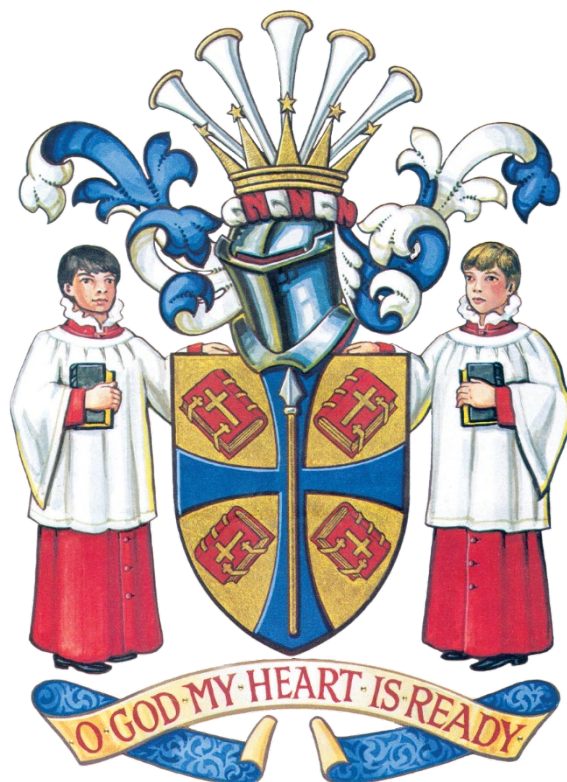


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## THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

*The Procession arrives at the doors of the church. The Celebrant knocks on the door signaling the beginning of the Liturgy. The People stand and face the Narthex, where the New Fire has been kindled.*

*The Celebrant says*

**D**EAR Friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, through thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The Celebrant marks a Cross into the Paschal Candle and then outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega – and the numerals of the current year, saying:*

**C**HRIST yesterday and today.  
The Beginning and the End.  
Alpha and Omega.  
His are the times and ages.  
To him be glory and dominion  
through all the ages of eternity. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant inserts five grains of incense, saying:*

**T**HROUGH his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ the Lord  
guard and preserve us. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle saying:*

May the light of Christ gloriously rising scatter the darkness of heart and mind.

### THE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT

*The Deacon, bearing the Paschal Candle, leads the procession into the dark church to the chancel, pausing three times and singing*



*At the second and third time, the Versicle and Response is sung successively higher in pitch.*



*Candles which have been distributed to the People are lighted during this Procession of Light.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand and honored with incense.*

*The People remain standing for the ancient chant Exsultet – the Proclamation of the Resurrection.*

**The People keep their candles lit until after the Gospel Reading.**

THE EXSULTET

Plainsong

**R**EJOICE 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 splendor, for darkness hath been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let thy holy courts in radiant light resound with the praises of thy people. All ye who stand near this marvelous holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with him, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do." The notation uses a simple line with dots for notes and a vertical line for the bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**I**T is very meet and right, at all times and in all places, with our whole heart and mind and voice that we should praise thee, the Invisible, Almighty and Eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the Feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and delivered by his Blood thy faithful people.

**T**HIS is the night, when thou didst bring our fathers, 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 shadow of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

**T**HIS 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 thy mercy and loving kindness to us: that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son. O happy fault: O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer! How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined, and man is reconciled to God.

**H**OLY Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in thine honor. Though its light is divided into many parts, it shineth undimmed, for it is fed by melting wax wrought by the bee thy servant. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who giveth his light to all creation.



**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us thy servants, and all thy faithful family, with thy continual grace; that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the festival of our redemption; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says*

**L**ET 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 People sit.*

### The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-27

Plainsong (Tone V<sup>3</sup>)

#### CONFITEMINI

**O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.  
O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever;  
The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who remembered us when we were in trouble: for his mercy endureth for ever;  
And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.  
O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

*A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.*

#### 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.**

### The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13



PSALM 46:1-7

Plainsong (Tone VIII<sup>5</sup>)

DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

**G**OD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.*

COLLECT

**A**Lmighty God, thou hast placed in the skies the sign of thy covenant with all living things:  
Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to thee our  
sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Israel's Deliverance from the Red Sea**  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

CANTICLE

Plainsong (Tone IV<sup>4</sup>)

CANTEMUS DOMINO

**I** WILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:  
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.  
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

*A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.*

COLLECT

**O** GOD, whose wonderful deeds of old shineth forth even to our own day,  
thou deliverest by the power of thy mighty arm thy 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A New Heart and a New Spirit**  
Ezekiel 36:24-28



PSALM 42:1-7

Plainsong (Tone III<sup>4</sup>)

QUEMADMODUM

**L**IKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?  
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself :  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;  
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among such as keep holy-day.  
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?  
Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

*A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.*

COLLECT

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Valley of Dry Bones**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14

PSALM 143:1-6

Plainsong (Tone VII<sup>1</sup>)

DOMINE, EXAUDTI

**H**EAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :  
hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.  
And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.  
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground :  
he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.  
Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.  
Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :  
yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.  
I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

*A period of silence is kept, following which all stand for the Collect.*

COLLECT

**O** GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence,  
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which  
were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were  
made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





## HOLY BAPTISM

*The Paschal Candle is taken from its stand to the Baptismal Font. The People remain standing.*

ANTIPHON

Plainsong (Mode II)

**O**MNES qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis.  
Afferte Domino, filii Dei: afferte Domino filios arietum.  
Afferte Domino gloriam et honorem, afferte Domino gloriam nomini ejus:  
adorate Dominum in atrio sancto ejus.

