

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



Scenes from the Life of Christ: Christ in Limbo
13th Century, Spanish, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

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UPDATED PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Masks are still required until May 1. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.

The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

MUSIC OF THE MASS: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan

I. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

All stand

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.

The Deacon lifts high the Paschal Candle, and moving through the church, pauses three times to sing:



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. Please remain standing as a Cantor sings "EXSULTET".

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let thy 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 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 marvellous and holy flame, pray with me unto 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.

People

A - men.

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.

It is truly meet and right, at all times and in all places, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise thee, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and thine 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 thy faithful people.

Now, therefore, we sacrifice our Passover, 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 thou broughtest 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 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.

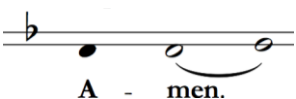
How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is thy mercy and loving-kindness to us thy children. Behold, what love he hath bestowed upon us, who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son.

O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Saviour.

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.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth unto thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees, thy creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption. May Christ, the Morning Star that knoweth no setting, find it ever burning: he who doth give his light to all creation. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

People 
A - men.

Please extinguish your candles and be seated.

II. VIGIL READINGS

The Celebrant introduces the readings:

Brothers and sisters 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

The first lesson is written in the first chapter of the book of Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, one day. And God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven.

And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

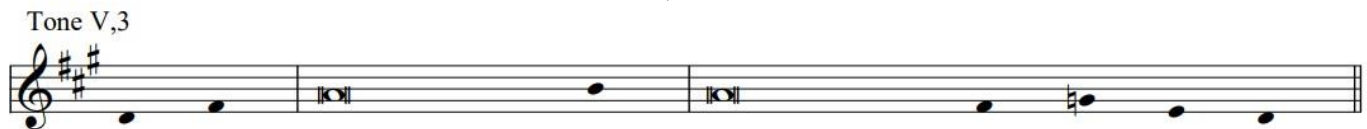
Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given

every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136.1-9, 23-26; Tone V, 3



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

Silence, followed by prayer; please stand when the Celebrant stands, then be seated for the lesson.

‘THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC’: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The second lesson is written in the twenty-second chapter of the book of Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

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

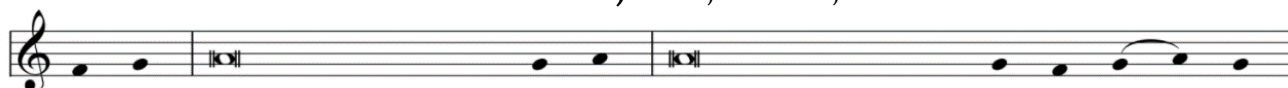
When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16.6, 9-12; Tone I, 1



- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of **my** cup :
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 shall not fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory re-**joic**-eth :
my flesh also shall **dwell** in säfe-ty.
- 11 For why? thou wilt not leave my soul **to** hell :
neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to **see** cor-rüp-tion.
- 12 Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness **of** joy :
and at thy right hand there are plea-**sure**s for ev-er-more.

Silence, followed by prayer; please stand when the Celebrant stands, then be seated for the lesson.

‘THE EXODUS’: Exodus 14.10 —15.1a

The third lesson is written in the fourteenth chapter of the book of Exodus, beginning at the tenth verse.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were in great fear. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD; and they said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be still.” The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel; for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the LORD routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES (EXODUS 15.1B-6, 11-13, 17-18); Tone I, 1



- 1 I WILL SING unto the LORD, for he hath triumphéd glo-ri-ous-ly :
the horse and the rider hath he **thrown** in-tö the sea.
- 2 The LORD is my strength and my song, 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.
- 3 The LORD is a man **of** war : the **LORD** is his name.
- 4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into **the** sea :
his chosen captains also are drownéd **in** the Röd Sea.
- 5 The depths have cover-**ed** them : they sank into the **bot**-tom äs a stone.
- 6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious **in** power :
thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashéd in pie-**ces** the ön-e-my.
- 11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among **the** gods? :
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, **do**-ing wönders?
- 12 Thou stretchedst out thy **right** hand : the earth **swal**-low-öd them.
- 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.
- 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.
- 18 The LORD **shall** reign : for ev-**er** and ev-er.

