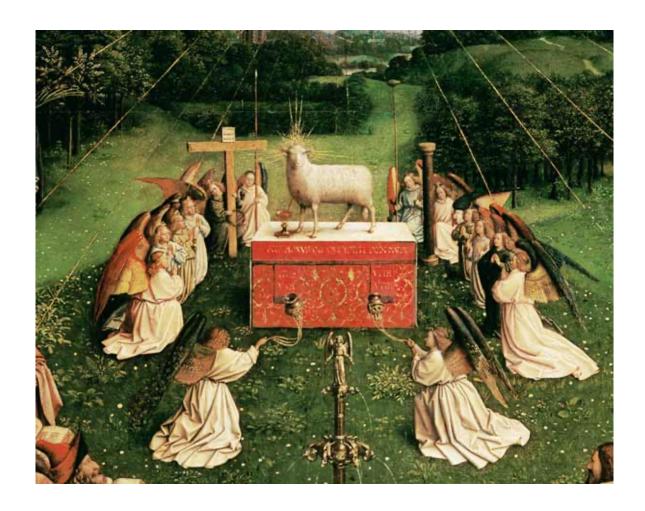


# Easter Eve



# The Solemn Mass of the Paschal Vigil

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7pm

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Gavin Gilchrist, Honorary Assistant Priest

#### Welcome

Welcome to the greatest and most important service of the year: the Easter Vigil. Please join in all the parts that are marked in **bold print** to say or sing together.

At the time of Communion being received, we welcome all those who have themselves been baptized and confirmed or admitted to communion, to receive. Please follow the direction of the stewards. If you haven't been baptized, or don't receive communion, you may approach the priest, bow your head and ask for a blessing – otherwise, please remain in your seats. Please keep silence during this important and holy moment, so that others around you may pray in peace.

Please do not receive from the chalice if you are feeling at all unwell, have or are recovering from Covid in the last few days or have any mouth ulcers or broken lips. Please do not 'intinct' the host (that is, dip it in the chalice).



There is a **loop system** and those who wish to make use of this should turn their hearing aids to "T"



Please make sure that your mobile phone is switched off.



Before mass begins, you are asked to keep **silence**, remembering that you have come into the presence of God, whom we worship.



Lavatories can be found in the cloister just outside the Hall for gentlemen, or for ladies, through the double doors at the rear of the hall.



Facilities for **Baby Changing** can be found in the larger lavatory just in the narthex of the Hall



We can reclaim tax on donations given in the yellow 'Gift Aid' envelopes. Please complete to help us to receive this extra vital income. Thank you!



Whilst the wearing of face coverings is not required, you are welcome to do so if you wish. Please do be aware of the needs of others around you – and respect those who wish to maintain their own personal space.

Jean Langlais

#### Music at this mass:

Organ Voluntary:

Psalm: Ps 136 Anthony Gray

Incantation pour un Jour Saints

Psalm: Ps 16 Christopher Rathbone
Canticle: Exodus 15 Sarah MacDonald
Psalm: Psalm 42 Anthony Gray
Mass Setting: Mass in G
Communion Motet: Victimae Paschali Laudes Jacques Revert

## The Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil

All gather outside, the new fire is lit and the servers and clergy stand near it.

► In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord:
If we honour the memory of his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we may be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God

#### The blessing of the new fire

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world.

Make this new fire holy ♣ and inflame us with new hope.

Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The marking of the paschal candle

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.

Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.** 

## The lighting of the candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The candle is taken into the building. The one bearing the candle raises it and sings three times:

Christ our light.

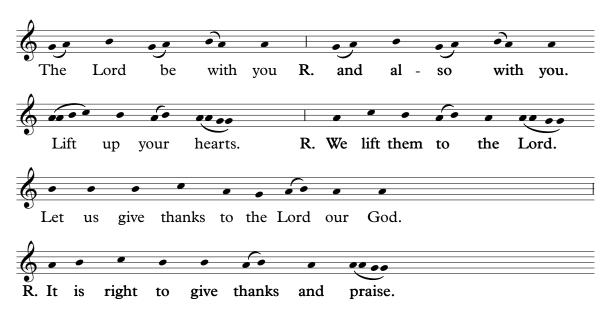
Thanks be to God.

