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The Cathedral Church of Saint German, Peel

Easter Vigil with Baptism & Confirmation



Saturday 20 April 2019

6.30pm

By

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Introduction to the Easter Vigil

The word Easter (*Eostre*) owes its origin, according to The Venerable Bede (c 673-735), to the Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and Spring whose special day was the 21st March, the spring equinox. The great celebration of the resurrection, the most important of Christian feasts, 'Christianised' this festival and drew on Jewish roots of the Passover with which it is intimately connected. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. (Christmas on the other hand has a fixed date).

The Liturgy for Easter day has a number of different elements, but overarching all is the joy of the resurrection, which is emphasized in hymns and liturgical songs, such as the Gloria, which invite us to 'praise God', beyond our comfort zone as psalm 150 puts it: *'Praise him with trumpet sound ... Praise him with tambourine and dance ... Praise him with clanging cymbals ... Let everything that breathes praise the LORD ...'* (verse 3-6)

Some Key elements of the Liturgy:

The new fire of Easter from which the Easter or Paschal Candle is lit draws from the pillar of fire in Israel's desert experience. Just as the Jewish people were saved through the Exodus from Egypt, so Christians are saved through Christ's Exodus and bursting from the tomb. The Exultet (an ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing) links this night of Christian redemption with the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt.

The Easter Vigil This is an extended Liturgy of the Word which recalls the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not merely a presentation of God's work, but invites the worshipper to experience new life, passing from darkness to light offering new hope. The Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday and leads into a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ; dying to sin in order to be reborn in him. From earliest times this was the preferred occasion for baptism. So those who have been baptised as children where promised were made by other can now present themselves for 'confirmation' and all of us can renew our baptism promises.

Finally we share in the sacred meal, **The Eucharist**, instituted on Maundy Thursday with the command to *'Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'* (1 Corinthians 11. 24-25) as a sign of the Messianic banquet. **We then go into the world** as the Easter people to proclaim the Good News to the world.

During the service you are welcome to sit or stand – the instructions are intended only as a guide. Communicant members **of all denominations** are welcome to receive communion. Please let the Welcomers know if you require a gluten-free wafer or wish to receive communion in your seat. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just come up to the altar rail with your arms crossed on your chest. We encourage you to join in all prayers and hymns in **bold print**.

The Service of Light

Weather permitting we gather outside the Cathedral

The Welcome

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The new fire is lit

Bishop: Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Marking the Paschal (Easter) Candle

In the Cathedral porch in full view of congregation

As the vertical of the cross is traced the president says

Christ, yesterday and today,

As the horizontal is traced all say

the beginning and the end,

As the Alpha is traced

Alpha

As the Omega is traced

and Omega,
As the first number of the year is traced the president says
 all time belongs to him,
As the second number is traced
 and all ages;
As the third number is traced
 to him be glory and power,
As the fourth number is traced
 through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

Five nails are inserted into the Candle, reminding us of the five wounds of Christ. The Bishop says:

	1	
	By his holy	
4	2	5
guard us	and glorious	and keep us.
	Wounds	
	3	
	may Christ	
	our Lord	

The Lighting of the Easter Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
 banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

We move into the Cathedral and the Paschal Candle is processed to the centre of the Nave and stopping three times it is raised:

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Candles are lit in the vicinity, and after the third time:

The Exultet
is sung from the pulpit

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lighting of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones. This is the night, when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restore innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners. O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and your servant's hands, and evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Vigil

During this canticle lights are taken from the Paschal Candle to illuminate the Lectern for the Vigil readings.

Bishop: As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, 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

Extracts from Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day One: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

And it was so

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Two: And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, let it separate the waters from the waters."

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Three: Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Four: And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars.

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Five: And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply."

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Six: And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness."