Silence, followed by prayer; please stand when the Celebrant stands, then be seated for the lesson.

‘THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES’: Ezekiel 37.1-14

The fourth Lesson is written in the thirty-seventh chapter of the book of the prophet Ezekiel, beginning at the first verse.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me round among them; and behold, there were very many upon the valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, thou knowest.” Again he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And as I looked, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, says the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 143; Tone VII, 1

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- 1 HEAR MY prayer, O LORD, and con-**sid**-er my de-sire :
hearken unto me for thy truth and **righ**-teous-ness' säke.
- 2 And enter not into judgement **with** thy ser-vant :
for in thy sight shall no man living be **just**-i-fi-äd.
- 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 dëad.
- 4 Therefore is my spirit **vex**-ed with-in me :
and my heart within **me** is de-so-läte.
- 5 Yet do I remember the time past; I **muse** up-on all thy works :
yea, I meditate upon the **works** of thy händs.
- 6 I spread forth my **hands** un-to thee :
my soul gaspeth unto thee **as** a thirs-ty länd.
- 7 Hear me, O LORD, and that soon, for my **spi**-rit wax-eth faint :
hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go **down** in-to the pït.
- 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 thëe.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, **from** mine en-e-mies : for I flee unto **thee** to hide më.
- 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 righ-teous-nëss.
- 11 Quicken me, O LORD, **for** thy Name's sake :
and in thy righteousness bring my soul **out** of trou-blë.
- 12 And of thy goodness cut **off** mine en-e-mies :
and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I **am** thy ser-vänt.

Silence, followed by prayer; please stand when the Celebrant stands and sit for the Motet as the People's hand candles are re-lit. Please remain sitting until the Celebrant invites the congregation to stand.

MOTET

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

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Words: Psalm 42:1 Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594)

III. CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dearly beloved, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon our Catechumens and Sponsors, 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 Candidates, along with their Sponsors, take their place at the Crossing. The Celebrant asks each Candidate in turn,

Celebrant: Bright, 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.

Celebrant: James, 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.

Then shall the Celebrant say:

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are born into the world with the heritage of original sin, and of their own nature are inclined to evil, committing many actual transgressions, and seeing that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit, I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to these persons that which by nature they cannot have; that they may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Catholic Church, and be made living members of the same.

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who through thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ didst sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin: We beseech thee mercifully to look upon these persons coming to thy holy Baptism with repentance and faith: wash them and sanctify them with the Holy Spirit; that they may receive remission of their sins by spiritual regeneration, and may be received into thy holy Church. And, as thou hast promised in thy holy Word, saying, 'Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you': So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that these persons being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may come to thy eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROMISES

Then shall the Celebrant say to those who are to be baptized:

You have heard how the Congregation hath prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. You have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his Gospel, to grant all those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise, in the presence of these your Witnesses, and this whole Congregation, that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments.

Then shall the Celebrant demand of each of the persons to be baptized:

Bright, do you here, in the presence of God, and of this Congregation, renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I do.

James, do you here, in the presence of God, and of this Congregation, renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I do.

Celebrant: Let all of us here present now stand and recite the Articles of our Belief.

Please stand. Then shall be said by the Celebrant and the persons to be baptized, and the whole Congregation, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant : I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

All: **And 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. 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. Amen.**

Then shall the Celebrant demand of each of the persons to be baptized:

Celebrant : Do you profess this faith?

Answer. I do.

Celebrant : Do you desire to be baptized into this faith?

Answer. I do.

Celebrant: Will you endeavour to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of your life?

Answer. I will, God being my helper.

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear our prayer;

People: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Then shall the Celebrant make the following supplications, and after each of them the Congregation shall answer Amen.