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.  
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.*

*Galatians 3:27 and Psalm 29:1-2*

*At the Font, the Celebrant says*

**D**EAR Friends, through the Paschal mystery, 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, as we receive our dear brothers and sisters into his holy Catholic Church by Baptism.

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The People sit.*

#### Adults and Older Children

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors*

*Sponsor* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*The Candidate responds*

I do.



## Infants and Younger Children

*The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*The Parents and Godparents respond*

I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant says*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*The Parents and Godparents respond*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Answer* I do.

***The People stand*** and the Celebrant addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.



## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

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

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Send them into the world in witness to thy love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.



**Minister** Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant** Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spi - rit.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

**W**E thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it thou leddest the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it thy 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 thee, 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 thy 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, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, *[this is repeated three times as the Paschal Candle is dipped into the water, then the Celebrant breathes the Greek letter Ψ (Psi) over the water]* that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE BAPTISM

*Each Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the Candidate, saying:*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



## THE ANOINTING WITH THE HOLY CHRISM

*The Celebrant prays over the newly baptized, saying*

**H**EAVENLY Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sins, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant places his hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with the Holy Chrism and saying to each one*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

*A candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the newly baptized or their parents. A Minister says*

**R**ECEIVE the light of Christ, so that when the bridegroom comes you may go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the grace of your Baptism. **Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

*The Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

*All remain standing as the Procession moves to the High Altar, the Celebrant sprinkling people with water from the font.*

*Litanist* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *People* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *Litanist* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Litanist* O Christ\_ hear\_ us. *People* O Christ, gra - cious - ly hear\_ us.

*Litanist* O God, the Father of hea - ven, *People* have mer - cy up - on us.



O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost,  
*have mercy upon us.*

Holy Trinity, one God,  
*have mercy upon us.*



Holy Mother of God,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Virgin or Virgins,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Michael,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Gabriel,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Raphael,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,  
*pray for us.*

Holy John the Baptist,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Joseph,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Peter,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Paul,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Andrew,  
*pray for us.*

Holy John,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Thomas,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Stephen,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Lawrence,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Vincent,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Martyrs,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Sylvester,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Gregory,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Augustine,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Doctors,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Antony,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Benedict,  
*pray for us.*



Holy Dominic,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Francis,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Priests and Levites,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Mary Magdalene,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Agnes,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Cecilia,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Agatha,  
*pray for us.*

Holy Anastasia,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy Virgins and Widows,  
*pray for us.*

All ye holy men and women,  
Saints of God,  
*intercede for us.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SETTING

Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant proclaims*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The People shout*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The organ is played, and the bells are rung by the Choir and people  
during the first and last verse of the following hymn.*

*The Altar candles are lit, and the Altar is honored with incense.*



HYMN

EASTER HYMN

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

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

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

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

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!*, #207 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

*Subdeacon*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

THE GREAT ALLELUIA

*The People stand.*

*The Alleluia is sung three times by the Cantor, at successively higher pitches, the Congregation repeating it each time.*



THE EASTER SEQUENCE

*Sung by the Choir*  
*[indicates verse played on the organ]*

Plainsong  
arr. Andrew Reid  
(b. 1971)

**V**ICTIMAE paschali laudes  
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:  
Christus innocens Patri  
reconciliavit peccatores.

*[Mors et vita duello  
confluxere mirando:  
dux vitae mortuus,  
regnat vivus.]*

Dic nobis Maria,  
quid vidisti in via?

*[Sepulcrum Christi viventis,  
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:]*

Christians, to the Paschal victim  
offer your thankful praises!

A lamb the sheep redeemeth:  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended  
in that combat stupendous:  
the Prince of life, who died,  
reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring  
what thou sawest, wayfaring:

'The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
the glory of Jesus' resurrection;



Angelicos testes,  
sudarium, et vestes.

[*Surrexit Christus spes mea:  
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.*]

Scimus Chistum surrexisse  
a mortuis vere:  
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.  
[Amen. Alleluia.]

bright angels attesting,  
the shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he will go before you.'

Christ indeed from death is risen,  
our new life obtaining;  
have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Deacon

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



People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.



People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HYMN

STRAF MICH NICHT



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide  
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond-age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PEACE

*The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words*

**T**HE risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

*John 20:19-20*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Sung by the Choir*

*Paul Lindsley Thomas  
(1929-2021)*

**A**LLELUIA! Come see the place where  
Jesus lay, And hear angelic voices say,  
"He lives, who once was slain:  
Why seek the living midst the dead?  
Remember how the Saviour said  
That he would rise again!"