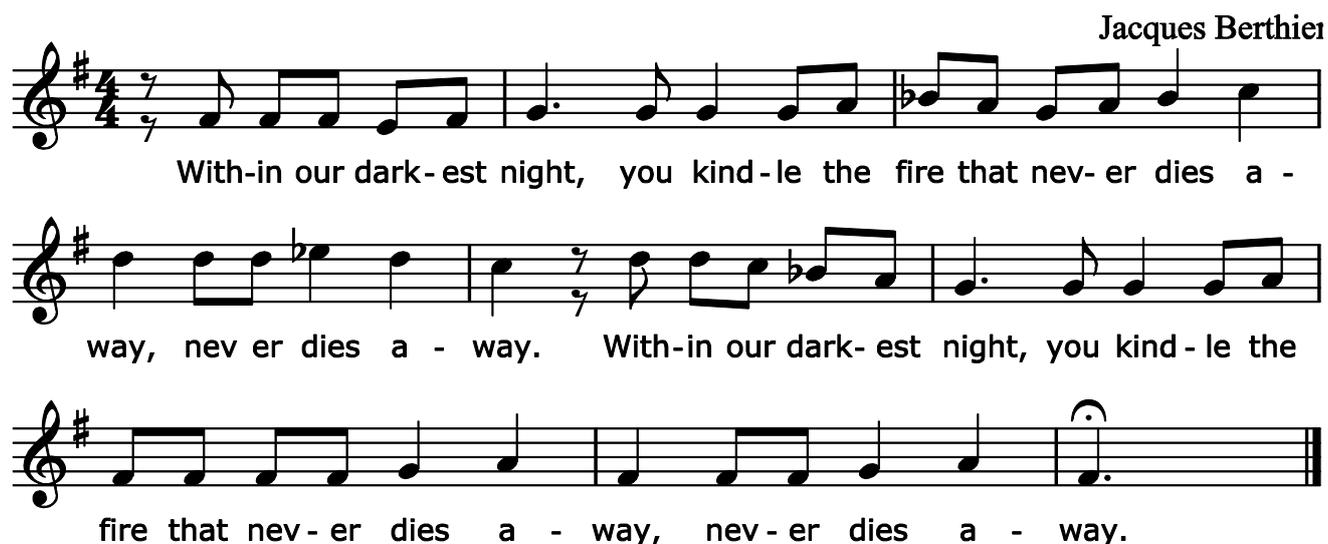
And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Day Seven: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested. And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.

Jacques Berthier



With-in our dark-est night, you kind-le the fire that nev-er dies a -
way, nev er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you kind - le the
fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

Christ is the image of the unseen God;
through him all things were made.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8: 6-19; 9: 8-13

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.'⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. ...

11 In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

¹²The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. ¹⁵They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

¹⁶And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

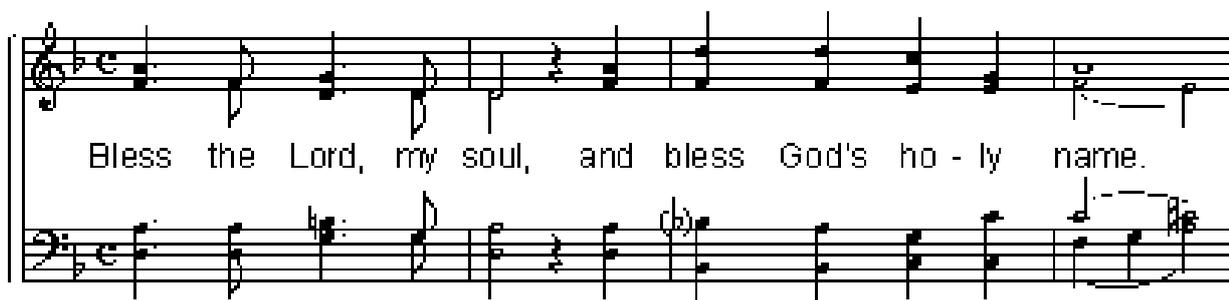
17 The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided

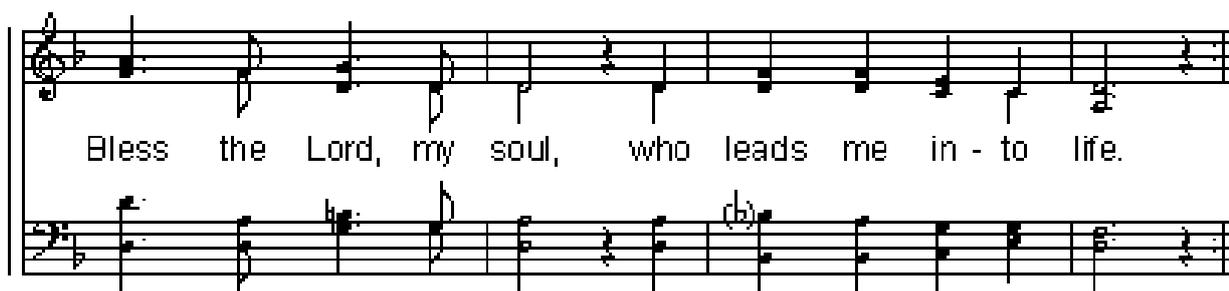
from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹²God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

In baptism we died to sin.

In Christ we are raised to life.