O Lord of hosts, before the might of whose presence the armies of evil are put to flight, deliver thy servants from the power of Satan. **Amen.**

Cast out of their hearts every evil imagination and every thing which exalts itself against the knowledge of thee; and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. **Amen.**

Grant that they, being here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. **Amen.**

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: Holy Mother of God: Holy Virgin of Virgins:

Holy Michael: Holy Gabriel: All ye holy Angels and Archangels: Holy John the Baptist: Holy Joseph:
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets:

Holy Peter and Holy Paul: Holy Andrew and Holy John: Holy Luke: Holy Matthew:
Holy Mark: Holy Bartholomew: Holy James: Holy Simon and Holy Jude: Holy Thomas: Holy Philip and Holy James: Holy Matthias:
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists: All ye holy Disciples of the Lord:
Holy Stephen: Holy Ignatius of Antioch: Holy Polycarp: Holy Justin: Holy Alban:
Holy Thomas à Becket:
All ye holy Martyrs:

Holy Gregory: Holy Augustine: Holy Irenaeus: Holy Athanasius: Holy Basil:
Holy John Chrysostom: Holy Leo: Holy Thomas Aquinas:
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors:
All ye holy Doctors:

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

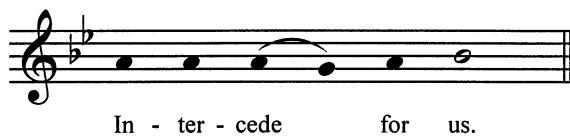
Holy Benedict: Holy Dominic and Holy Francis:
All ye holy Monks and Hermits:

Holy Mary Magdalene: Holy Elizabeth: Holy Mary and Holy Martha: Holy Agnes
and Holy Agatha: Holy Monica: Holy Margaret of Scotland: Holy 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

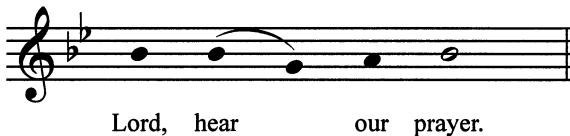


THE PRAYERS

The Cantor intones

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

The People respond



Open their hearts to thy grace and truth: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit:
Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church: Teach them to love
others in the power of the Spirit: Send them into the world in witness to thy love:
Bring them 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 blesses the water, first singing



The Celebrant continues,

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 him, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*To which the People respond: **Amen.***

Then shall the Celebrant take each person to be baptized by the right hand, and placing him conveniently by the Font, shall ask the Witnesses the Name; and then shall dip him in the Water or pour Water upon him, saying:

N. I BAPTIZE thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

We receive this person into the Congregation of Christ's flock, and do ✠ sign him with the sign of the Cross in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. **Amen.**

After both candidates have been baptized and signed with the Cross, the Celebrant prays,

We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate these persons with thy Holy Spirit, to receive them for thine own children by adoption, and to make them members of thy holy Church. Grant that, being now born again, and made heirs of everlasting salvation, they may continue thy servants, and attain thy promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Baptismal Party moves into the Narthex as they prepare to enter the church no longer as Catechumens but as full members of the Body of Christ.

THE DUTIES

Then the Celebrant shall say to the Witnesses:

Forasmuch as these persons have promised in your presence to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him: you must remember that it is your part and duty to put them in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession they have now made before this Congregation, and especially before you their chosen Witnesses. And you are also to call upon them to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world.

And then, speaking to the newly baptized persons, he shall say:

And seeing, brothers and sisters, that you have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the children of God and of the light by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becometh the children of light; remembering always that Baptism represents unto us our profession, which is to take up our cross and follow Christ, being made like unto him. And to further this end, you shall seek Confirmation without delay, that so you may be strengthened with the Holy Spirit, offering to God continually the sacrifice of worship and service in the fellowship of his holy Church.

Celebrant: Will you be faithful in the fulfilment of these duties?

Answer: We will, the Lord being our helper.

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

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

We most heartily thank thee, O Heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon these thy servants the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, 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 their Sponsors 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 proclaims the arrival of Easter, after which all ring bells joyously as the organ sounds forth in exultation.


