter you.
All: He will call to me and I shall answer

If needed we continue with:

You alone are holy, and you alone are Lord,
and you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

You alone are holy, and you alone are Lord,
and you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame,
in your justice rescue me, free me, pay heed to me and save me.

You alone are holy, and you alone are Lord,
and you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-17 (You are the Christ, the Son of the living God).

Homily

Celebration of Election

The designated priest speaks to the Archbishop who replies:

Those who are to be chosen in Christ, come forward, together with your Godparents.

As their names are called the Catechumens come forward with their sponsors and stand before the Archbishop. The Archbishop then seeks the affirmation of the Godparents and the Assembly:

Archbishop: God's Holy Church wishes to know whether these catechumens are sufficiently prepared to be enrolled among the elect for the coming celebration of Easter. And so I speak first of all to you their Godparents.

Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Godparents: They have.

Archbishop: Have they responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence?

Godparents: They have.

Archbishop: Have they shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer?

Godparents: They have.

Archbishop: And I now speak to you, my brothers and sisters in this assembly: Are you ready to support the testimony expressed about these catechumens and include them in your prayer and affection as we move towards Easter?

All: We are.

The Archbishop then addresses the catechumens, He finishes this address with a question:

Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist?

Catechumens: We do.

Archbishop: Then offer your names for enrolment.

One by one the catechumens sign their names in the Book of the Elect, and they move to a place on the sanctuary.

All join in singing

A Canticle from the Letter to the **Ephesians** (tune: Christ be beside me)

We bless the God and Father of Jesus
for he has blessed us freely in Christ.
He chose to lavish spiritual blessings
from highest heaven. All this through Christ.

Long before founding all of creation,
God made his plan and chose us in Christ,
that we be holy, blameless and loving,
children adopted. All this through Christ.

God's will is always that we might love him,
source of all graces, witnessed in Christ;
love manifested, gift of redemption,
pardon for sinners. All this through Christ.

Out of his wisdom God chose to tell us
his loving purpose set forth in Christ:
Time has its fullness, God and creation
will be united. All this through Christ.

If needed

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I
Have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Act of Election:

Archbishop: I now declare you to be members of the elect, to
be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter
Vigil.

Newly-Elect: Thanks be to God.

*The Archbishop then addresses the elect and their
Godparents, after which they return to their places.*

Lord, you have come to the seashore neither searching for
the rich nor the wise desiring only that I should follow.

O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling,

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CELEBRATION OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

*The designated priest once again speaks to the Archbishop asking
him to recognise the candidates for full Communion with the
Catholic Church. The Archbishop responds:*

Those who desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the
Church, come forward, together with your sponsors.

*As their names are called the candidates come forward with their
sponsors to a place on the Sanctuary. The Archbishop then seeks
the affirmation of the Sponsors and the Assembly:*

The Christian life and the demands which flow from the sacraments cannot be taken lightly. Therefore, before granting these candidates their request to share fully in the Church's sacraments, it is important that the Church hear the testimony of their sponsors about their readiness. Have they faithfully listened to the apostles' instruction proclaimed by the Church?

Sponsors: They have.

Archbishop: *Have they come to a deeper appreciation of their baptism, in which they were joined to Christ and his Church?*

Sponsors: They have.

Archbishop: Have they reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?

Sponsors: They have.

Archbishop: Have they advanced in a life of love and service of others?

Sponsors: They have

Archbishop: And I now speak to you, my brothers and sisters in this assembly:
Are you ready to support the testimony expressed about these candidates and include them in your prayer and affection as we move towards Easter?

All: We are.

Act of Recognition

Archbishop: The Church recognises your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of

repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.

Candidates: Thanks be to God.

The Archbishop then addresses the candidates and their sponsors, after which they return to their places with their sponsors.

We Believe in God



We___ be - lieve in God, the Fa - ther. We___ be - lieve in
We___ be - lieve that God has spo - ken in___ our Sav - iour,
We___ a - dore and bless the Fa - ther. We___ a - dore and

God, the Son. We___ be - lieve in God, the Spi - rit:
Je - sus Christ. He___ has sent his Ho - ly Spi - rit,
bless the Son. We___ a - dore and bless the Spi - rit:

One___ in Three, yet Three in One. One___ in Three yet Three in One.
call - ing us to share_ his life, call - ing us to share_ his life.
One___ in Three, yet Three in One. One___ in Three, yet Three in One.

The Intercessions:

During the Intercessions, Godparents and/or Sponsors are asked to place their right hand on the shoulder of the newly Elect / the Candidate as a sign of their continuing care.

Response after each intercession:

God our Father, hear our prayer: **your kingdom come**

Prayer over the Elect and the Candidates

Dismissal

The Canticle of Ezechiel

Hear me my people, I will call you back home
from the nations and countries in which you now roam;
the place where I'll lead you is where you'll be free,
for you are my chosen, your God I shall be.

Hear me, my people, I will sprinkle you all
with fresh water to cleanse you from sin and its thrall;
each falsehood and idol I'll teach you to see;
for you are my chosen; your God I shall be.

Hear me, my people, feel the new heart I give
the new spirit and guidance for how you might live;
a heart made of flesh, not of stone, is the key;
for you are my chosen; your God I shall be.

Hear me, my people, choose to walk in my way,
to observe my commandment, respect what I say
my promise I'll honour if you will agree,
for you are my chosen; your God I shall be.

Hear me, my people, you will prosper and grow,
no more famine or hardship in all that you sow;
your homes and your cities will flourish in me,
for you are my chosen - your God I shall be.

Hear me, my people, I'll redeem you from guilt,
ev'ry fault will be made good, each ruin rebuilt;
the world all around you my action will see,
for you are my chosen - your God I shall be.

choir anthem : Come Holy Ghost (Gibbons)

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