

Christ our Passover
Solemn Liturgical Observance
of the Paschal Triduum
The Easter Vigil



The Three Marys at the Empty Sepulchre, Giovanni Battista Gaulli, c. 1684
The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

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Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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Celebrant: Fr. Nathan Humphrey
Deacon & Homilist: Fr. James Shire
Readers: Elizabeth Aaltonen, Matthew Aggus,
Kevin Blagrove & Lorne Swan
Organist & Choirmaster: Elizabeth Anderson
Assistant Organist & Choirmaster: Manuel Piazza

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa Prima, Leonardi Lechneri (1553-1606)

I. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT & EXULTET

The People stand, as in the darkness fire is kindled and blessed. With traditional ceremony the Paschal Candle is prepared and lighted, at the end of which the Celebrant exclaims:

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

The Deacon lifts high the Paschal Candle, and moving through the church, pauses three times to sing, the People genuflecting at the response.



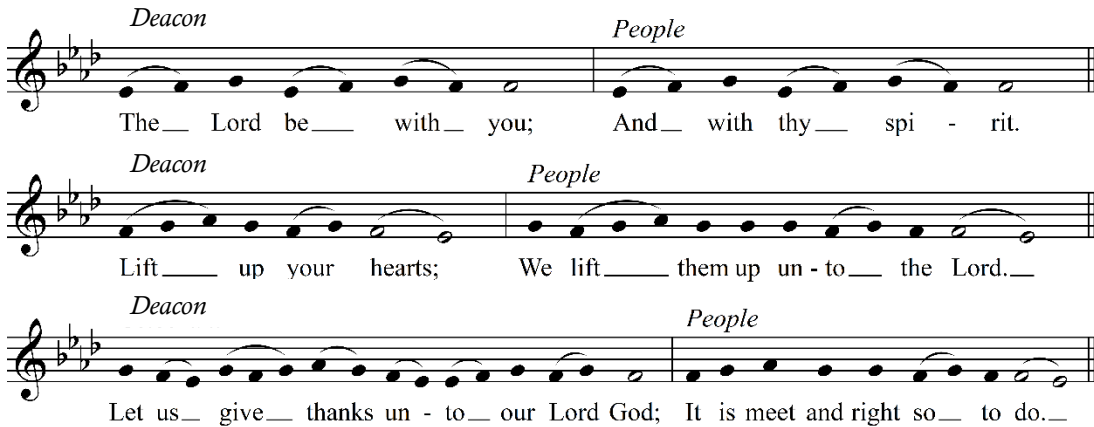
The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Light is passed from person to person throughout the church. The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand in the midst of the Crossing. The Deacon censes the Paschal Candle. In the darkness, this ancient prayer is chanted, all standing.

Rejoice now, all ye heavenly legions of Angels: all high things that pass understanding: for the King that cometh with victory, let the trumpet proclaim salvation.

Sing with joy, O earth, illumined with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God, thy glory, believe and know thou hast put away the darkness of all mankind.

So likewise let our Mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with the praises of his people.



The musical score consists of three stanzas, each with two parts: Deacon and People. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Deacon: The Lord be with you; People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts; People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Deacon: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet and right, that with the service of our lips we should glorify and should praise with heart and soul God the Invisible and Almighty and likewise his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt of Adam's transgression and with his dear Blood wiped away the reproach of our former offences.

Now therefore we sacrifice our Passover, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood the doors of his faithful people are made holy.

The night has come, wherein, when our fathers, the children of Israel, we led forth out of Egypt, thou dividest the sea and madest them to pass over as on dry land.

Yea, the night is come, that with the fiery pillar hath purged away the darkness of our condemnation.

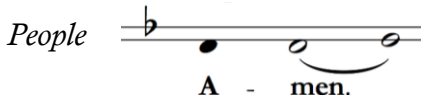
The night is come, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all the earth, delivered from this naughty world and out of the shadow of death, are renewed unto grace, and are made partakers of eternal life.

The night is come, wherein the bonds of death were loosed and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph.