Celebrant: Alleluia, the Lord is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**


The organ pauses for the Celebrant to intone the Gloria, then all again ring bells joyously throughout the singing of the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*


1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. 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, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.




4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



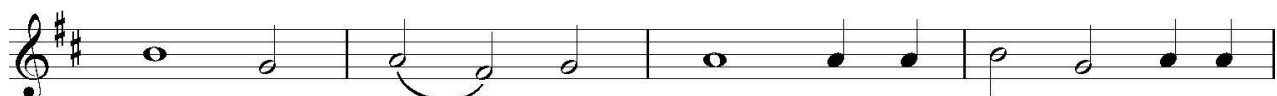
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that




ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the




world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the




right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —



A - - - - - men.

The Celebrant greets the people,

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Please remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

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.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For 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 must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Cantor, then Tutti
Al - le - lu - ya.

Cantor, then Tutti
Al - le - lu - ya.

Cantor, then Tutti
Al - le - lu - ya.

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, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 158 – The Lamb's high banquet called to share

- 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.
- 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.
- 3 Protected in the Paschal night,
From the destroying angel's might,
In triumph went the ransomed free
From Pharaoh's cruel tyranny.
- 4 Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God without a stain;
His Flesh, the true unleavened Bread,
Is freely offered in our stead.
- 5 O all sufficient Sacrifice,
Beneath thee hell defeated lies;
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee.
- 6 We hymn thee rising from the grave,
From death returning, strong to save;
Thine own right hand the tyrant chains,
And Paradise for man regains.
- 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.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be_ with you. And_ with thy_ spi - rit. Lift__up your hearts. We lift__them up un-to__ the Lord.



Let us__ give____ thanks un - to__ our Lord_ God. It is meet and right so__ to do.____

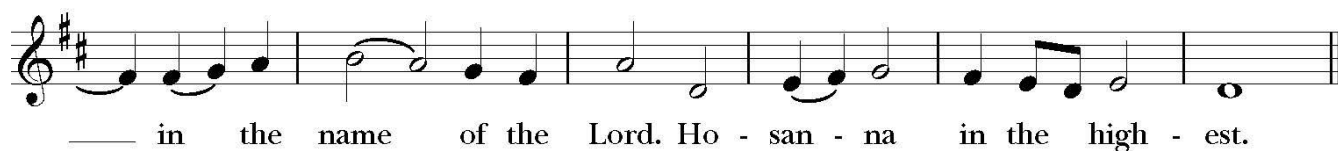
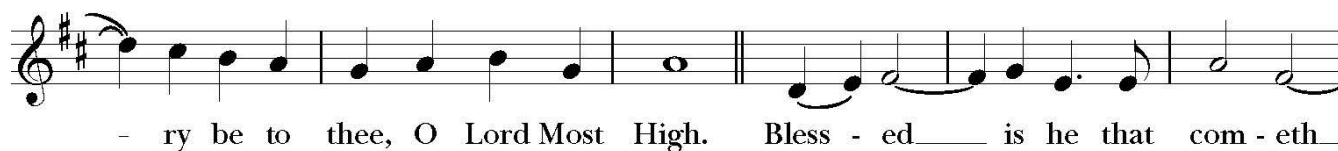
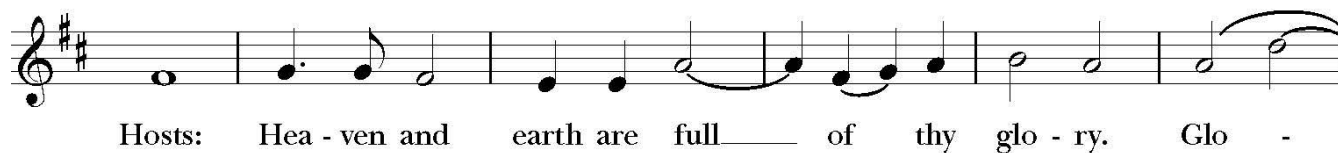
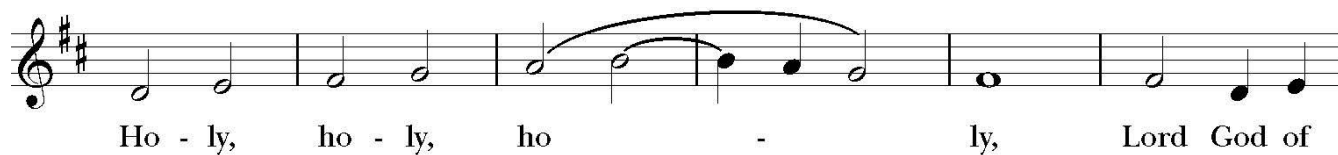
All remain standing while the Celebrant sings the preface

