

# THE GREAT VIGIL AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER



April 19, 2025

*half past eight in the evening*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, 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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*All light their candles from the Paschal Candle, sharing the light of Christ with one another. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand, the deacon censes it, and a Cantor sings the Exsultet, the Church's ancient proclamation of Easter.*

### THE EXSULTET *Exsultet jam angelica*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendour, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light.

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Cantor continues*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people. Now therefore, we sacrifice our Paschal feast, in which for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose blood his faithful people are made holy.

This is the night, when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son. How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined, and we are reconciled with God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees your creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All A-men.

## THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

THE STORY OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1–2:4

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

PSALM 33:1–11 *Exultate, justi*

recto tono

- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;  
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp;  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new song;  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is right,  
and all his works are sure.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to pass;  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

THE COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After these things God tested Abraham . . .

PSALM 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

plainsong

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord,  
“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- <sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

#### THE COLLECT

God and Father of all who believe in you, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through the death and resurrection of Christ you fulfil that promise; everywhere throughout the world you increase your chosen people. May we respond to your call by joyfully accepting your invitation to the new life of grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back . . .

THE SONG OF MOSES     *Cantemus Domino*

plainsong

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;  
     the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
 The Lord is my strength and my refuge;  
     the Lord has become my Saviour.  
 This is my God and I will praise him,  
     the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
 The Lord is a mighty warrior;  
     Yahweh is his Name.  
 The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;  
     the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
 The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;  
     they sank into the depths like a stone.  
 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;  
     your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
 Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?  
     who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
     awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
 You stretched forth your right hand;  
     the earth swallowed them up.  
 With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;  
     with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
 You will bring them in and plant them  
     on the mount of your possession,  
 The resting place you have made for yourself, O Lord,  
     the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
 The Lord shall reign  
     for ever and for ever.

THE COLLECT

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord . . .

PSALM 51:8–18 *Miserere mei, Deus*

plainsong

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The hand of the Lord came upon me . . .

PSALM 126 *In convertendo*

James Turlle (1802–1882)

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with shouts of joy.
- <sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

### THE BAPTISMAL LITANY

On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those who will receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own Baptismal vows.



*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring us to the fulness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows three lines of musical notation on a five-line staff. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' with notes and rests corresponding to the text. The second line contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and the third line contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and accents.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Celebrant* *People*  
A-men.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The 'Celebrant' part consists of four notes (G4, A4, Bb4, G4) with a slur. The 'People' part consists of four notes (G4, A4, Bb4, G4) with a slur. The text 'A-men.' is written below the notes.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Sicut cervus* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

*Please remain standing, as you are able. During the anthem, the congregation is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of our baptismal vows.*

## THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

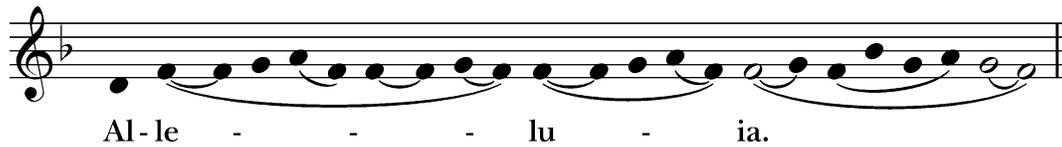
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GREAT ALLELUIA

*All stand and sing the Alleluia, following the Cantor. The Alleluia is sung three times, at successively higher pitches.*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1–12

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

*The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom (c. 349–407)* The Rev. Dr. Terry Shields Dirbas

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the radiant splendour of this most holy night, let us pray to the God whose mighty deeds we have seen in the deliverance of God's people through the resurrection of Jesus Christ saying:

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church, we pray especially for Anne, our Acting Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our Archbishop, and the people of God throughout the world, that we may be signs of Christ's light, for all who have lived in darkness; of hope, for all who know pain and suffering; and of love, for all who have been rejected.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, gathered to eat and drink with the Risen Lord, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbour.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the newly baptized, that they may always keep the light of Christ burning in their lives.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who live in places of war, violence and unrest, that with all God's people they may live in freedom and safety.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (especially . . .); that they may encounter the Risen Lord who brings hope and healing.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, (especially . . .); that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection.

