



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**



## The Easter Vigil

*Saturday, 19 April 2025, 8.00pm*

The President is  
**The Rt Revd Philip North**  
*Bishop of Blackburn*

The Deacon is  
**Canon James Lawrence**  
*Missioner*

The Subdeacon is  
**The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones**  
*Dean*

The service is sung by  
**The Cathedral Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

The organist is  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence*

The setting for the service is  
*A Blackburn Mass – James Davy*  
*and Ireland in C*

Candidate for Baptism is  
**Martin Trueman**

Candidates for Confirmation are  
**Wilson Douglas Haddow**  
**Jake Swindelhurst**  
**Hannah Elizabeth Wilkinson**  
**Isabelle Grace Wright**  
**Nicola Leanne Mansfield**

**Jennifer Nelson**  
**Martin Trueman**  
**Joanne Wright**

# The Service of Light

*We gather around the new fire*

*The subdeacon carries the unlit Easter Candle*

*The president says*

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

*The president prays over the fire*

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

*The president traces the cross and then the Greek letter Alpha (A) above  
and the Greek letter Omega (Ω) below.*

*As the vertical of the cross is traced the president says*

Christ yesterday and today,

*As the horizontal is traced the president says*  
the beginning and the end,

*As the Alpha is traced*  
Alpha

*As the Omega is traced*  
and Omega,

*As the first number of the year is traced the president says*  
all time belongs to him,

As the second number is traced  
and all ages;

As the third number is traced  
to him be glory and power,

As the fourth number is traced  
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

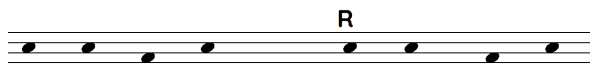
The president inserts the nails into the Easter Candle,  
reminding us of the five wounds of Christ, saying

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

The president lights the Easter Candle, saying

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

The subdeacon bearing the candle enters the building, followed by the president and  
the people The deacon sings three times, and everyone responds

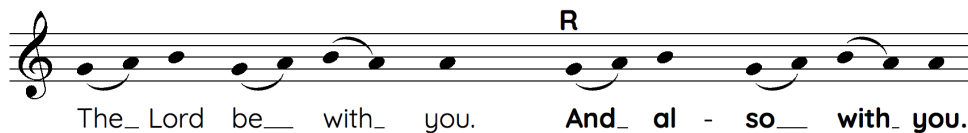


The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

As the light is carried in, candles are lit from the Paschal candle

## The Exsultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ our King is risen!  
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!  
Rejoice, O earth, in glory,  
revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!  
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!  
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
Your risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.



It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.



For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night  
when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

**Glory to you for ever.**

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

**Glory to you for ever.**

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.

**Glory to you for ever.**

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

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.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

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.  
**Glory to you for ever.**

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 all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!  
**Amen!**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The president introduces the celebration, and then says*

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

**The Creation***Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a**Read by Dominic Eatwell*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing

that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir and congregation sing*

How many are your works O Lord,  
in wisdom have you made them all.  
The moon to mark the end of day  
the sun to rise and light our way.

Send out your spi-rit up-on the earth and let your Spi-rit bring us to  
birth. Send out yourSpi-rit and make us new till all cre - a-tion re-turns to you.

Your majesty and glory tell  
the wonder of the place you dwell.  
The waters and the winds obey  
like messengers upon their way.

***Send our your Spirit upon the earth and let your Spirit bring us to birth.***

You set the earth upon its base,  
from age to age in time and space.  
The universe your care conveys,  
the planets echo with your praise.

***Send our your Spirit upon the earth and let your Spirit bring us to birth.***

*Send Out Your Spirit by Bernadette Farrell*



*The deacon says*

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

*The president says*

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

## **Second reading**

### **Crossing the Red Sea**

*Exodus 14.15 – 15.1a*

*Read by Nigel Scales*

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for

them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

*The choir and congregation sing*



I will sing to 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 has become my salvation.

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

This is my God and I will praise him, my father's God and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is his name.  
Pharoah's chariots and his host he cast into the sea.  
*Sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously.*

And his picked 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 glorious in power,  
thy right hand O Lord shatters the enemy.

*the Song of Moses and Miriam,  
Music by Sarah McDonald & Joseph Barnaby*

*The deacon says*

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

*The president says*

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

## Third reading

### Sprinkled with the water of life

Ezekiel 36.24-28

*Read by Barbara Robb*

The Lord God says: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

Sicut cervus  
desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.

Like as the hart  
desires the waterbrooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
*Sicut Cervus, Palestrina: (1525-94)*

*The deacon says*

Christ gives the living water.

**Christ is the fountain of eternal life.**

*The president says*

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. **Amen.**

*Please stand as the president stands and proclaims*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please extinguish your candles as the full cathedral lights are put on and an organ fanfare plays*

## The Gloria

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone and sung again after each section as indicated*



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Amen.