How wonderful then, O God, is thy loving kindness unto us thy children! Behold what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us: who to redeem a slave, delivered up his only Son!

The mystery therefore of this holy night putteth to flight the deeds of darkness, purgeth away sin: restoreth innocence to the fallen, and gladness unto them that mourn.

Therefore accept, O holy Father, the evening sacrifice of this burning candle. May the daystar find it burning when he dawneth into day. The daystar that riseth and knoweth not his going down. Even the same Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer: who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end.



The People sit.

Please extinguish your candles and listen to the lessons in darkness, joining in the Psalms as able.

II. VIGIL READINGS

The Celebrant introduces the readings:

Brothers and sisters, my siblings in Christ: Let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people in ages past, and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration, God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

“THE CREATION”

Genesis 1 — 2.4a

PSALM 136.1-9, 23-26

V. 3.



- Cantor* 1 O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is **gra**-cious :
People for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of **all** gods :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 3 O thank the Lord of **all** lords : for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- People* 4 Who only doeth great **won**-ders : for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the **hea**-vens :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- People* 6 Who laid out the earth above the **wa**-ters :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 7 Who hath made great **lights** : for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- People* 8 The sun to rule the **day** : for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 9 The moon and the stars to govern the **nigh**t :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- People* 23 Who remember-ed us when we were in **trou**-ble :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 24 And hath deliver-ed us from our **en**-e²mies :
for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- People* 25 Who giveth food to **all** flesh : for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.
- Cantor* 26 O give thanks unto the God of **hea**-ven :
People for his mercy endur-**eth** for ev-er.

Silence, followed by prayer; all stand when the Celebrant stands, then sit for the lesson.

‘THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC’

Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

PSALM 16.6, 9-12

I. 1.



Cantor 6 THE LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of **my** cup :
People thou **shalt** main-täin my[^]lot.

9 I have set the Lord always be-**fore** me :
for He is on my right hand, there-**fore** I shäll not[^]fall.

Cantor 10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-**joic**-eth :
my flesh also shall **dw**ell in säfe-ty.

People 11 For why? thou wilt not leave my soul **to** hell :
neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to **see** cor-rüp-tion.

Silence, followed by prayer; all stand when the Celebrant stands, then sit for the lesson.

‘THE EXODUS’

Exodus 14.10 —15.1a

THE SONG OF MOSES

Exodus 15.1b-6, 11-13, 17-18

I. 1.



Cantor 1 I WILL sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumph-ed glo-**rious**-ly :
People the horse and the rider hath he **th**rown in-tö the[^] sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and my söng, and he is become my sal-**va**-tion :
he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God,
and I **will** ex-ält him.

Cantor 3 The Lord is a man **of** war : the **Lord** is his name

People 4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into **the** sea :
his chosen captains also are drown-ed **in** the Röd Sea.

Cantor 5 The depths have cover-**ed** them : they sank into the **bot**-tom äs a[^]stone.

People 6 Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious **in** power : thy right hand,
O Lord, hath dash-ed in pie-**ces** the ön-e[^]my.

Cantor 11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among **the** gods? : who is like thee,
glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, **do**-ing wönd-ers?

People 12 Thou stretchedst out thy **right** hand : the earth **swal**-low-ëd them.

Cantor 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast re-**deem**-ed :
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy **ha**-bi-tä-tion.

People 17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine
inhe-**ri**-tance : in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to
dwell in; in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands
have es-täb-lish-ed.

Cantor 18 The Lord **shall** reign :

People for ev-**er** and ëv-er.

Silence, followed by prayer; all stand when the Celebrant stands, then sit for the lesson.

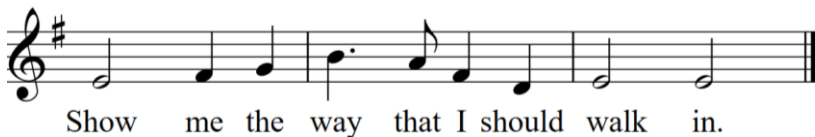
‘THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES’

Ezekiel 37.1-14

PSALM 143

The Choir sings the Refrain, which is repeated by the People. The Choir then sings the verses, and all repeat the Refrain where indicated.

