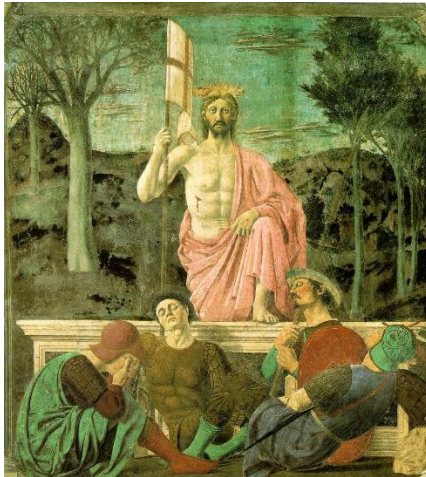




BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL



The Easter Vigil

Saturday, 30 March 2024

8.00pm

The President is
The Rt Revd Philip North
Bishop of Blackburn

The Deacon is
Canon Jenny Gaffin
Precentor

The Subdeacon is
Canon James Lawrence
Missioner

Candidates for Baptism are
Nyachudie Deng Lam
Pal Deng Lam
Saukat Husain Magra
Alexandria Mitchell (Cole)

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Zara Swindlehurst

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.

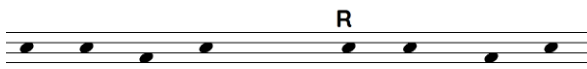
The president lights the Easter Candle, saying

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

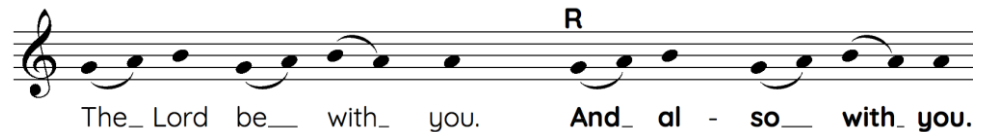


The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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 down

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 Jeremy Duerden

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 sings Send Out Your Spirit by Bernadette Farrell

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 your Spi-rit and make us new till all cre - a-tion re-turms 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.

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 Barbara Robb

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



Sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord for he has tri-umphed glo-rious - ly.

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 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

In praise of Wisdom

Proverbs 8.1-8, 19-21; 9.4b-6

Read by Nigel Scales

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries. 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings Enemy of Apathy, John Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

She sits like a bird brooding on the waters
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
she is the key, opening the Scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

The deacon says

Christ is the bread of life.

Whoever comes to him will never hunger.

The president says

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth reading

Let us return to the Lord who saves us *Isaiah 55.1-11*

Read by Mihaela Mladin

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that 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 labour 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. See, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir and congregation sings the Cantic: A Song of Deliverance



God indeed is my saviour; I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my saviour.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name,
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Shout with exaltation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

The deacon says

Whoever comes to Christ will never be hungry.
who believes in Christ will never thirst.

The president says

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

Fifth reading

Sprinkled with the water of life

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Read by Louise Hicks

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, Palestrina: (1525-94)

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.

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, 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 down

New Testament reading

Romans 6.3-11

Read by Zak Isingoma

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 as the procession moves to the centre of the nave

Gospel Alleluia

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Give thanks to the Lord, he is good.
The love of the Lord knows no ending.
now let Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The right hand of God raised me up.
The hand of the Lord has triumphed.
I shall never die - I shall live telling his deeds.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected
becomes the cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!
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. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Please do not take any photographs during the baptism and confirmation – there will be an opportunity after the service to take photographs with the Bishop.

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

Nyachudie Deng Lam
Pal Deng Lam

To be baptised and confirmed

Saukat Husain Magra
Alexandria Mitchell (Cole)

To be confirmed

Isaac Eccles
Duane David Green
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Presentation of the candidates

The Sponsors introduce each candidate in turn, with the following words

Bishop, I present *N* to be baptised / baptised and confirmed / confirmed.

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

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptized

Have you been baptized 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 candidates for baptism, saying

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

The Bishop then says to the candidates

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 Dean says to each candidate

N, is this your faith?

and each answers

This is my faith.

The Dean pours water on each candidate, saying

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

Amen.

To be baptised

Nyachudie Deng Lam
Pal Deng Lam
Saukat Husain Magra
Alexandria Mitchell (Cole)

The Dean 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 as 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.**

To be confirmed

Isaac Eccles
Duane David Green
Leon Shaun Haworth
Jacob Hayhurst
Stevie Doreen Jackson
Saukat Husain Magra
Alexandria Mitchell
(Cole)
Thomas Morrissey
(Tuppy)
Orla Mae Nebil
Ava Mae Ponton
Benjamin Shipstone
Mia Grace Simpson
Olivia Rose Simpson
Zara Swindlehurst

The Welcome and Peace

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 Bishop says

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.

After greeting people, please following the procession back into the nave and return to your places while singing the hymn

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Preparation of the Table

The deacon prepares the table

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:

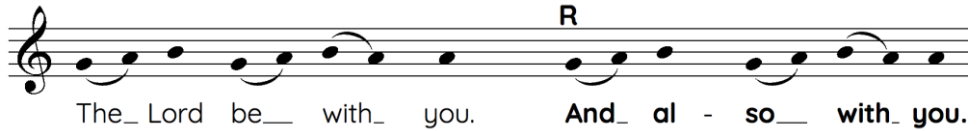
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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



The Lord be with you. **R** And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R** 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 père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...

Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...

Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...

Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،

Têve Mûşy, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...

Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

**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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O 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 step forward to receive 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

The Organ Voluntary

Incantation pour un jour saint
(Incantation for a holy day)

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

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