#### The Exultet

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.



It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our lord, his son, his only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness. These, then, are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the lamb, the one true lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.

O wonder of your humble care for us!

O love, O charity beyond all telling,

to ransom a slave you gave away your son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,

destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. Therefore, O lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the morning star: the one morning star who never sets, Christ your son, who, coming back from death's domain,

has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and, in the fullness of time sent his own Son to be our Redeemer. Through this Easter celebration, may God bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,

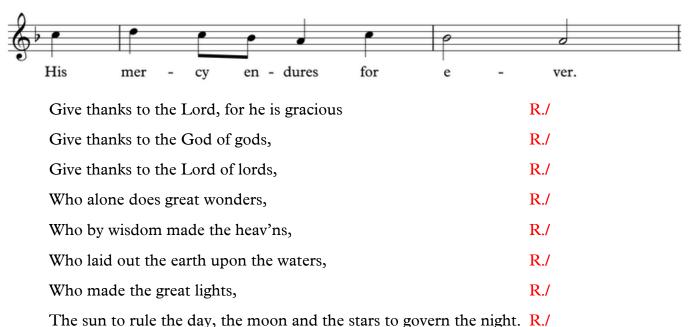
in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

## The First Psalm Ps 136



Silence is kept, then all rise with the priest who sings the prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works, may those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvellous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### The Second Reading

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### The second Psalm

Ps 16



Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;

I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, all my good depends on you'.

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

Upon those who are noble in heart.

**R.**/

I have set the Lord always before me; He is at my right hand; I shall not fall. Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; My flesh also shall rest secure.

**R.**/

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
Nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy
And in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

R./

#### Silence is kept, then all rise with the priest who sings the prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal Mystery make your servant Abraham father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Third Reading

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

#### A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

At the end of the reading the canticle begins immediately:

The Canticle Exodus 15



I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my might, he has become my salvation;

This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;

His picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

R./

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty, you overthrew your adversaries;

You sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,

The floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

R./

Silence is kept, then all rise with the priest who sings the prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day, for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

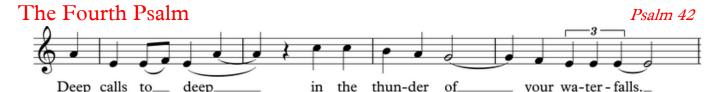
## The Fourth Reading

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.



As the deer longs for the water brooks,

So longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is a-thirst for God, even for the living God;

When shall I come before the presence of God?

**R.**/

My tears have been my bread day and night,

While all day long they say to me, 'Where is now thy God?'

Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:

How I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God, with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day.

R./

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,

And why are you so disquieted within me?

O put you trust in God;

For I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance and my God. R./

#### Silence is kept, then all rise with the priest who sings the prayer:

Let us pray.

O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### All remain standing.

#### The Gloria

The Gloria is intoned and a fanfare is sounded. The bells ring out and the church candles are lit. The choir sing:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

## The Opening Prayer

Let us pray that the light of Christ may dispel the darkness of sin from our hearts.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and for ever.

Amen.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel Acclamation

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are the Christ ever-lasting, born for us all of a Virgin You have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers! Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

The Lord be with you And also with you

► Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### The Homily

#### The Litany of Saints

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God, the almighty Father, to bless our font, that those reborn in it may be made one with his adopted children in Christ.