Refrain



Choir 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my de-sire :
hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

Choir 2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant :
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Choir 3 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.

Choir 4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me :
and my heart within me is desolate.

People *Refrain.*

- Choir* 5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works :
yea, I meditate upon the works of thy hands.
- Choir* 6 I spread forth my hands unto thee :
my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
- Choir* 7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not
thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
- Choir* 8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in thee is my
trust : show thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my
soul un-to thee.

People *Refrain.*

- Choir* 9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies :
for I flee unto thee to hide me.
- Choir* 10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God :
let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
- Choir* 11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : and in thy righteousness
bring my soul out of trouble.
- Choir* 12 And of thy goodness cut off mine enemies : and destroy all them
that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

People *Refrain.*

*Silence, followed by prayer; all stand when the Celebrant stands and sit for the Motet as the
People's hand candles are re-lit.*

MOTET 'Sicut cervus desiderat,' Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

(Ps 42.1)

III. CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The People remain sitting until the Celebrant invites the People to stand at the Baptismal Covenant following the Presentation and Examination of the Candidate.

Celebrant

Dearly beloved, 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 our Catechumen and his Sponsor, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to stand and make the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Candidate, along with his Sponsor, take their place at the Crossing.

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Ben Donald Whitehouse to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Ben, have you been already baptized, or not?

Answer No.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized and received into the Church of Christ?

Answer That is my desire.

Celebrant Why do you so desire?

Answer That I may be a member of Christ, the child of God,
and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

The Celebrant then asks these questions, to which the Candidate responds.

Question Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them all.

Question Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them all.

Question Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them all.

Question Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Dost thou put thy whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Dost thou promise to follow and obey him as thy Lord?

Answer I do.

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

People **We will.**

Celebrant Dearly beloved, let us stand and join with this person who is now committing himself to Christ Jesus.

The People stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

Celebrant Wilt thou strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

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

The Deacon retrieves the Paschal Candle to lead the Procession, as the Pillar of Light led the People of Israel in the wilderness. The Procession around the Church follows the traditional penitential course of the Lenten procession of the Great Litany, to remind us of the wilderness wanderings.

THE LITANY OF SAINTS

The Cantor intones each petition, to which the People respond



Have mer - cy up - on us.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth:

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful:

Holy Trinity one God:

The Cantor intones each petition, to which the People respond



Pray for us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin of Virgins:

Holy Michael, Holy Gabriel, and all ye holy Angels and Archangels:

Holy John the Baptist and Holy Joseph:

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets:

Holy Peter and Paul, and Holy Andrew:

Holy Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John:

Holy Bartholomew, James, Simon, and Jude:

Holy Thomas, our patron:

Holy Philip, James, and Matthias:

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, Disciples of the Lord:

Holy Stephen and Ignatius of Antioch:

Holy Polycarp, Justin, Alban, and Thomas à Becket:

All ye holy Martyrs:

Holy Gregory, Augustine, Ireanaeus, and Athanasius:
Holy Basil, John Chrysostom, Leo, and Thomas Aquinas:
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, and Doctors of the Church:

Holy Thomas à Kempis, John Donne, John Keble, and Edward Pusey:
All ye holy Priests and Levites:

Holy Benedict, Dominic, and Francis:
All ye holy Monks and Hermits:

Holy Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, and Mary and Martha of Bethany:
Holy Agnes, Agatha, and Monica:
Holy Margaret of Scotland and Julian of Norwich:
All ye holy Virgins and Widows:
All ye holy women, handmaids of the Lord:

The Cantor intones

All ye holy men and women, Saints of God:

The People respond



In - ter - cede for us.

THE PRAYERS

The Cantor intones

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death:

The People respond



Lord, hear our prayer.

The Cantor intones each petition, to which the People respond as above.



