Christ our Passover

Solemn Liturgical Observance of the Paschal Triduum

The Easter Vigil



The three women at the tomb of Christ, Irma Martin, 1847 This painting is in a private collection.

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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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Presiding: Bishop Kevin Robinson

Celebrant: Fr. James Shire

Deacon & Homilist: Fr. Nathan Humphrey **Director of Music & Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Missa Prima, Leonardi Lechneri (1550-1606)

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.

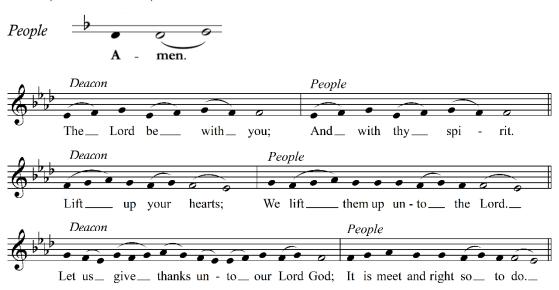
Light is passed from person to person throughout the church. The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand in the midst of the Crossing. The Deacon censes the Paschal Candle. In the darkness, this ancient prayer is chanted, all standing.

Rejoice now, 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.



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.



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 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.

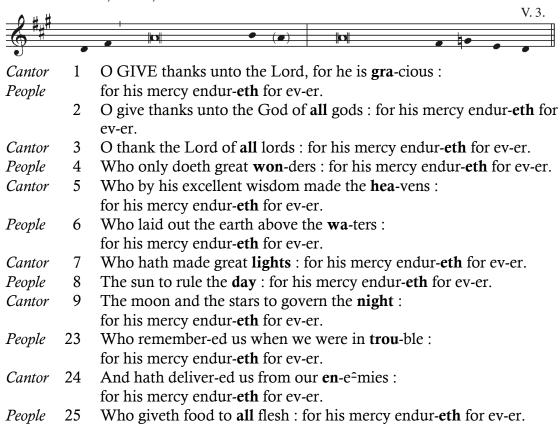
"THE CREATION" Genesis 1 — 2.4a

PSALM 136.1-9, 23-26;

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Cantor

People



O give thanks unto the God of hea-ven:

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



- Cantor 6 THE LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of **my** cup: thou **shalt** main-tain 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 dwell 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.
- Cantor 12 Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness **of** joy :
- *People* and at thy right hand there are plea-sures for ëv-er-more.

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 WILL SING unto the LORD, for he hath triumphéd glo-rious-ly: the horse and the rider hath he **thrown** in-tö the sea.
- 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 Rëd 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 ën-e-my.
- 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-ëd them.
- 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 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



Cantor People

- 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-ëd.
- Cantor 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my sŏul; he hath smitten my life **down** to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that **have** been long dëad.
- People 4 Therefore is my spirit **vex**-ed^{*} with-in me : and my heart within **me** is de^{*}so-läte.
- Cantor 5 Yet do I remember the time păst; I **muse** up-on all thy works : yea, I meditate upon the **works** of thy händs.
- People 6 I spread forth my **hands** un-to thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee **as** a thirs-ty länd.

- Cantor 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 pit.
- People 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.
- Cantor 9 Deliver me, O Lord, **from** mine en²e-mies: for I flee unto **thee** to hide më.
- People 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.
- Cantor 11 Quicken me, O Lord, **for** thy Name's sake : and in thy righteousness bring my soul **out** of trou-blë.
- People 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; 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 waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 42:1

III. CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

Bishop:

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 Candidates, their Sponsors, and chosen Companions, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to come forward to reaffirm 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.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

The Candidates and their Sponsors and Companions stand before the Bishop.

Rector:

I present these persons for confirmation, and this person for reception.

The Bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The Bishop then addresses the People, saying,

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

We will.

Bishop:

Let us now stand and join with those who commit themselves again to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

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

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

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS

The Bishop says to the People,

Let us pray for these person who have affirmed their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

The People remaining standing for the prayers. The appointed Minister says:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to thy grace and truth; in thy mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of thy holy Church; in thy mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to thy love; in thy mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of thy peace and glory; in thy mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in thy mercy, through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFIRMATIONS & RECEPTION

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop says,

Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou didst make with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou dost set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit as the Candidates come forward and kneel before the Bishop. The Sponsors and Companions lay hands upon the Candidate's shoulders as the Bishop lays his hand upon each Candidate's head in turn, and says the prayer for confirmation or reception. When all have been prayed over, the Bishop then says,

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

IV. THE PROCLAMATION & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

The Bishop proclaims the arrival of Easter.

