

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia  
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



Bernardino di Betto (Pinturicchio) "The Resurrection" (1494)

## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 11.30pm**

**(on YouTube - <https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB>)**

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only five people are permitted in the locked-down church, so our Masses have all been significantly pared back this year. Do join us, however, through the St Peter's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB> or the St Peter's Facebook page. The Vigil liturgy this year commences at the Wayside Cross, as the Easter Fire is kindled.*

*Celebrant:* In the name of the Father, + and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those gathered, and those watching:*  
Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night,  
in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,  
the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world,  
to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord,  
in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

*The celebrant lights and blesses the fire:*  
Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the  
world. Make this New Fire + holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our  
minds by this Easter celebration, and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

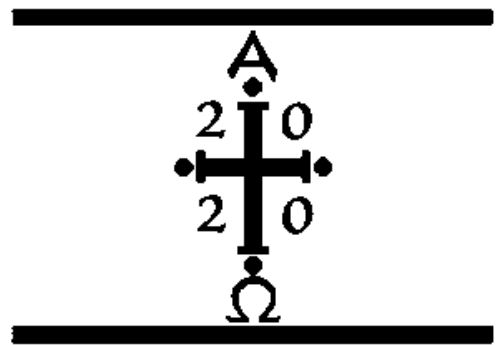
*The celebrant cuts the Paschal Candle:*

1. Christ yesterday and today (a vertical line)
2. the Beginning and the End (a horizontal line)
3. Alpha (the first letter)
4. and Omega (the last letter)
5. All time belongs to him (number 2)
6. and all the ages (number 0)
7. To him be glory and power (number 2)
8. through every age and for ever. (number 0)

**Amen**

*The celebrant inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, saying:*  
By his holy ... and glorious wounds ... may Christ our Lord ... guard us ...and  
keep us. **Amen.**

*The celebrant lights the paschal candle from the new fire, saying:*  
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.



*The small procession then moves into the darkened church, chanting three times:*

*Celebrant:*       The light of Christ

*All:*               **Thanks be to God**

*Those present genuflect after each response. The paschal candle is placed in its stand at the High Altar and censed. The Exsultet is then sung.*

## **THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light, join me in asking God for mercy, that he might give me his unworthy minister grace to sing his Easter praises.

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin, to our eternal Father! This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the night when first you saved our fathers: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin! This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer? Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love. To ransom a slave you gave away your son. O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer! Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night scripture says: "The night will be as clear as day: it will become my light, my joy." The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God! Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night,

receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God. Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night. May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all the earth, your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*A shortened Liturgy of the Word follows the Exsultet.*

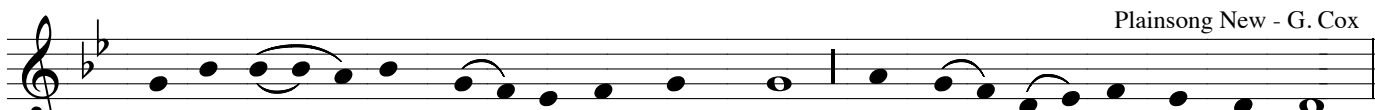
### FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 36.16–28

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, when the house of Israel lived on their own soil, they defiled it with their ways and their deeds; their conduct in my sight was unclean. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; in accordance with their conduct and their deeds I judged them. But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that it was said of them, 'These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.' But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. 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 uncleanness, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

*Responsory:* Psalms 42 & 43

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Like a deer that longs for run-ning streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

*The Collect.*

O God of unchanging power and eternal light,  
look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church  
and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation,  
which you planned from all eternity;  
may the whole world know and see  
that what was cast down is raised up,  
what had become old is made new,  
and all things are restored to integrity through Christ,  
just as by him they came into being.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The light is shared from the paschal candle to those present, in preparation for the proclamation of the Gloria, sung by the cantor. Those at home may also wish to light a candle at this point.*

*During the Gloria bells are rung and the church is fully lit.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis  
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens,  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu 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.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
Tu solus Dominus,  
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father;  
we worship you  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father;  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated:  
at the right hand of the Father  
receive our prayer.

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

*The Easter Collect.*

Eternal giver of life and light,  
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:  
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,

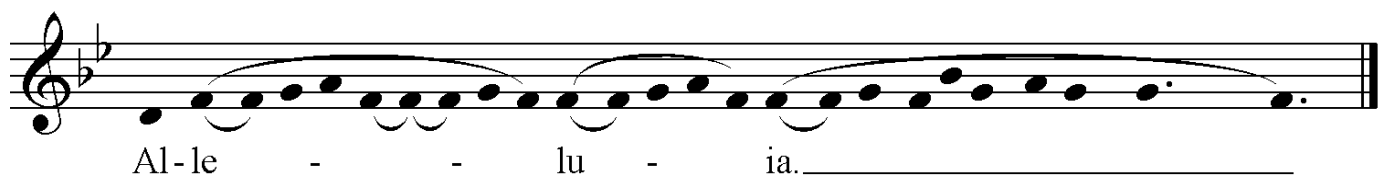
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE:** 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.

