

# The Easter Vigil and The Eucharist of the Dawn

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Truro  
Cathedral

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
at 6.00 am

Welcome to this service.

Today is the day of days, the feast of feasts, and in this special service we recapture some of the earliest traditions of the Christian Church. As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are united with Christians of every age and place, who through word and music and sacramental sign enter afresh into the Passover of the Lord, moving from the darkness of the tomb to the light of Christ's risen life.

We begin by gathering in the darkness before the dawn to hear the history of God's saving work, from the dawn of creation through to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, just as Christians did in the earliest times. There is a particular emphasis on liberation; as God's holy people were liberated from slavery in Egypt, so we are liberated from the slavery of sin and death.

The vigil is followed by the service of light as we move outside the West end of the cathedral to light the Easter fire. The Easter Candle is prepared and blessed at the West End of the Cathedral, and carried in procession through the Nave to its place on the Podium, where it will remain alight throughout the fifty days of Easter. The great Easter song of praise, the Exultet, is sung and an organ fanfare rings out through the building.

After the Gospel and Sermon, we are invited to renew our baptismal vows, and are sprinkled with water taken from the font. In baptism we died with Christ and have come to share in his resurrection. And so we celebrate the Eucharist together, Christ's pledge to us of his new life and his abiding presence.

For the next fifty days the word that will characterise our worship is 'Alleluia - Praise the Lord' as we celebrate the new life that conquers death. We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!

## Vigil Readings, Psalms and Prayers

*The service begins at the lectern in the nave. The clergy enter informally. Please join in the words marked in **bold type**.*

*The Dean says*

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.

*Two lights upon the lectern are lit*

Dear brothers and sisters, as we await the risen Christ, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. 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. Let us pray that, through this Easter celebration, God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases. Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## First Reading - Genesis 1:4 - 2: 4a

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, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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 called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 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. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky 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, the fourth day.

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." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 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, the fifth day.

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." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to 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 wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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 on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm 104: 1 - 7**

Response: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Second Reading - Genesis 22: 1 - 18**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 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 on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a

thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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 make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm 16: 6 - end**

Response: **In your presence, O Lord, is the fullness of joy.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call and rejoiced in your promise that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed: give us a faith like his, that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Third Reading - Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1a**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But 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. Then 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. And the Egyptians shall

know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

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. It 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.

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. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At 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. He 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.” 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.” So 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. The 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. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel 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. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

### **The Song of Moses and Miriam - Exodus 15: 1b-6**

Response: **Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord,  
for he has triumphed gloriously.**

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



*Silence is kept.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

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.**

## **Fourth Reading - Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then 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: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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 had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and 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, mortal, 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And

you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm 126**

Response: **The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray:

Lord God of our salvation, you speak the word to your scattered people, and bring up our life from the valley of death: breathe your Spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

*The ministers and congregation move to High Cross (or the West End). The deacon carries the unlit Easter Candle. The new fire is lit. The fire is then blessed.*

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

*The Resurrection of Christ has always been celebrated with light, so the Paschal Candle is adorned with the Greek letters Alpha and Omega signifying that Christ is the beginning and the end, the sign of the cross is made symbolising the victory of Jesus over death and the year claimed for Christ as the president says*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory for ever. Amen.

*Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle representing the five wounds of the crucifixion.*

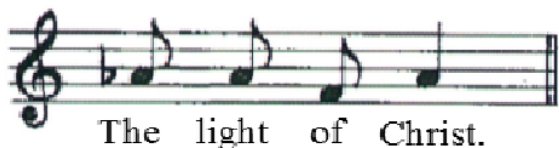
By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

*The Paschal Candle is then lit from the new fire as the president says*

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

*The procession, led by the Paschal Candle then enters the cathedral pausing three times as the following is proclaimed, rising a tone with each proclamation.*

Deacon



All



*The Paschal Candle is then censed and the Exultet is then sung.*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!  
Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!  
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
 The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
 Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

p: The Lord be with you: And also with you.  
 All:

p: Lift up your hearts: We lift them to the Lord  
 All:

p: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
 we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
 through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who has saved us by his death,  
 paid the price of Adam's sin,  
 and reconciled us once again to you.  
 For this is the Passover feast,  
 when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
 whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
 freeing Israel from her slavery  
 and leading her safely through the sea.  
 This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
 broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.  
 This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
 restored to grace and holiness,  
 and share the victory of Christ.  
 This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
 beyond our deepest dreams

you made even our sin a happy fault.  
Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.  
Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants hands.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.  
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within  
us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. ALLELUIA!**

*The Gloria is intoned, a fanfare is played on the organ, the lights are turned on and all are invited to ring their bells or rattle their keys.*

*The Gloria in excelsis is then sung to the plainsong setting, the Missa de Angelis. The congregation are invited to stand.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus,  
Rex caelestis,

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace  
to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you  
for your glory.

Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus  
Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis  
peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God,  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone  
are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

*The lights are turned on*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

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.**

*Please extinguish your candles and sit.*

## 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.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading Luke 24. 1-12

*The following or another suitable acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

*Choir 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, alleluia.**

*The deacon says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All*    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But 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.

*At the end the deacon says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*At the end of the sermon all remain seated, standing when the president stands.*

*During the procession the following Litany of the Resurrection is sung and the candles of the people are relit. Please follow the Procession to the font.*



## The Liturgy of Initiation

### The Litany of the Resurrection

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

He has loved us from all eternity:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

And remembered us when we were in trouble:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

By his cross and passion he has redeemed the world:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

On the third day he rose again:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

And has given us the victory:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

He ascended into heaven:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

He is seated at the right hand of the Father:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

For the gift of his Spirit:  
**blessed be Christ.**

For the catholic Church:  
**blessed be Christ.**

For the means of grace:  
**blessed be Christ.**

For the hope of glory:  
**blessed be Christ.**

For the triumphs of his gospel:  
**blessed be Christ.**

For the lives of his saints:  
**blessed be Christ.**

In joy and in sorrow:  
**blessed be Christ.**

In life and in death:  
**blessed be Christ.**

Now and to the end of the ages:  
**blessed be Christ.**

*All gather at the Baptistry.*

## **Re-hallowing of the Font**

*The president says*

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God, the almighty Father, to bless this font, that those reborn in it may be made one with his adopted children in Christ.

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament. At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the well-spring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water

and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples: 'Go out and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit give to the waters of this font the grace of your Son. You created us in your own likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Water is poured into the Font after which is said*

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

**Give him glory and praise for ever!**

### **Prayer over the Water**

My brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which we shall use to recall our baptism. May he renew us and keep us faithful to the Spirit we have all received.

*The president says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Lord our God your people keep prayerful vigil.  
Be with us as we recall the wonder of our creation and the greater wonder of our redemption.  
Bless this water: it makes the seed to grow,  
it refreshes us and makes us clean.  
You have made of it a servant of your loving kindness:  
through water you set your people free,

and quenched their thirst in the desert.

With water the prophets announced a new covenant that you made with all people.

By water, made holy by Christ in the Jordan,

you made our sinful nature new in the baptism that gives rebirth.

Let this water remind us of our baptism;

let us also share the joys of our brothers and sisters who are baptised this Easter; we make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Standing at the Font, the president says*

Dear friends, 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. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. 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.**

Brothers and sisters, I invite you to profess 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.**

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.**

*The president sprinkles the people with the water drawn from the Font as a reminder to them of their baptism.*

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 people extinguish their candles.*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn**

*The Offertory Hymn is sung during which the Procession moves into the Quire where the next part of the service takes place.*

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of Life immortal;  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
Glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! to him the Throne  
over all the world is given;  
we, in spirit with Him one,  
rest and reign with Him in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

## **Preparation of the Table**

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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer E**

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 in these days of Easter 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:

*Choir*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread  
and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking  
bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with  
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his  
death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon: Praise to you Lord Jesus.  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**Rising you restored our life.**  
**Lord Jesus come in glory.**



Lord of all life, help us to work together  
for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and so with faith and confidence we  
pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the  
power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts are hungry for you;  
give us this bread always.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All sit. Please follow the direction of the Lay Assistants during the distribution of communion.*

## **After Communion**

*Please stand.*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
love the victim, love the priest.**

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ the Lamb, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is broken in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
now thy banner thou dost wave,  
conquering Satan and the grave;  
see the prince of darkness quelled,  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
only sin can this destroy;  
from sin's death do thou set free  
souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
ever with the Spirit be.

## The Dismissal

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The president uses this or another suitable blessing*

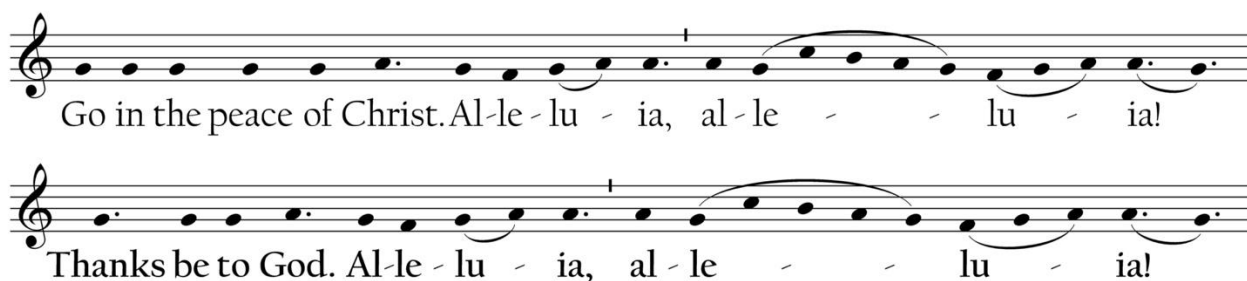
God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
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 deacon sings and all reply*



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

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

***Please remain standing as the choir, servers and clergy depart***



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