*from A Blackburn Mass, James Davy*

## The Collect

*The president says*

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

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 honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

*Please sit*

## New Testament reading

Read by Louise Hicks

(Romans 6.3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing, and turn to face the Gospel*

## Gospel Alleluia

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



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

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

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# The Gospel

*The deacon says*

*(Mark 16.1-8)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Homily

*The Rt Revd Philip North*

# The Liturgy of Initiation

*The procession moves into the South Transept as the choir sings the Easter Anthems.*

*Please follow Bishop Philip and the candidates to the font in the South Transept and gather behind the candidates. The candidates stand in a line facing the font. Sponsors stand immediately behind them. Please bring your service sheets with you.*

*The choir sings*

## The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast;  
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5:7.*

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more  
death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 6:9.*

Christ is risen from the dead  
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15:20*

*Setting by Walter Parratt (1841-1924)*

## The Candidates

### To be baptised and confirmed

Martin Trueman

### To be confirmed

Wilson Haddow  
Jake Swindlehurst  
Hannah Wilkinson  
Isabelle Wright  
Nicola Mansfield  
Jennifer Nelson  
Joanne Wright

## Presentation of the candidates

*The Bishop introduces the Liturgy of Initiation, and then asks the candidate for baptism*

Do you wish to be baptised?

*I do.*

*The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

*I have.*

*The Bishop asks all the candidates*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to  
affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*I am.*

*The Bishop addresses the whole congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

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

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

**With the help of God, we will.**

## Decision

*The Bishop addresses all the candidates*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin  
and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*I renounce them.*



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

*I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*I submit to Christ.*

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

*I come to Christ.*

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism, saying*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

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

## **Prayer over the Water**

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

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

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,

that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

## Baptism

*The Sponsors introduce each candidate to the Bishop in turn, saying*

Bishop Philip, I present N to be baptised.

*The Bishop says to the candidate*

N, is this your faith?

*and answers*

*This is my faith.*

*The Bishop pours water on the candidate, saying*

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

**Amen.**

*The Bishop says*

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

**Amen.**

*The Bishop invites the candidates for confirmation to make the sign of the cross on their forehead with water from the font in remembrance of their own baptism.*

*The Bishop says*

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

## **Confirmation**

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says*

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

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

*The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;

the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

*The sponsor lays a hand on the candidate's shoulder and introduce each candidate to the Bishop in turn, saying*

Bishop Philip, I present N to be confirmed.

*The Bishop addresses each in turn by name*

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

*The Bishop then lays hands on the head of each, saying*

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

*The Bishop anoints each candidate with Chrism saying*

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid*

**Defend, O Lord,  
these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.  
Amen.**

## **Sprinkling with holy water**

*The Bishop sprinkles the congregation with holy water as a reminder of their baptism*

## **The Welcome**

*The Bishop says*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.  
**We welcome you in the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;**

**we welcome you.**

*The congregation greets those newly baptised and confirmed with applause*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*The Bishop says*

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

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

*Please allow the eucharistic party space to process to their seats in the sanctuary*

*The deacon prepares the table*

*During the offertory hymn please return to your seats in the Nave, there will be a retiring collection after the service.*

## Offertory hymn

MACCABAEUS 120



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 victory 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 has lost its sting:

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.

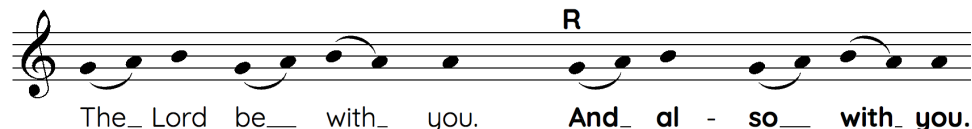
*Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer





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

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

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Mary, Paul 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.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as our Saviour taught us,



Notre pere, qui es aux cieux ...  
Vater unser im Himmel ...  
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...  
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...  
Tève Mùsù, kuris esi danguje! ...  
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

Missierna, li inti tis-smewwiet...  
Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...  
Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...  
ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،  
Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...

**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**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

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

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

*If you are able, please remain standing while the choir sings*

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

# The Giving of Communion

*The president says*

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

*When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave.*

*Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.*

*Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say*

The body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*The minister distributing wine will say*

The blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.*

## During communion

*The choir sings*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever;  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

*from "Messiah" by Handel (1685-1759)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

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.**

*Please stand to sing.*

*During this hymn those newly baptised and confirmed receive from the deacon a lit candle from the ministers, and remain at the front of the church for the blessing.*

## Hymn

EASTER HYMN 110



Christ the Lord is risen today; *Alleluia!*  
All creation joins to say: *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*  
Sing, you heavens; let earth, reply: *Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!*  
Fought the fight, the battle won; *Alleluia!*  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious king; *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now your sting? *Alleluia!*  
Once he died our souls to save; *Alleluia!*  
Where's your victory, boasting grave? *Alleluia!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

# The Blessing

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The president addresses those newly baptised and confirmed*

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.**

*The deacon says*

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

*Bishop Philip leads those newly baptised and confirmed out, followed by the procession  
A retiring collection will be taken*

## The Organ Voluntary

Incantation pour un jour saint

(Incantation for a holy day)

*Jean Langlais (1907-91)*

Based around the plainsong acclamations of "Lumen Christi" (The Light of Christ, as heard on page 4).

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