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 and People sing:



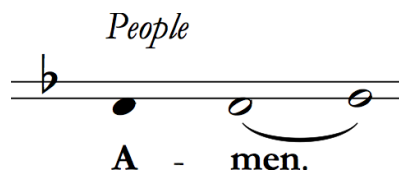
Descants by Peter Stoltzfus Berton (born 1968), © 2010

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, O Father Almighty, world without end.



THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant:



And now, as our Sa - viour Christ hath com - mand - ed and taught us:



we__ are bold__ to say:

John Merbecke

All:



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.



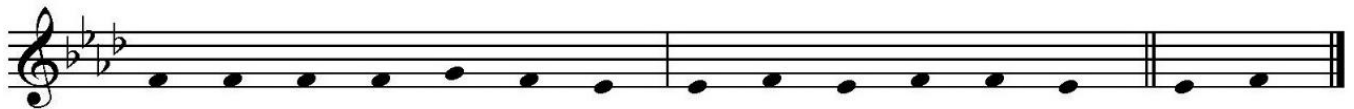
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es,



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.

The consecrated Bread is broken.

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

As a sign of our reconciliation in Christ, the People may greet each other saying, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

The Celebrant then kneels to begin the 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 and People sing:

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATIONS

All sing the Refrain below. The choir sings the Verses.

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 Chris - tus vin - cit, Christ - us re - gnat, Chris - tus
 im - - - pe-rat! Chris - tus vin - cit Chris - tus
 re - gnat, Chris - tus, Chris - tus im - - - pe-rat -rat
 (3rd time only)

<i>Verse</i>	Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
<i>Refrain</i>	Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!	Christ doth conquer, Christ doth reign, Christ doth command!

<i>Verse</i>	Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper: et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
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Repeat Refrain.

Joseph Noyon (1888-1962), arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

COMMUNION HYMN 235 – Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia,
Thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,
We in worship join with them.
- 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.
- 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!

Please kneel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

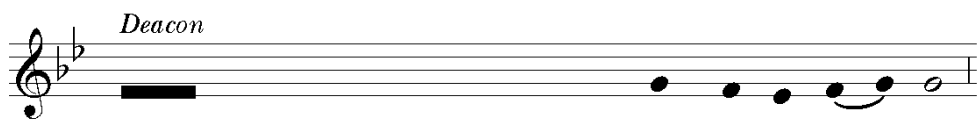
O heavenly Father, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of thy dear Son; Mercifully grant, that as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy. **Amen.**

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.**

Please stand.

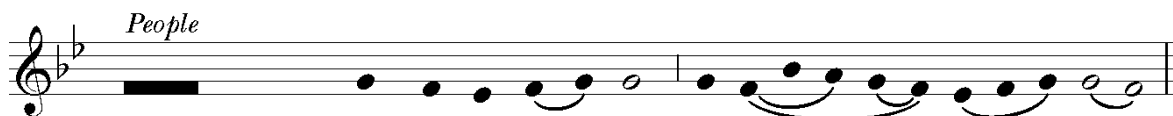
EASTERTIDE DISMISSAL



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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W.H. Monk, 1823-89

from the German of Rev. M. Weisse, 1531
Tr. Catherine Winkworth

POSTLUDE: Alleluia, *Victor Togni*