

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

April 4, 2026 • 8:00 p.m.

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

*We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.
We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.*

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most significant liturgy of the Christian year and is the culmination of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days. The service begins in total darkness. The Cathedral is slowly illuminated by light as we observe the Paschal Mystery – the passage from darkness into light, from death into life – told through ancient texts, scriptural readings, and sacred music, telling of God’s saving actions through history. Into this story, we reaffirm our baptismal vows. The great moment of this night is the celebration of the First Eucharist of the Resurrection, gloriously announced with *Alleluias*. The Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ and will burn throughout the Easter Season.

Please note that incense will be used during this service.

LEADING THE SERVICE

The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, *preacher & presider*
The Reverend Dr. Reagan Gale, *deacon*

Brad Barbeau, *director of music*
The Cathedral Choir

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Harley Smyth, Laurie Dempsey, Susan Higgins & James McBride, *readers*
The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale, *intercessor*
Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage, *servers*
Jane Kirkpatrick, *verger*
The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale & Jim Anderson, *lay ministers*
Lynn Wilson, *sidesperson*
Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin, *livestream technicians*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer #3

MASS SETTING

Festive Eucharist – Noel Rawsthorne

*The service begins with the Cathedral in darkness.
The congregation is asked to stand as able and turn to the back of the Cathedral.*

The Service of Light

In the darkness, fire is kindled.

Celebrant

Dear friends 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;
we are confident
that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.
Father, we share in the light of your glory
through your Son, the light of the world.
Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope.
Purify our minds by this Easter celebration
and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Celebrant traces the cross and other symbols on the paschal candle, praying:

Christ yesterday and today,
The beginning and the end,
Alpha,
And Omega.
All time belongs to him, and all the ages,
To him be glory and power, through every age forever.

People

Amen.

The Celebrant inserts the incense grain into the candle, praying:

By his holy
And glorious wounds

May Christ our Lord
Guard us
And keep us.
Amen.

People

The paschal candle is lighted from the new fire:

Celebrant

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Deacon takes the paschal candle, lifts it high, and sings,

Deacon

The light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

*The procession enters the church, led by the Curate with the paschal candle.
At a suitable place the Curate lifts the candle high, and sings a second time,*

Deacon

The light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

If candles have been distributed to the congregation, they may be lighted now.

The procession continues until the Dean arrives before the altar.

Turning to face the people, the Curate sings a third time,

Deacon

The light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Easter Proclamation: The Exsultet

Cantor

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus
Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in
the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered!
Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen
Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with
joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Cantor

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

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

Cantor It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The Service of Lessons

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

Lesson | Exodus 14: 10-31, 15:20-21

read by Laurie Dempsey

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. They 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? Is 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.” But 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. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” 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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took the tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

Canticle | The Song of Moses

I will sing to the Lord for he has risen up in might

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

Glorify to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Lesson | Isaiah 55: 1-11

read by Harley Smyth

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a

leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle | A Song of Thanksgiving

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.
Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid.
For the Most High is my stronghold and my sure defence, and God will be my Saviour.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Most High and call upon God's name;
Make God's deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that God's name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Most High, for God has done great things, and this is know in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant O God, by the power of your Word, you have created all things, and by your Spirit, you renew the earth. Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Lesson | Ezekiel 36: 24-28

read by Susan Higgins

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A 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. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm | Psalm 42

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, / so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: / when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3 My tears have been my food day and night, / while all day long they say unto me, 'Where is now thy God?'
4 These things will I remember as I pour out my soul within me: / how I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God,
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, / a multitude keeping holy-day.
6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? / and why art thou so disquieted within me?
7 O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, / who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
8 MY soul is vexed within me; therefore will I remember thee / from the land of Jordan, from Hermon, and the Little Hill.
9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy torrents; / all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
10 The LORD will grant his loving-kindness in the day-time; / and in the night-season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.
11 I will say unto God my rock, 'Why hast thou forgotten me? / why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?'
12 My bones are smitten asunder, while mine enemies reproach me, / while they say daily unto me, 'Where is now thy God?'
13 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? / and why art thou so disquieted within me?
14 O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, / who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, in the Paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in Baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Silence is kept. The people stand as able.

The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

A fanfare sounds. Bells are rung and candles extinguished.

Gloria in Excelsis

People **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.**

**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 Collect for the Resurrection

Celebrant Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given to us in Baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The Epistle | Romans 6: 3-11

read by James McBride

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia!
4 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

5 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!

6 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

Württemberg

Melody from *Hundert Arien*, Dresden 1694

M Weisse c. 1480-1534

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78

The Holy Gospel | Luke 24: 1-12

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

But 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^[a] 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

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant blesses the water.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

***People* I will, with God's help.**

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

***People* I will, with God's help.**

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

***People* I will, with God's help.**

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

***People* I will, with God's help.**

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

***People* I will, with God's help.**

The Asperges

Celebrant God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

***People* Amen.**

The people remain standing as the Celebrant sprinkles them with blessed water, a sign of the renewal of their baptismal covenant.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



An offering is received to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by visiting www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/give.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

4 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

6 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

St Fulbert

H. J. Gauntlett 1805-76

St Fulbert of Chartres d. 1028

tr. R Campbell 1814-68

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir *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.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

***People* we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

***People* Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
People **Now we are raised to new life.**
Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
People **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir *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 your peace.*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant

Glory to God,

People

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn at the Closing | Sung by all, standing as able.



Al - le - lu - ia.

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia.

3 On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia.

2 Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

Alleluia.

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee

Alleluia.

Victory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1591)

17th Century Latin

tr. Francis Pott (1861)

Postlude: *Litanies* – Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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8am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Festival Holy Eucharist (*livestreamed*)

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