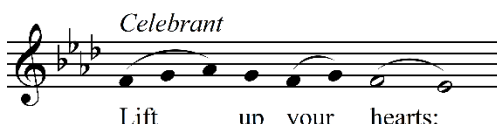
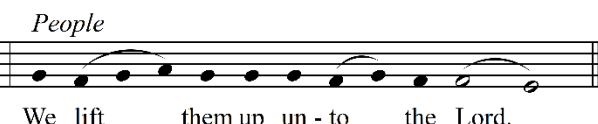
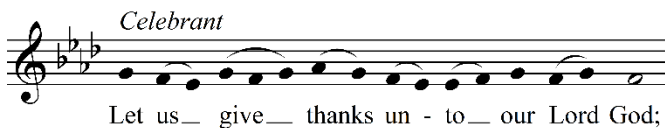
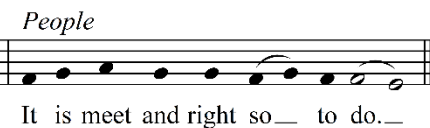
Open his heart to thy grace and truth:
 Fill him with thy holy and life-giving Spirit:
 Keep him in the faith and communion of thy holy Church:
 Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit:
 Send him into the world in witness to thy love:
 Bring him to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

The Celebrant concludes with the collect.

Grant, Almighty God, that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed and glorious 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 thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM: THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant pours and blesses the water, first singing

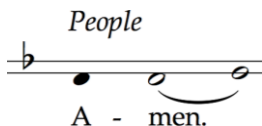
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The__ Lord be__ with__ you;</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And__ with thy__ spi - rit.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift__ up your hearts;</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift__ them up un - to__ the Lord__</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us__ give__ thanks un - to__ our Lord God;</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is meet and right so__ to do__</p>

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water with the Paschal Candle thrice,

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit,
Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit,
Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin made regenerate may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.



Then shall the Celebrant pour Water upon the Candidate, saying,

Ben Donald, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant then marks a cross in chrism on the forehead of the Newly-Baptized, saying,

Ben Donald, thou art sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Baptismal Party moves into the Narthex as the Newly-Baptized prepares to enter the church no longer as a Catechumen but as a full member of the Body of Christ. The Subdeacon lights a candle from the Paschal Candle, handing it to the Celebrant, who hands it to the Newly-Baptized person, saying,

Celebrant: Ben Donald, receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Amen.**

Let us pray:

We most heartily thank thee, O Heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

Celebrant: 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 Celebrant then sprinkles the People with holy water as the procession returns to the Crossing The Choir and People sing the following hymn, which is repeated three times.

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)
Music: *Sumner*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954)

The Newly-Baptized and his Sponsor return to their places.

Please extinguish your candles and quietly ready any handbells in your possession.

IV. THE PROCLAMATION & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

The Celebrant joyfully proclaims the arrival of Easter.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The organ sounds forth in exultation as all ring bells joyously throughout the fanfare. After the fanfare, the Celebrant intones the Gloria, and all may resume ringing bells joyously throughout the singing of the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis

Celebrant *People*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to - wards men. We praise thee,
we bless___ thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo-ri - fy__ thee, we give thanks to___ thee
for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God hea-ven-ly King, God the Fath - er___ Al - migh - ty.
O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je - su___ Christ; O Lord God,___ Lamb of God,
Son of the___ Fath - - - er, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,___
have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
re - ceive our___ prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fath - er,

have mer-cy up - on us. For thou on-ly art_ ho - ly; thou on-ly_ art the Lord;
 thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high
 in the glo - ry of God the Fath - - - er. A men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son hast overcome the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin but alive unto thee in Christ Jesus, may reign with him in glory; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, world without end. **Amen.**

V. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6.3-11

The Epistle is written in the sixth chapter of St Paul's epistle to the Romans, beginning at the third verse.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Cantor introduces the Alleluia, and the verse is repeated by All:

Cantor, then people
Al - le - - - - lu - - - - ia.

Cantor, then people
Al - le - - - - lu - - - - ia.

