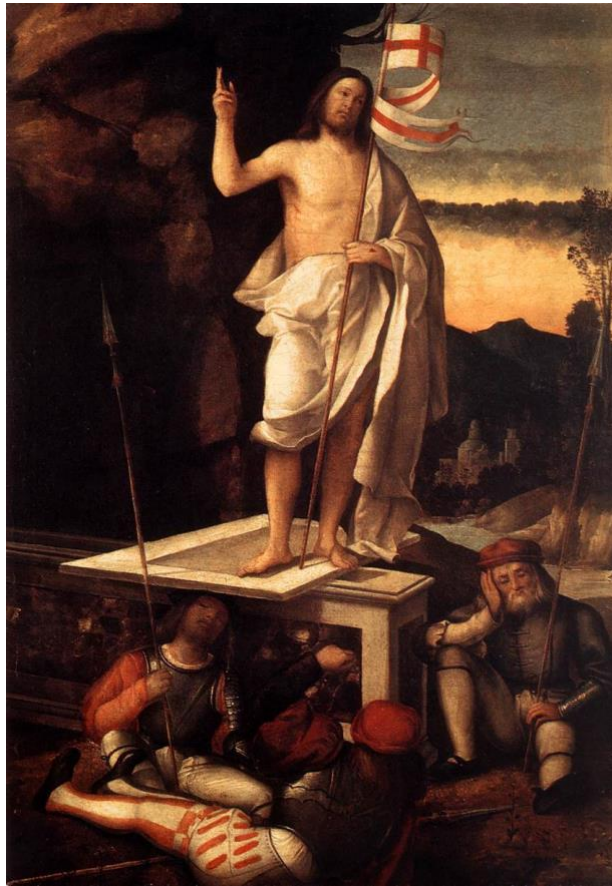


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*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia  
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



Marco Basaiti (1470 – 1530) *Resurrection of Christ*

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 8.00pm



# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*The congregation gathers outside the church. The sanctuary party assembles around the pit where the Paschal fire is to be lit. In the darkness, the fire is kindled. The celebrant then greets the people.*

Mass setting: Harold Darke (1888 – 1976) *Communion Service in F*

## THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR THE LUCERNARIUM

*A blazing fire is prepared outside the West Door. When the people are gathered there, the sacred ministers approach, along with the altar servers, one of whom carries the paschal candle.*

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.**

**D**ear brethren, on this most sacred night, in which our lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

*The priest blesses the fire with holy water and incense.*

**L**et us pray. O God, who through your son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our lord. Amen.

*After the blessing of the new fire, one of the altar servers brings the paschal candle to the priest.*

*The priest then marks on the Paschal Candle a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and the numerals of the current year. While doing this he says:*

Christ yesterday and today. The Beginning and the end. The alpha and the omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

*The priest inserts five nails containing into the Paschal Candle, symbolising the five wounds of Christ while saying:*

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the lord guard us and protect us. Amen.

*The priest 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 priest gives the paschal candle to the deacon, who leads the procession inside the church.*

The Deacon: The light of Christ

All: **Thanks be to God**

*Please genuflect after the response. After the procession, the paschal candle is placed on its stand and censed. All remain standing.*

## **THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

*Please remaining standing for the Exultet.*

**R**ejoice, 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!

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.**

**I**t 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. 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 man is 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


*The liturgy continues by the light of the paschal candle. The celebrant introduces the Vigil, after which please sit for the first reading.*

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 1.1, 26–31

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings 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 human beings 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.

## RESPONSORY: PSALM 104

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re - new the face of the earth.

*Please stand for the Collect.*

## SECOND READING: EXODUS 14.15–15.20

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. The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

## RESPONSORY: SONG OF MOSES (EXODUS. 15)

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

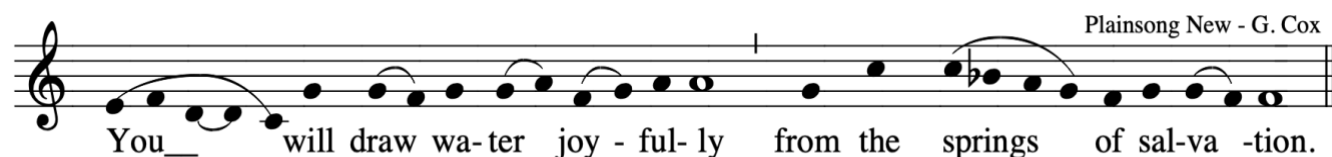
*Please stand for the Collect.*

## THIRD READING: ISAIAH 55.1-11

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.