O joyful sound! O glorious hour,  
When by his own almighty power  
He rose and left the grave!  
Now let our songs his triumph tell,  
Who burst the bonds of death and hell,  
And ever lives to save.

The first-begotten of the dead,  
For us he rose, our glorious Head,  
Immortal life to bring;  
What though the saints like him shall die,  
They share our leader's victory  
And triumph with their king.

No more they tremble at the grave,  
For Jesus will their spirits save,  
And raise their slumbering dust.  
O risen Lord, in thee we live,  
To thee our ransomed souls we give,  
To thee our bodies trust, Alleluia.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.



*The Celebrant continues*

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,  
and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of  
the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again  
hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory,  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

**A**LL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy,  
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient  
sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his  
holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice,  
until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,  
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body,  
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,  
saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you,  
and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before  
thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son  
hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks  
for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

**A**ND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty  
goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and  
creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's  
holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.



**A**ND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**B**Y whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*The People respond* AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.*

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion in-person)*

**I** BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;  
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.  
Never permit me to be separated from thee!  
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I  
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.*

*Please assist the ministers by taking the chalice with both hands.*

*You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.*

## AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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



ANTHEM

Antiphon

Benjamin Britten  
(1913-1976)

**P**RAISED be the God of Love,  
Here below and here above,  
Who hath dealt his mercies so  
To his friend and to his foe:  
That both grace and glory tend  
Us of old and us in th'end.  
The great shepherd of the fold  
Us did make for us was sold.  
He our foes in pieces brake,  
Him we touch and Him we take.  
Wherefore since that he is such,  
We adore and we do crouch.  
Lord, thy praises should be more,  
We have none and we no store.  
Praised be the God alone,  
Who hath made of two folds one.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People pray*

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting  
kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we  
may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to  
walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor  
and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING

**M**AY 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.**

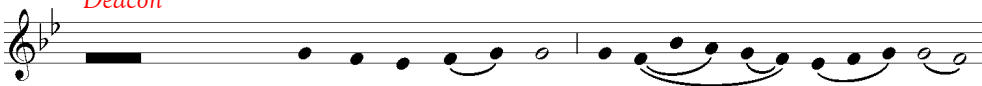
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting  
freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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



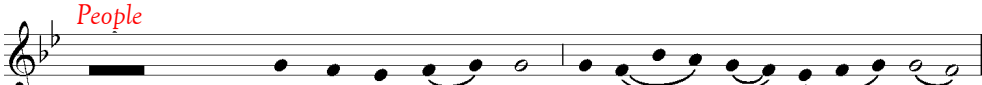
THE EASTER DISMISSAL

*Deacon*



Go, in the peace of Christ,, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HYMN

ST. ALBINUS



1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus  
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall  
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O  
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry  
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us  
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Jesus lives! thy terrors now*, #194 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769);  
tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: St. Albinus, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

VOLUNTARY

Choral-Improvisation sur le “Victimae Paschali Laudes”

Charles Tournemire  
(1870-1939)





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**JOIN US TOMORROW ~ EASTER DAY, APRIL 20**

**8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Procession, Solemn Eucharist, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys with Saint Thomas Brass*

*Preachers: 8 a.m. The Rector*

*11 a.m. Dean McGowan*

**2:15 p.m. An Eastertide Prelude to Evensong**

*Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*

**3 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Easter Procession**

*sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys*

**SERVICES IN EASTER WEEK**

**The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits**

**Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)**

**Monday – Saturday at 12 p.m.**

*Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

**The Daily Eucharist**

**Monday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m.**

*Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

**Please send your requests for prayers** *via the website [click here](#)*

*or emailed to: [prayer@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:prayer@saintthomaschurch.org)*

**Confessions, Spiritual Advice and Healing Ministry** *in the Resurrection Chapel*

**Saturday 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Church. Confessor: Fr. Morris**

## PARISH NOTICES

**Children and Family Ministries:** Sunday School (5-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet Sundays at 10am! Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) and Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am – 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact [Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org).

“Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness.” **The Zoom Bible Study Group** has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle’s structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we’ll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle’s author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm. Contact Fr. Schultz ([Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org)) to join. *Note: We will not meet Easter Week, April 25.*

**The Noble Singers**, our parish children’s choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact [RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org](mailto:RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org).

**Contemplative Prayer** takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taizé Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at [Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org). *Note: We will not meet Easter Week, April 25.*

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the

month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

**The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program**, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: [Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org](mailto:Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org).

### VISITING PREACHERS IN EASTERTIDE



On Sunday, April 27, we have a very special visitor; our preacher at the 11am mass will be the **Most Rev. Thabo C. Makgoba** KStJ, Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, who is also going to speak at the Annual Church Club of New York Dinner on May 1.

On Sunday, May 11, we welcome **The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin**, Bishop Suffragan of New York who will baptize, confirm, and receive new members of our Parish Family. There will be one sung service in the morning at 10am sung by the Choir of men and Boys and the Noble Singers. There will be a Parish Brunch and tickets will be available to purchase after Easter.

Then, on Sunday, May 18, we welcome a good friend of our Parish, the **Very Rev. David Monteith**, Dean of Canterbury, to be our preacher at 11am.



