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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



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Organist: Mr William Parkinson



TRIDUUM THE PASCHAL LITURGY

4th APRIL 2026
8PM

Celebrant: The Rector

Mass of S. Thomas by David Thorne

Please join in with the Bold Type

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Part One

THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

The Blessing of Fire and Preparation of the Paschal Candle

The new fire is lit.

Standing near it the celebrant greets the people in the usual manner,

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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.

Then the fire is blessed.

Let us pray.

O God, who through your Son, bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify ✠ this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall he **BLESS** the five **GRAINS OF INCENSE** that shall be put in the candle, saying,

We beseech you, Almighty God, to pour down on this incense the abundance of your blessing: and as you, yourself unseen, are the regenerator of all humankind, so now we pray you kindle a light to lighten our darkness; that both our sacrifice to be offered on this night may be made bright by the inward presence of your holy light, and that all places wheresoever light shall be brought from this mystery here sanctified by us, may by the same be relieved from the crafts and assaults of the devil, and filled with the mighty power of thy heavenly majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

And while he is blessing the grains of incense, an Acolyte takes some of the blessed charcoal and places them in the thurible.

The celebrant sets incense in the censer, and blesses it in the customary manner.

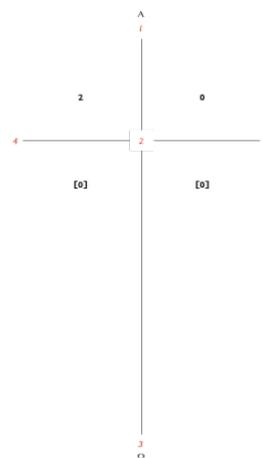
Then he **thrice sprinkles with holy water** the grains of incense and the fire, saying without intoning it,

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop.

and he **censes them thrice**.

The Paschal Candle is prepared before it is lit from the Easter fire.

The priest signs the Candle with the **Alpha & Omega** and the **Number of the Year (2026)**



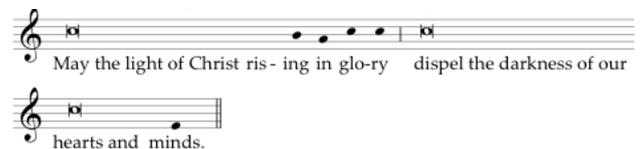
Christ yesterday and today the Beginning and the End the Alpha and the Omega All time belongs to him; and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant now inserts the five grains of incense into the Candle.

1st By his holy
2nd and glorious wounds
3rd may Christ our Lord
4th guard us
5th and keep us. Amen.

The Candle is lighted.

Celebrant sings,



The people's candles are lit.

The thurifer with the smoking thurible precedes the celebrant, who carries the paschal candle and the procession begins.

The following is sung three times during the procession.



And all respond:



Lumen Christi (The light of Christ!)

Deo Gratias. (Thanks be to God!)

(Re-light candles if they go out during the procession).

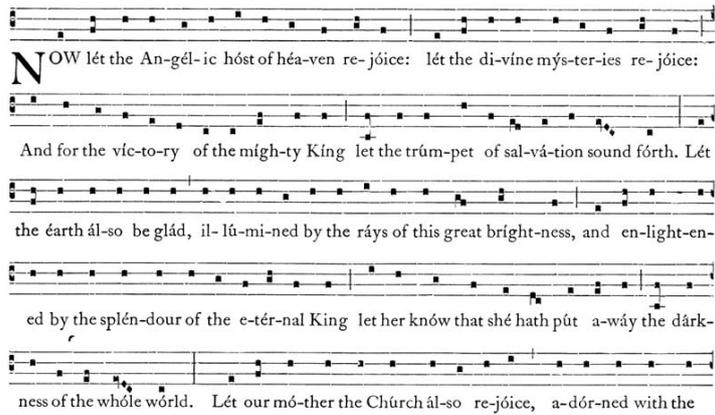
When the celebrant comes to the altar,
he places the Easter Candle on its stand,
puts incense in the thurible

Celebrant then censes the Paschal Candle
and the Book of the Easter Proclamation (Praeloquium Paschale),
then the **EXSULTET** is sung.