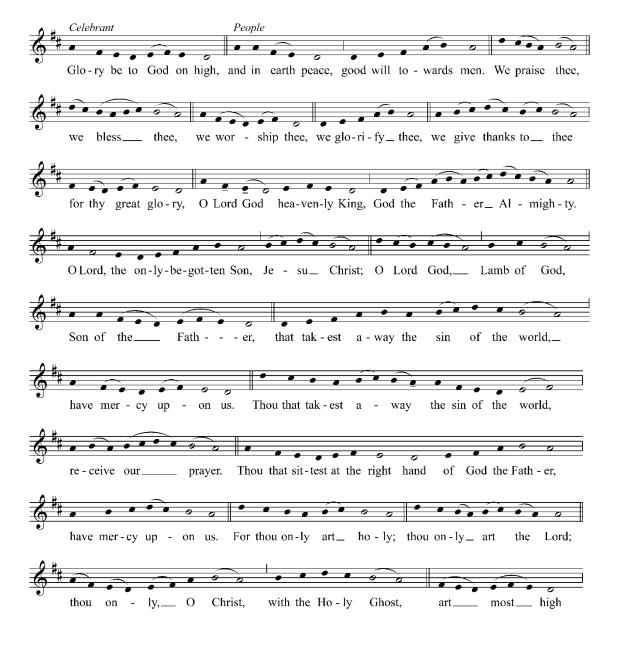
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Celebrant intones the Gloria, after which the organ sounds forth in exultation as all ring bells joyously throughout both the fanfare and the singing of the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Missa de Angelis





The Celebrant greets the people,

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

The People 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**.

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.

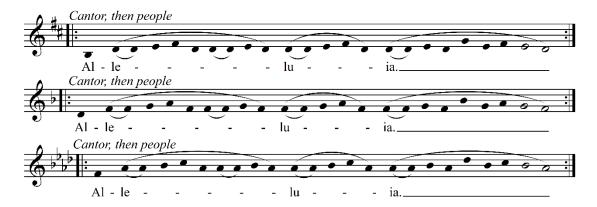
Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted 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:



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 <u>verse</u>.

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 freeFrom 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

'Aurora lucis rutilat,' Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

Auróra lucis rútilat, caelum láudibus íntonat, mundus exúltans júbilat, gemens inférnus úlulat. Cum Rex ille fortíssimus, mortis confráctis víribus, pede concúlcans tártara solvit à poena míseros! Ille, qui clausus lápide custóditur sub mílite, triúmphans pompa nóbili, victor surgit de fúnere. Solútis iam gemítibus et inférnis dolóribus, quia "Surréxit Dóminus!" respléndens clamat Angelus. Quáesumus, Auctor ómnium, in hoc Pascáli gáudio, ab omni mortis impetu tuum defénde populum. Glória tibi Dómine, qui surrexísti à mórtuis, cum Patre et Sancto Spíritu, in sempitérna sáecula. Amen.

The dawn reddens with light, the heavens thunder with praises, the exulting world rejoices, weeping hell laments. The most powerful King among men broken by death, treading the infernal regions underfoot, has released the wretched from pain. He who was shut in by a stone under the watch of a soldier, triumphing with

splendid pomp, the conqueror has risen from the grave. Now freed from weeping and anguish of hell, as "The Lord has risen," the shining Angel cries aloud. We beseech the Creator of all things at this joyful Eastertide, from all the assaults of death, defend your people. Glory to you, O Lord, who rose from the dead, with the Father and the Holy Spirit for endless ages. Amen.

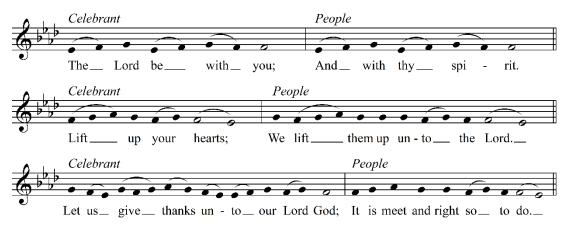
(Hymn for Lauds on Easter Day)

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



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.

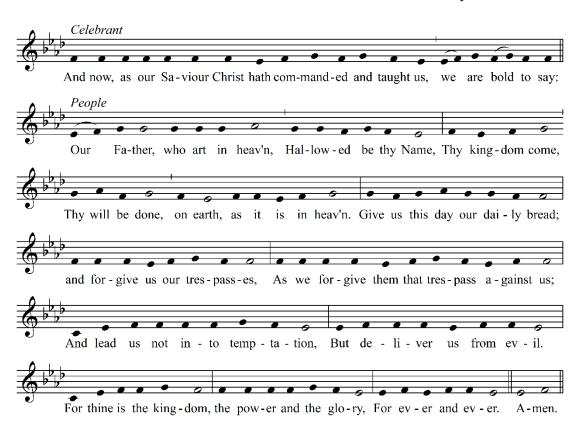
Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Music by John Merbecke



FRACTION & PEACE

The consecrated Bread is broken.



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 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 shouldest 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

- 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.
- 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!

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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.**

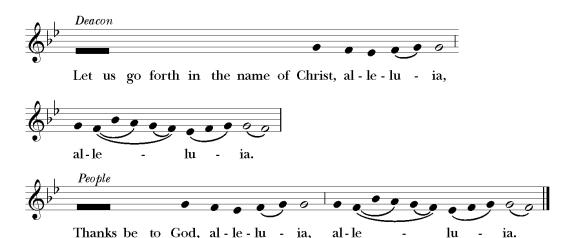
EASTERTIDE PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Our help is in the name of the <u>Lord</u>. The maker of heaven and <u>earth</u>. Blessed be the name of the <u>Lord</u>. From this time forth for ever-more.

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, mercy, and grace 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



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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DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am, Monday-Friday 9:30 am, Saturday 7:30 am, Sunday

EVENING PRAYER

5:00 pm, Monday-Friday 5:00 pm Sunday (Choral Evensong)

Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Low Mass 8:00 am Sung Mass 9:30 am High Mass 11:00 am

WEEKDAY LOW MASS

12:15 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am Saturday

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