Hear the word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.**

*Remain standing for the Easter Alleluias : Psalm 118*



*All repeat the Alleluia after the verses of the psalm.*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:1-10)

**Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the

dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Those present and those at home may extinguish their candles.*

*The homily:* Fr Hugh

## **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Sadly the baptisms, confirmations and admissions to first communion that were due to take place this night have had to be postponed. We pray for Anne, Russell, David, Pete, Gisel, Rob, Diing, Chadhour and Cecilia as they wait for the public re-opening of St Peter’s and a rescheduled service.*

*So, this night, we all are invited to renew our baptismal vows; the cornerstone of our faith.*

*Fr Hugh:* To all the baptised, and those waiting to be baptised:  
Will you each, by God’s grace, strive to live as disciples of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life’s end?

*All:* **We will, with God’s help.**

I now ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church: the baptised; those awaiting baptism, confirmation and first communion; our small gathering here in church; and all those watching the Mass.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**The third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:**

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*The celebrant says:*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The offertory hymn.*

**1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
Can, O Death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!**

**2. Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us his love shall sever;  
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!**

**3. Jesus lives! to him the throne  
Over all the world is given:  
May we go where he has gone,  
Rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

NEH 112 (vv.1,4&5)  
Words: Christian Gellert (1715-69)  
trans. Frances Cox (1812-97)  
Music: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76)



*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, Lord God . . .  
**Blessed be God forever.**

*Celebrant:* Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

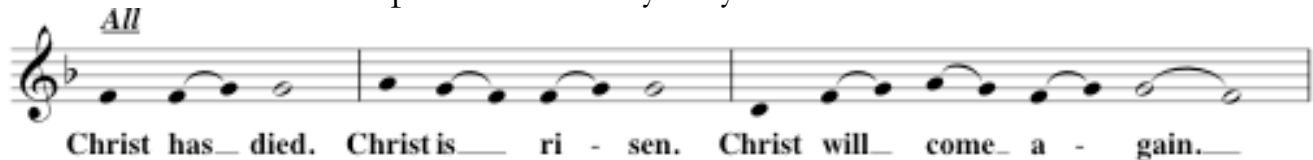
*Celebrant:* ...forever praising you and saying –

*The choir sings:*

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra</i>	heaven and earth are full
<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
<i>in nomine domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord
<i>Hosanna in excelsis</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

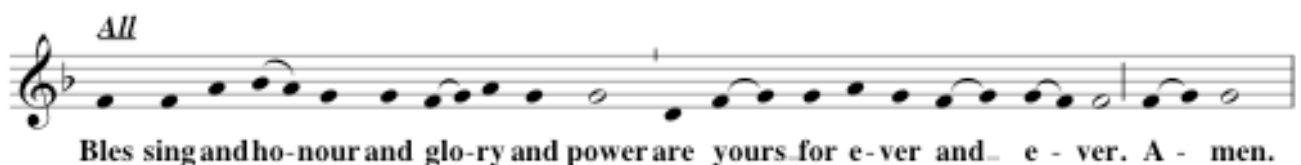
*All kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

*Celebrant:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*Celebrant:* ... we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of never-ending praise.



*Celebrant:* As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

*All*



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.  
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri-al and de-li-ver us from e-vil.  
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours now and for e-ver. A-men.

*Celebrant:* We who are many are one body in Christ,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the cantor sings:*

<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>miserere nobis.</i>	have mercy on us.
<i>Agnus Dei,</i>	Lamb of God,
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi:</i>	you take away the sin of the world:
<i>dona nobis pacem.</i>	grant us your peace.

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*The sacrament is shared.*

*Motet:* William Harris (1883-1973) *Most Glorious Lord of Life.*

*At the conclusion of communion there is a time of silent prayer, prior to the final hymn.*

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

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught 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.*

NEH 120

Words: French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932)

trans. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

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

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The celebrant sings the post-communion prayer:*

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us  
In these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love  
And unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection  
And show your glory to all the world.

Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.

*The blessing:*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God ...

*The celebrant dismisses the congregation.*

*Deacon*



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.\_\_\_\_

*All*



In the name of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.\_\_\_\_

*Postlude: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Jesu, Hope of All Despairing.*