Alleluia! **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Alleluia! **To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

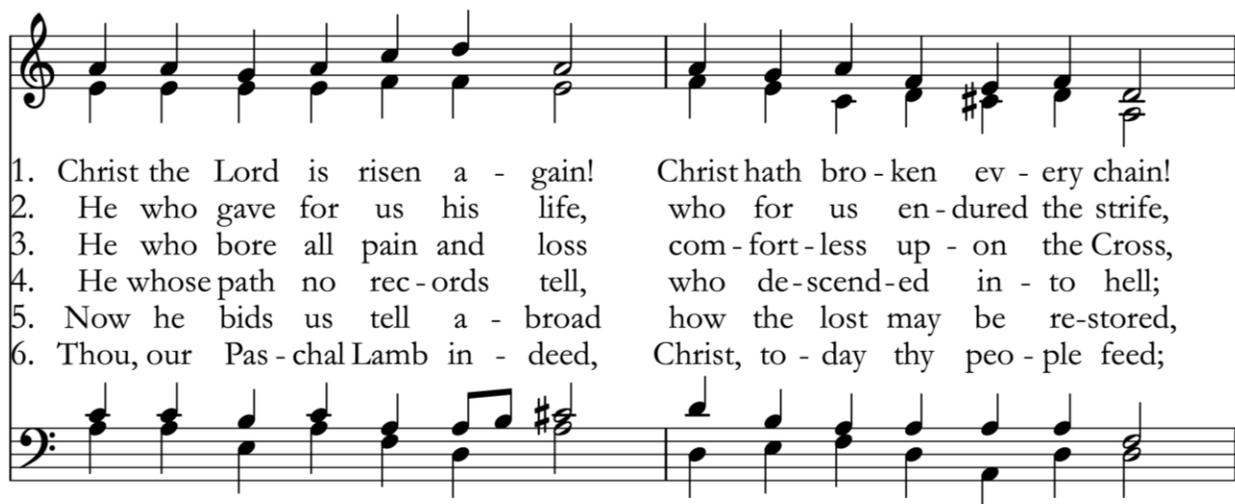
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.*

THE OFFERTORY

*As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.*





1. Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ hath bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
 2. He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
 3. He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the Cross,  
 4. He whose path no rec - ords tell, who de - scend - ed in - to hell;  
 5. Now he bids us tell a - broad how the lost may be re - stored,  
 6. Thou, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed, Christ, to - day thy peo - ple feed;



Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,  
 is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day!  
 lives in glo - ry now on high,  
 who the strong man armed hath bound,  
 how the pen - i - tent for - given,  
 take our sins and guilt a - way,



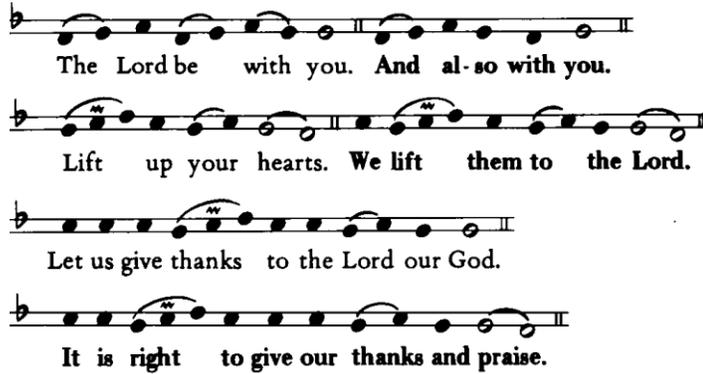
sing - ing ev - er - more on high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We too sing for joy, and say Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pleads for us, and hears our cry. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now in high - est heaven is crowned. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 how we too may en - ter heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 that we all may sing for ay, Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Herbert Howells

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

#### *The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

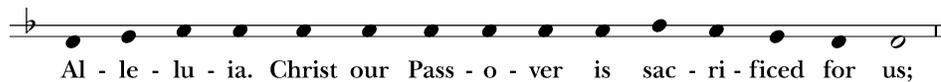
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

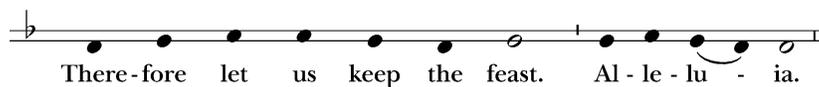
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*



*The People respond*



## AGNUS DEI

Herbert Howells

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*If ye be risen again with Christ*

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

If ye be risen again with Christ, seek those things which are above,  
where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.  
Set your affection on heavenly things, and not on earthly things.  
For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.  
Whosoever Christ, which is our life, shall show himself,  
then shall we also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1–4

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

## THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ our heaven - ly King,  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love;

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave,  
 now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE DISMISSAL

Let go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY *Allegro vivace*, Symphony No.5, Op.42/1 C.M. Widor (1844–1937)



**The flowers on the Altar and throughout the  
Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in  
Celebration of the risen Christ, and**



With gratitude for all our blessings, from the Potter family.

To the glory of God, and in memory of our parents,  
Howard and Laura Smith, and Reinhold and Alice Firus.

For Sam and Tom Dezell, Ana and Luke Baldwin and Ewan and Ellie Baldwin,  
from Michael and Jennifer Dezell.

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving and remembrance of my parents  
Charles N. Woodward and Rosemary Jukes Devlin.

In thanksgiving for my SJS family, and in memory of family and friends,  
particularly Bob & Olivia, and Summer, from Karin Fulcher.

In loving memory of Jim McPherson. We miss you, the family.

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