Cantor, then people
Al - le - - - - lu - - - - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16.1-8

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, 'Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.' And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit.

SERMON

VI. THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

The People stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN 158

The Lamb's high banquet called to share



All 1 The Lamb's high banquet called to share,
Arrayed in garments white and fair,
The Red Sea past, we fain would sing
To Jesus our triumphant King.

All 2 Upon the Altar of the Cross
His Body hath redeemed our loss;
And, tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with him in God.

Lower 3 Protected in the Paschal night,
Voices From the destroying angel's might,
In triumph went the ransomed free
From Pharaoh's cruel tyranny.

Upper 4 Now Christ our Passover is slain,
Voices The Lamb of God without a stain;
His Flesh, the true unleavened Bread,
Is freely offered in our stead.

Lower 5 O all sufficient Sacrifice,
Voices Beneath thee hell defeated lies;
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.

Upper 6 We hymn thee rising from the grave,
Voices From death returning, strong to save;
Thine own right hand the tyrant chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

All 7 All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally.

ST VENANTIUS
Rouen Church Melody, 16th or 17th century
Arranged by R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

Tr from the Latin (6th Cent) by Rev. J.M. Neale

ANTHEM

‘Christ our Passover,’ Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive! Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, giver of life and health, accept the offering of thy holy people, and grant that we who have been baptized into Christ may be perfected in thy salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People kneel.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 *People*

Let us__ give__ thanks un - to__ our Lord God; It is meet and right so__ to do.__

It 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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

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, which was offered 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 restored to 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:

The Choir sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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 Covenant, 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.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The 'Celebrant' part consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The 'People' part consists of a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note B4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.


Celebrant *People*

O Fa - ther al - might - ty, world with - out ___ end. A - men. ___

THE LORD'S PRAYER


John Merbecke (1505-1585)

Celebrant




And now, as our Sa-viour Christ hath com-mand-ed and taught us, we are bold to say:


People



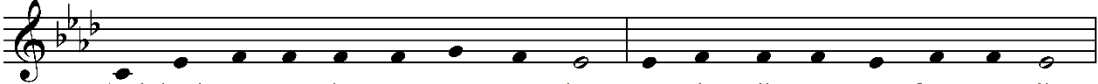
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-dom come,



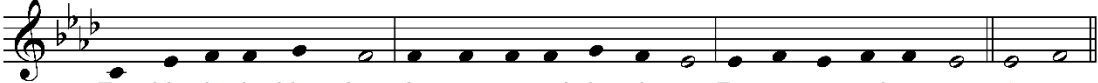
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;



and for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us;



And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-li-ver us from ev-il.




For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

FRACTION & PEACE


The consecrated Bread is broken.

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People



And with thy spi-rit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Choir alone sings:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

The Celebrant turns to face the People and says,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.

Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.

If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing.

If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The People may sit or kneel for the hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 235

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

All 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread!

Upper 2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
Voices 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.

Lower 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
Voices 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.

All 4 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.

All 5 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!

The People kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

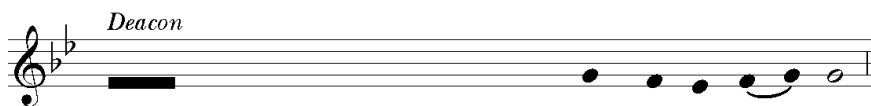
O heavenly Father, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of thy dear Son; Mercifully grant, that as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy. **Amen.**

EASTERTIDE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand.

EASTERTIDE DISMISSAL



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



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

CONCLUDING HYMN 155

Christ the Lord is risen again



- 1 Christ the Lord is risen again; / Christ hath broken every chain;
Hark! angelic voices cry, / Singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
- 2 He, who gave for us his life, / Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; / We too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!
- 3 He, who bore all pain and loss / Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high, / Pleads for us, and hears our cry; Alleluia!
- 4 Now he bids us tell abroad / How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven, / How we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!
- 5 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, / Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away, / That we all may sing for aye: Alleluia!

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Tr. Catherine Winkworth

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Toccata in D Major, Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

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