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death

of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

may continually put to death our evil desires

and be buried with him;

and that through the grave and gate of death

we may pass to our joyful resurrection;

through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us,

your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 14.10-end; 15.1a

14 Then the LORD said to Moses: ²“Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall camp opposite it, by the sea. ³Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, “They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has closed in on them.” ⁴I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, so that I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.’ And they did so. ⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed towards the people, and they said, ‘What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?’ ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told 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.’ ¹³But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand

firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord.

Song commences immediately without a break.

El Senyor

The musical score is for the song 'El Senyor'. It is written in 3/4 time with a tempo marking of ♩ = 69. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are provided in both Catalan and English. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the next two lines, including a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line. The third system contains the final two lines, also including a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line.

El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el meu...
In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

cant. Ell m'ha es - tat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

fi - o i no tinc por, en ell con - fi - o i no tinc por. El Se -
voi - ces, the Lord is near, lit up your voi - ces, the Lord is near. In the

The Lord is my strength and my might.
He has become my salvation.

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sprinkled with the Water of Life

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

²⁴I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Let all who are thirst-y come. Let all who wish re - ceivē the
wa-ter of life free-ly. A - men, come Lord Je- sus. A -
men, come Lord Je- sus.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sprinkled with the Water of Life'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Let all who are thirst-y come. Let all who wish re - ceivē the wa-ter of life free-ly. A - men, come Lord Je- sus. A - men, come Lord Je- sus.'

Christ gives the living water.
Christ is the fountain of eternal life.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son,
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

The Easter Acclamation

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gloria in Excelsis

A great cacophony will lead us into the Gloria in Excelsis. The candles in the Cathedral are lit from the Easter Candle, the lights are switched on and the people's candles extinguished.

**Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise.
Songs of adoration, Lord to you we bring,
Praising your great goodness, Father heavenly King.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth in highest heaven praise!**

**Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin,
Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within.
You O Christ are holy, you alone are Lord,
With the Holy Spirit evermore adored.
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!
Joy and peace on earth in highest heaven praise!**

Tune: Maccabeus

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-11

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

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

Tune: Sussex

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

24 on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Bishop

The Liturgy of Initiation

During the organ music, the Paschal candle is processed to the font, the congregation’s candles are re-lit, and candidates for baptism and/or confirmation, gather with the Bishop at the baptismal font. The congregation faces the font.

Bishop: As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidates are presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they are presented by their sponsors. The Bishop then asks candidates for baptism only.

Bishop: Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision / Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Bishop addresses the congregation and candidates for baptism and/or confirmation

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The Bishop anoints with the Oil of Catechumens and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

The Bishop may invite their sponsors to sign the candidates with the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

Bishop: Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

The President blesses the water, at the same time lowering the Paschal Candle into it.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The people reaffirm their faith. The Bishop addresses the congregation and candidates for baptism and/or confirmation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

Baptism

N, is this your faith?

Each candidate answers in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The Bishop invites candidates to lower their head over the font to pour water on them, saying:

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

The newly baptized may be clothed with a white robe, and the Bishop may say:

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Bishop: May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Hymn

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.**

**Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christy our Lord.** *Tune: Deus Tuorum Militum*

The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people as the Bishop and Confirmation Candidates come to the front of the Cathedral.

Bishop: Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Confirmation

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The Bishop then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop then anoints each candidate with the oil of Chrism saying

N, be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
With the help of God, I will.

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

With the help of God, I will.

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

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Deacon: As we welcome those baptised and confirmed
let us offer one another the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of the Lord be with you. Alleluia'
and also with you. Alleluia.

The congregation share the Peace with one another

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
Where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, Yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

Tune: Truro

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer B

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this night of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon: Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, German and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Padjyr y Chiarn

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those**

Ayr ain t'ayns niau:
casherick dy row dt'ennym,
dy jig dty reeriaght.
dt'aigney dy row jeant er y thalloo,
myr t'ayns niau.
Cur dooin nyn arran jiu as gagh laa.
As leih dooin nyn loghtyn,
myr ta shinyn leih dauesyn
ta jannoo loghtyn nyn 'oi.
As ny leeid shin ayns miolagh,
agh livrey shin veih olk.

who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive communion at this service.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Solemn Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe
the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you
share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The candles of the congregation are re-lit.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Each of the newly baptized receives a lighted candle, lit from the Easter Candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn

If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
He rules in earth and heaven:
His gospel meets a world of need-
In Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb
The death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope –
In Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through him we are restored:
His word endures, his Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

Tune: Kingsfold

Organ Voluntary

Fugue on the Theme of the Soissons Carillon - M. Durufle (1902-1986)

Please join us for refreshments