



## A Living Cloud Of Irish Witnesses – Hymns For The Saints Of Ireland

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The saints of the dioceses of Ireland form a luminous thread woven through the life and memory of the Church. Their names-preserved in the Irish Book of Common Prayer (2004) and honoured in local tradition-stand within a lineage shaped by careful scholarship and pastoral devotion. From Bishop George Otto Simms's early gathering of Irish commemorations, through the expanded work of the Rev Brian Mayne and the liturgical richness offered by the Rev Canon Michael Kennedy, the story of Irish Christianity continues to be told through those who carried the Gospel across our island and far beyond it. This new collection of 41 hymns stands within that same tradition. Written over several years and now brought together for the first time, these texts arise from a deep love for the ancient saints of Ireland-men and women whose courage, creativity, and missionary zeal helped shape Christian communities at home and throughout Europe. Their landscapes remain our landscapes; their wells still spring clear; their stories continue to echo in our own longings for holiness, justice, and compassion. These hymns are offered in gratitude for the saints who shaped our dioceses, in hope for the Church that continues their work today, and in trust that their witness still inspires faith in the twenty-first century.

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