Kyrie eleison Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Christe eleison Kvrie eleison Kyrie eleison Holy Mary, mother of God Pray for us S Michael Pray for us Holy angels of God Pray for us S John the Baptist Pray for us S Joseph Pray for us Ss Peter and Paul Pray for us Pray for us S Andrew S John Pray for us S Mary Magdalene Pray for us Pray for us S Stephen S Wilfrid Pray for us S Ignatius Pray for us Pray for us S Lawrence Ss Perpetua and Felicity Pray for us Pray for us S Agnes S Gregory Pray for us S Augustine Pray for us S Athansius Pray for us S Basil Pray for us S Martin Pray for us S Matthew Pray for us S Benedict Pray for us Ss Francis and Dominic Pray for us S Francis Xavier Pray for us S John Vianney Pray for us S Catherine Pray for us S Theresa Pray for us Pray for us S Thomas of Canterbury S Bartholomew Pray for us S Chad Pray for us S David Pray for us Pray for us S Alban S Hilda Pray for us All holy men and women Pray for us Lord be merciful Lord, save your people From all evil Lord, save your people Lord, save your people From every sin From everlasting death Lord, save your people By your coming as man
By your death and rising to new life
Be merciful to us sinners
Give grace to those chosen ones
by the grace of baptism
By your grace, bless this font
where your children will be reborn
Jesus, Son of the living God
Christ, hear us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Lord, save your people Lord, save your people Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, hear our prayer Lord, hear our prayer Christ, hear us Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

## The Blessing of the Font and the Baptismal Waters

O God who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect... ...rise to the life of new-born children through water and the Holy Spirit.

#### The Priest lowers the Easter Candle into the water, singing:

May the power the Holy Spirit, O Lord we pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font.

#### Holding the Easter Candle in the waters, he continues:

So that all who have been buried with Christ into death May rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan? I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

I do.

Amen.

This is the faith of the Church
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day

When the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The priest then sprinkles all present with Holy Water as a sign of their baptism as we sing:

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us, Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.

All you who thirst, come to the waters And you will never be thirsty again.

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us, Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb, slain for sinners, you are risen from the dead and shed upon us the glorious light of your resurrection.

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church and grant us the peace and unity of the Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### The Offertory Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour First-begotten from the dead, Thou alone, our strong defender, Liftest up thy people's head. Alleluia, Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we, Here in loving reverence bow; Here for Faith's discernment pray we, Lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluia, Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished Once for all when thou wast slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain, Alleluia, Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluia, Risen, ascended, glorified!

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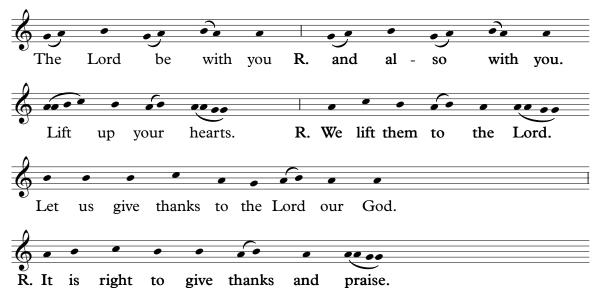
## The Prayer over the gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that this our sacrifice, which is both yours and mine may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Accept, we ask, O Lord, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal mysteries may, by the working of your power, bring us to the healing of eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer



#### The Principal Celebrant sings the Easter preface, then the choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Principal Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Principal Celebrant sings the doxology which concludes:

.....for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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 Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

#### The Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are invited to share in the paschal banquet of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you: but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

The people come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Those who do not receive communion are asked to remain in their seats.

## The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray
Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness,
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us
may raise us to eternal joy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#### The Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord be with you And also with you

May Almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

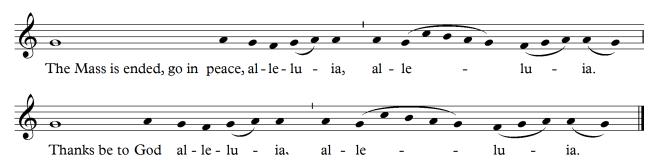
Amen.

Through the resurrection of his Son, God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life. **Amen**.

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you, ★ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



## The Final Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who didst once upon the Cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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The clergy and servers move to the image of Our Lady. You are invited to go to stand with them.

## The Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia. He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia. As he promised, has arisen, alleluia, Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ has brought joy to the whole world. Grant that by the intercession of his Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary we may come to share the joy of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### The Voluntary

You are welcome to remain in your seats to listen to the voluntary if you wish.

If leaving, please do so quietly.

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