English Missal translation

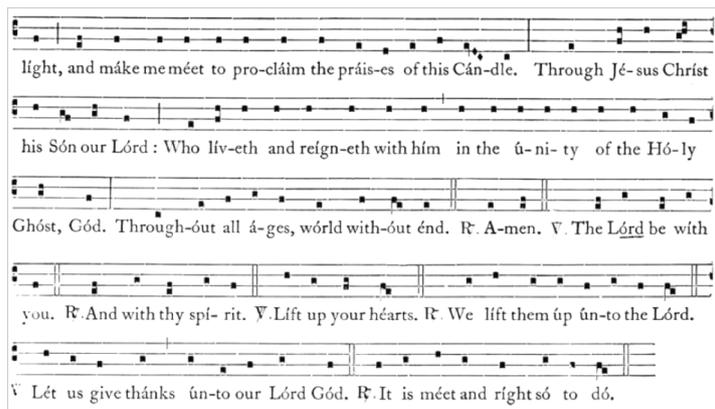
Stand.

All hold their lighted candles.



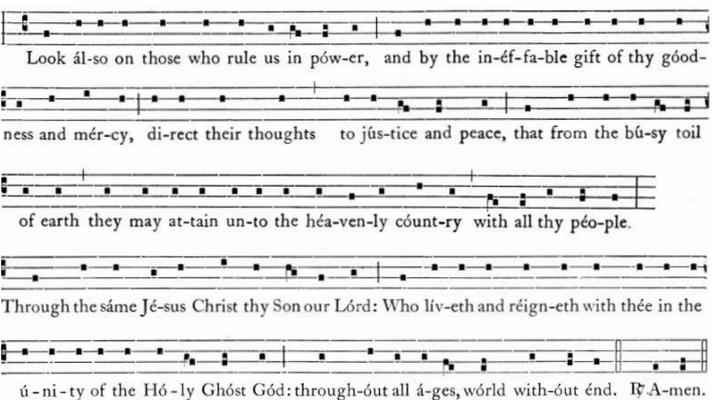
NOW let the An-gél-ic hóst of héa-ven re- jóice: lét the di-víne mýs-ter-ies re- jóice:
And for the vic-to-ry of the mígh-ty Kíng let the trúm-pet of sal-vá-tion sound fórh. Lét
the éarth ál-so be glád, il-lú-mi-ned by the ráys of this great bríght-ness, and en-light-en-
ed by the splén-dour of the e-tér-nal Kíng let her knów that shé hath pút a-wáy the dárk-
ness of the whóle wórld. Lét our mó-ther the Chúrch ál-so re- jóice, a-dór-ned with the

...



light, and máke me méet to pro-cláim the práis-es of this Cán-dle. Through Jé-sus Christ
his Són our Lórd: Who lív-eth and réign-eth with hím in the ú-ni-ty of the Hó-ly
Ghóst, Gód. Through-óut all á-ges, wórld with-óut énd. R. A-men. V. The Lórd be with
you. R. And with thy spí-rit. V. Lift up your héarts. R. We líft them úp ún-to the Lórd.
V. Lét us gíve thánks ún-to our Lórd Gód. R. It is méet and ríght só to dó.

...



Look ál-so on those who rule us in pów-er, and by the in-éf-fa-ble gíft of thy góod-
ness and mér-cy, dí-rect their thoughts to jús-tice and peace, that from the bú-sy toil
of earth they may at-tain ún-to the héa-ven-ly cóunt-ry with all thy péo-ple.
Through the sáme Jé-sus Christ thy Són our Lórd: Who lív-eth and réign-eth with thée in the
ú-ni-ty of the Hó-ly Ghóst Gód: through-óut all á-ges, wórld with-óut énd. R. A-men.

The altar candles are lit first,
then the shrine candles (votives) in the sanctuary and around the church.

Part Two THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The celebrant introduces the Vigil using these words:

¶ INTRODUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters
now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us meditate on how God in times past
saved his people and in these, the last days,
has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.
Let us pray that our God may complete
this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

Sit

Five readings are read all from the Hebrew Bible.
After each one there is a **Responsorial Psalm**,
followed by a **Prayer** and a brief moment of silence.

1. Genesis 1: 1 – 2:3 - Psalm: 136.1-9, 23-26
2. Genesis 22: 1-18 - Psalm 16
3. Exodus 14: 10 - 31; 15: 20-21
- Canticle: Moses' Song of Triumph: Exodus 15:1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17
4. Ezekiel 36: 24-28 - Psalm 42
5. Zephaniah 3: 12-20. Psalm 98

Stand

The main church lights are turned on.

The church lights are put on as the celebrant gives the Paschal greeting:

The Easter Acclamation

Χριστός ἀνέστη! (pronounced: **Christós Anésti!**
meaning, 'Christ is risen!')

Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (pronounced: **Alithós Anésti!**
meaning, 'Truly he is risen!')

Gloria in Excelsis

Bells are rung at the beginning during the jubilus (organ improvisation) and at the end.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

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.**

Sit

Epistle Reading: Romans 6: 3-11

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Romans.

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm is sung by a cantor

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Each time raising our voices by one step.

ALLELUIA



¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.' **R./**

¹⁶ 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. **R./**

²² The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R./**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

The Gospel

Incense is used, but candles are not carried

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Matthew. (28: 1-10)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

¶ THE EASTER SERMON

by S. John Chrysostom, (circa A.D. 344-407). He was the greatest preacher of the ancient church and one of the greatest of all time. His surname, in fact, means "Golden Mouth." Probably no sermon he preached is as well known as the powerful and eloquent Easter homily (circa A.D. 400). The churches of the Eastern Orthodox tradition recite it each year as part of their Easter celebrations.

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary from fasting?

Let them now receive their due!

If any have toiled from the first hour,

Let them receive their reward.

If any have come after the third hour,

Let them with gratitude join in the feast!

And those who arrived after the sixth hour,

Let them not doubt; for they shall lose nothing.

And if any have tarried until the ninth hour,

Let them not hesitate; but let them come too.

And those who arrived only at the eleventh hour,

Let them not be afraid by reason of their delay.

For the Lord is gracious

and receives the last no less than the first.

The Lord gives rest to those who come at the eleventh hour,

Even as to those who toiled from the beginning.

To one and all the Lord gives generously.

The Lord accepts the offering of every work.

The Lord honours every deed and commends their intention.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike, receive your reward.

Rich and poor, rejoice together!

Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,

Rejoice, this day, for the table is bountifully spread!

Feast royally, for the calf is fatted.

Let no one go away hungry.

Partake, all, of the cup of faith.

Enjoy the riches of the Lord's goodness!

Let none grieve their poverty,

For the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let none mourn that they have fallen, over, and over again;

For forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let none fear death,

for the death of our Saviour has set us free.

The Lord has destroyed it by enduring it.

The Lord destroyed hell when He descended into it.

The Lord put hell in turmoil even as it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said,

"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering him below."

Hell is in turmoil because it has been eclipsed.

Hell is in turmoil because it is mocked.

Hell is in turmoil, for it is destroyed.

Hell is in turmoil, for it is annihilated.

Hell is in turmoil, for it is now made captive.

Hell grasped a corpse, and discovered God.

Hell seized earth, and encountered heaven.

Hell took what it saw,

and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting?

O hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen,

and you, O death, are obliterated!

Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is risen, and life is set free!

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;

For Christ, having risen from the dead,

Is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To God be glory and power forever and ever.

Amen!

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Part Three BAPTISMAL LITURGY

After the sermon, the celebrant carrying the Easter Candle, goes with the servers to the font.

Incense is taken but not torches.

Dearly beloved, let us humbly invoke upon this font the grace of God the almighty Father, that those who from it are born anew may be numbered among the children of adoption in Christ.

Stand

Litany of the Saints

V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.

V. Christ, have mer-cy. R. Christ, have mer-cy.

V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, [] R. pray for us.

Lord, be mer-ci-ful, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.

From all e - vil, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.
 From eve - ry sin,
 From ever - last-ing death,
 By your In - car - na - tion,
 By your
 Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,
 By the out-
 -pouring
 of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Be merciful to us sin-ners, R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

If there are candidates to be baptized:
 Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Bap-tism,
 R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Christ, hear us. R. Christ, hear us.
 Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

¶ BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

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 very meet, right and our bounden duty
 that we should at all times, and in all places,
 give thanks unto thee...Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who shall come to judge the quick and the dead,
 and the world by fire. **Amen.**

*Water is drawn from the Font and placed into a vessel
 for the sprinkling of the people at the end of the renewal of promises of Baptism.*

The Oil of Catechumens is poured into the font, and the celebrant says,
 May this Oil of salvation make this font holy, and cause it to multiply that
 those who find therein their new birth may come to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Then he pours in some of the Chrism, saying,

May this mingling of the Chrism of Jesus Christ our Lord, and of the Holy Spirit
 the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the most Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Lastly, he takes both phials of these oils

and pours them both together in the form of a cross, saying,

May this commingling of the Chrism of salvation
 and the Oil of unction and of the Water of Baptism
 likewise be wrought in the Name of the ✠ Father,
 and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy ✠ Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant censures the font.

