



RIPON  
CATHEDRAL

**The Vigil and  
Easter Liturgy**

Easter Eve

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026

7.30pm



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

## Welcome to Ripon Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since Wilfrid built the first church here in 672AD. The crypt of that original church still survives and is the oldest part of any English cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there for over 1350 years.

Built on the firm foundation of that heritage, the Cathedral today continues to proclaim the Christian faith, with daily prayer and active service in Jesus' name.

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## Sitting, kneeling, standing

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers. This order of service invites you to sit or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and adopt the posture you find most comfortable.

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## Welcome to this service

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is also a real experience of new life for the worshipper; a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful. It is important that the preparation be prayerful and thorough.

The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The singing of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing, links this night of our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. Christian baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying to sin in order to be reborn in him, and the Easter Vigil was from early Christian times a preferred occasion for baptism. It is fittingly a time when those who are already Christians may repeat with renewed commitment the promises of their own baptism, and strengthen their sense of incorporation into the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all the joy and splendour that the church can find.

The Easter Eucharist follows immediately on the Vigil. All the resources of the church - music, flowers, bells, colours, incense, water - are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', silent throughout Lent, returns.

The President and Preacher is the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Acting Bishop of Leeds and Bishop of Bradford.

The service is sung by the older choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Missa brevis* by *Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*.

*Words of welcome are given by The Dean.*

*The service begins around the Easter fire on the cathedral forecourt. The congregation is invited to join the clergy around the fire, or to remain in their places turning to face the west door.*

## The Service of Light

### The Marking of the Easter Candle

President        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.

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

*All*                **Amen.**

*After the blessing of the new fire the president marks the Easter candle by tracing the cross, then the Greek letters Alpha and Omega above and below the cross respectively, and the numerals 2026 between the arms of the cross.*

President        Christ yesterday and today,  
                      the beginning and the end,  
                      Alpha and Omega,  
                      all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
                      to him be glory and power,  
                      through every age and for ever.

*All*                **Amen.**

*Five incense grains are placed in the candle to represent the wounds of Christ.*

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

*All*                    **Amen.**

## **The Lighting of the Easter Candle**

*The Easter Candle is lit.*

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

*The deacon bearing the candle enters the Cathedral, followed by the other ministers, pausing just inside the entrance. The deacon bearing the candle raises it and the following is sung.*

*All*                    The Light of Christ.  
                         **Thanks be to God.**

*The procession moves further into the cathedral and pauses a second time. The candle is raised again. The following is sung on a higher note:*

*All*                    The Light of Christ.  
                         **Thanks be to God.**

*The procession continues and pauses once more in front of the nave altar. The candle is raised again. The following is sung on an even higher note:*

*All*                    The Light of Christ.  
                         **Thanks be to God.**

*The Easter candle is placed in the stand and is censed - a pillar of fire in a pillar of cloud. The light is now passed to the whole congregation and thus the cathedral is filled with the light of Christ.*

*Please help spread the light quickly by lighting your neighbour's candle.*

*Please remain standing.*



President This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

President 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.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

President This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

President 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.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

President 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.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

President Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
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 the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

# The Vigil

## Introduction

President           As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that, through this Easter celebration, God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

*Please sit.*

## Old Testament Readings

### The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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. 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.' 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 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. 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. 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; 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.

*Exodus 14.10-15.1*

## Canticle

*Choir*

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation: this is my God and I will praise him; my father's God and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war: The Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea: and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea. The floods cover them: they went down into the depths like a stone. Thy right hand O Lord is glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. Thou wilt bring in thy people and plant them on thine own mountain: the place O Lord which thou hast made for thine abode; the sanctuary O Lord which thy hands have established. The Lord will reign: for ever and ever.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

*The Song of the Israelites, Exodus 15*

President

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

*All*

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

President

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 your Son our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Second Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: 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.

*Ezekiel 36.24-28*

## Psalm

Choir

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks :  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself :  
for I went with the multitude,  
and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving :  
among such as keep holy-day.

O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me :  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God  
even unto the God of my joy and gladness :  
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God my God.

*Psalm 42 & 43*

President  
*All*

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

President

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

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Third Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

*Zephaniah 3: 14-18*

## Psalm

Choir                    When Israel came out of Egypt:  
                              and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,  
  Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.  
  
The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.  
  
The mountains skipped like rams:  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
  
What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest:  
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?  
  
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams:  
and ye little hills, like young sheep?  
  
Tremble, thou earth at the presence of the Lord,  
                              at the presence of the God of Jacob;  
                              who turned the hard rock into a standing water:  
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

*Psalm 114*

President                Christ is the resurrection and the Life.  
*All*                        **Those who believe in Christ will never die.**  
  
God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church,  
By the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will, that we may share  
                              with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
  
*All*                        **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Easter Acclamation

President        The time has come as the Easter Gospel draws close,  
let the organ sound, and the *Gloria* be sung!