¶ HOLY BAPTISM WITH THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

N., Do you desire to be baptised?
That is my desire.

MAKING & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

My brothers and sisters, through this paschal mystery
 we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
 so that we may rise with him to a new life.

I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is
 ended, to join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ
 and to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism
 when we renounced the Devil and all his works and promised to
 serve God faithfully in his Holy Catholic Church.

The candidates turns to face WEST (towards the main doors).

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.**

The candidates turns to face EAST (towards the High Altar).

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.

¶ THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The priest makes the sign of the cross ✠ on the forehead of each
 of the candidates with the oil of baptism.*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive 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.**

¶ THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together
 with these candidates the faith of the Church.

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe and trust 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 and trust 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.**

¶ THE BAPTISM

The priest pours water on the candidate's head three times and says,

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

¶ ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The priest anoints the newly baptised candidate with the oil of Chrim making the Chi-Rho symbol on their forehead, (the first two letters of Christ in Greek), saying,

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrim of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you always live as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life. **Amen.**



¶ THE CLOTHING WITH A WHITE GARMENT

A white shawl is placed around the newly baptised.

N., You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. Take this white vesture for a token of the innocence, which by God's grace in this holy sacrament of Baptism, is given unto you: and for a sign whereby you are admonished, so long as you live, to give yourself to innocence of living, that, after this transitory life, you may be a partaker of the life everlasting. **Amen.**

¶ THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and gives it the candidate.

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.**

¶ EPHPHETHA

The priest touches the ears and mouth of the candidate with his thumb saying:

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

¶ THE COMMISSION

The priest says to the newly baptised, and all make the responses with them.

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 WELCOME

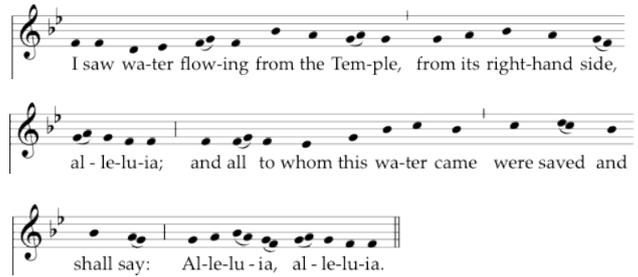
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

NN., by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

*The following antiphon **Vidi Aquam** is sung
as the celebrant sprinkles the people.*

Antiphon



Part Four

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared.

The Offertory Hymn

¹ Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.**

² Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

³ No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Refrain

Words: (French: À toi la gloire O Ressuscité), written by the Swiss Protestant minister, Edmond Budry (1854–1932), and set to the tune of the chorus "See, the Conqu'ring hero comes" from the third section of Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus. English trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939), 1923 (NEH 120, Tune: Maccabaeus)

Remain standing

The Orate Fratres

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours,
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we ask, O Lord, the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal
mysteries may, by the working of your power,
bring us to the healing of eternity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing throughout

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.

*Here follows the Preface in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts,
and all respond:*

**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.**

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Celebrant adds

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we await in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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. Alleluia.

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Alleluia!

*We share the peace with those immediately around us.
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

*Agnus Dei is sung by the choir
during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

**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.**

The Invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those called his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate the
feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia!

1 Corinthians 11: 26

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies Amen. and then receives.

Please Stand.

Celebrant says The 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 CONCLUDING RITE

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Χριστός ἀνέστη! (*pronounced: Christós Anésti! meaning, 'Christ is risen!'*)

Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (*pronounced: Alithós Anésti! meaning, 'Truly, He is risen!'*)

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's 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, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

I-te, missa est, alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia. R. De-o grá-ti- as,
alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia.

The Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart.

^{1.} The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

^{2.} Our hearts be pure from evil,

that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

^{3.} Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin!

The round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Words: S. John of Damascus, theologian & poet
(b. Damascus, c.675; d. S. Sabas, near Jerusalem, c.754)
Translated by J. M. Neale (NEH 117, Tune: Ellacombe)*

No Kneeling during Eastertide in order to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord.

First Ecumenical Council of Nicea 325. Canon 20:

"Since there are some who kneel on Sunday and during the
season of Pentecost, this holy synod decrees that, so that the
same observances may be maintained in every diocese, one
should offer one's prayers to the Lord standing."

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL

**PARISH MASS at 10.30am
Evening Prayer at 6pm**

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