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

*A strepitous sounds. All the candles in the cathedral are lit as the Gloria is sung.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax  
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex  
cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*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.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu 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.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus  
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu  
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria  
Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.*

*Christ has risen and the whole Cathedral is now flooded with the light of Christ. Please now extinguish your candle and hold it vertically for a few seconds to allow the wax to set.*

## The Collect

President            Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ:  
                         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.

*All*                    **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

*Romans 6.3-11*

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

## The Easter Gospel

*Please stand and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.*

*The choir sings and then all repeat:*



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

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon 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, the women who had accompanied Jesus 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 Jesus' 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.

*Luke 24. 1-12*

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Please sit at the invitation of the Preacher.*

# The Liturgy of Initiation

## The Procession to the Font

*Please stand to sing the hymn, during which the altar party process to the font. Please turn to face the font.*

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.  
Alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

**On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.  
Alleluia!**

**He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.  
Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee  
Alleluia!**

*NEH 119*

*Words: Latin 17<sup>th</sup> Century translated Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Music: VICTORY adapted from the Gloria of Palestrina's Magnificat tertii toni  
with Alleluya by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

# The Decision and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

Therefore I ask:

*All* Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?  
**I reject them.**

President Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?  
*All* **I renounce them.**

President Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?  
*All* **I repent of them.**

President Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
*All* **I turn to Christ.**

President Do you submit to Christ as Lord?  
*All* **I submit to Christ.**

President Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
*All* **I come to Christ.**

## Prayer over the Water

*Water is poured into the font which is censed.*

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

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

President        Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
                      was baptised in the river Jordan,  
                      we thank you for the gift of water  
                      to cleanse us and revive us.  
*All*                **Saving God, give us life.**

*The Easter Candle is lowered into the water.*

President        We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
                      you led your people out of slavery  
                      to freedom in the Promised Land.  
*All*                **Saving God, give us life.**

*The Easter Candle is lowered into the water a second time.*

President        We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
                      you brought your Son,  
                      and raised him to life in triumph.  
*All*                **Saving God, give us life.**

*The Easter Candle is lowered into the water a final time.*

President        Bless this water,  
                      that your servants who are washed in it  
                      may be made one with Christ in his death  
                      and in his resurrection,  
                      to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.  
*All*                **Saving God, give us life.**

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

## Profession of Faith

President Brothers and sisters,  
I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

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

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

President Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
*All* **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.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

President 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!

*All* The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange warm greetings with those nearest us.*

## Preparation of the Altar

*The table is prepared, the bread and wine are placed on it.*

### Offertory Hymn

*A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the credit / debit card terminals that are also available. The altar party return.*

**This is the night of new beginnings.  
This is the night when heaven meets earth.  
This is the night filled with God's glory,  
promise of our new birth!  
*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

**This is the night Christ our Redeemer  
rose from the grave triumphant and free,  
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness  
empty for all to see.  
*Christ, be our light!***

**Now will the fire kindled in darkness  
burn to dispel the shadows of night.  
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour,  
you are the world's true light!  
*Christ, be our light!***

**Sing of the hope deeper than dying.  
Sing of the power stronger than death.  
Sing of the love endless as heaven,  
dawning throughout the earth.  
*Christ, be our light!***

**Into this world morning is breaking.  
All of God's people, lift up your voice.  
Cry out with joy, tell out the story,  
all of the earth, rejoice!  
*Christ, be our light!***

*AM 189*

*Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

*Music: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

*The gifts are censed.*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

President We celebrate the gifts and grace of God  
*All* **We take this bread, we take this wine,  
to follow Christ's example and obey his command.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

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

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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*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.*

President

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,  
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

*All*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Peter, St Wilfrid and 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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **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

President We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive God's blessing, please come with this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister.*

*During communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.*

## **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem

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

## **Motet**

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled  
tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Words: Phos Hilaron 3<sup>rd</sup> century or earlier tr. John Keble (1792–1866)  
Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

President Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

*During the hymn the president and clergy move to the Easter Garden.*

## Recessional Hymn

*Please stand.*

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.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

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:  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

## The Blessing of the Easter Garden

*Please turn to face the Easter Garden.*

President      Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
to you be glory now and for ever.  
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
By your blessing may we who have prepared this Garden  
in celebration of his victory  
be strengthened in faith,  
know the power of his presence,  
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

All      **Blessed be God for ever. Alleluia!**

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

President      The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

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*Words: French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

*Music: MACCABAEUS G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

## The Easter Dismissal

Deacon      Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*All*      **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Organ Voluntary

Incantation pour un jour Saint

*Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*