## RESPONSORY: SONG OF ISAIAH (IS. 12)

Plainsong New - G. Cox



You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

*Please stand for the Collect.*




## FOURTH 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.

## RESPONSORY: PSALMS 42 & 43

Plainsong New - G. Cox



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

*Please stand for the Collect. Please remain standing as the light is shared from the paschal candle to the whole congregation in preparation for the Gloria in excelsis Deo. During the Gloria bells are rung and the church is fully lit.*

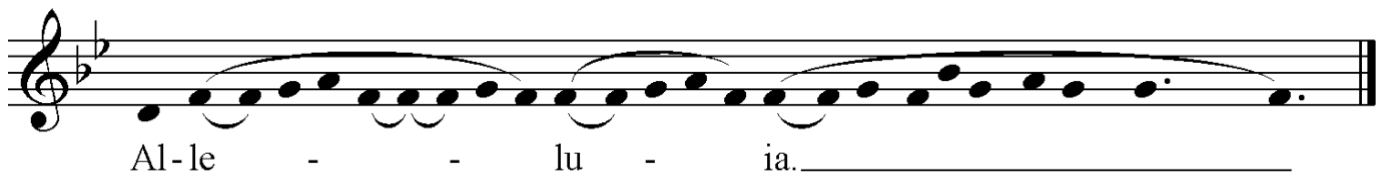
Glória in excélsis Deo	<i>Glory be to God on high.</i>
et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis.	<i>And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.</i>
Laudámus te,	<i>We praise thee,</i>
benedícimus te,	<i>we bless thee,</i>
adorámus te,	<i>we worship thee,</i>
glorificámus te,	<i>we glorify thee,</i>
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam,	<i>we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,</i>
Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis,	<i>O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.</i>
Deus Pater omnípotens.	<i>O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ: O Lord God,</i>
Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe,	<i>Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us,</i>
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,	<i>Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.</i>
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;	<i>Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.</i>
qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>Amen.</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis.	
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.	
Amen.	

*The celebrant sings the Collect for Easter. Please sit for the Epistle.*

**EPISTLE: ROMANS 6.3-11** *chanted by the sub-deacon.*

**D**o you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised 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.

*Please stand for the Easter Alleluias and the Gospel. Please repeat the Alleluia after the verses of the psalm.*



O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:  
His mercy endures for ever  
Let Israel now proclaim:  
That is mercy endures for ever. **A.**

The right hand of the Lord does might things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.  
I shall not die but live:  
And proclaim the works of the Lord. **A.**

The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.  
This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes. **A.**

*Deacon:*

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:1-12)

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

**O**n the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The congregation extinguish their candles and are seated. Please be seated for the Homily.*

## **THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

*Please stand. The candles are lit & held until the conclusion of the renewal of baptismal vows. The sanctuary party processes to the font as the Litany of the Saints in intoned.*

Kyrie Eleison

**Kyrie Eleison**

Christe Eleison

**Christe Eleison**

Kyrie Eleison

**Kyrie Eleison**

God the Father of Heaven

**Have mercy on us**

God the son, Redeemer of the World

**Have mercy on us**

God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter

**Have mercy on us**

Holy Trinity, one God

**Have mercy on us**

Holy Mary, Mother of God etc [Apostles, Evangelists, Doctors, Confessors, Missionaries]

**Pray for us**

Lord be merciful

**Lord, save your people**

Be merciful to us sinners

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Give new life to those chosen ones by the grace of baptism

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Christ, hear us

**Christ, hear us**

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

**Lord Jesus, hear our prayer**

*The celebrant and sanctuary party assemble at the font for the blessing of water and renewal of baptismal promises.*

## THE BLESSING OF WATER

*Celebrant:*

**D**ear brethren, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water He has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May He help us, by His grace, to remain faithful to the spirit we have received.

*After a brief pause in silence, the celebrant proclaims the following prayer, with hands extended:*

**L**ord our God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously + bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water, you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration. Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who at easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our lord. **Amen.**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

**D**ear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

**PRIEST** Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**CONGREGATION** I do

**PRIEST** Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**CONGREGATION** I do

**PRIEST** Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**CONGREGATION** I do.

**PRIEST** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**CONGREGATION** I do.

**PRIEST** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**CONGREGATION** I do.

**PRIEST** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**CONGREGATION** I do.

**PRIEST**

And may almighty God, the Father of our lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the holy spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our lord, for eternal life.

**CONGREGATION** Amen.

*The people then put aside their candles and are sprinkled with the newly blessed water. During the sprinkling of the people the choir chants the Vidi Aquam.*

Antiphon VIII

*Cantor* *All*

I saw wa - ter\* flow - ing from the right side

of the tem - ple, al - le - lu - ia:

it brought God's life and his sal - va - tion,

and the peo - ple sang in joy - ful praise: Al - le - lu - ia,

*Fine* *Cantor*

al - le - lu - ia. Ps. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:

*All* *Cantor*

and his mer - cy en - dures for e - ver. Glo - ry to God,

*All*

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: As in the be - gin - ning, so now:

*All*

and for e - ver. A - men. Repeat Antiphon: I saw wa - ter etc.

*The sanctuary party and congregation return to their places. The candidate and her sponsors kneel at the altar rail.*

## THE CONFIRMATION

*The congregation is seated. The candidate for confirmation and her sponsors remain kneeling at the altar rail.*

**BISHOP** We welcome Genevieve, who has come to be confirmed.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord

**CONGREGATION** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**BISHOP** Blessed be the name of the Lord

**CONGREGATION** **Now, and for ever. Amen.**

**BISHOP** Almighty and ever-living God, you have given your servants new birth by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them their sins. Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace. Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of discernment and inner strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The candidate kneels before the bishop. Her sponsors stand next to her and place a hand on her shoulders. Laying his hand on the candidate's head, the bishop prays:*

Strengthen, Lord, your servant Genevieve, with your Holy Spirit. Empower and sustain her for your service. **Amen.**

*The bishop anoints the candidate with chrism oil. Then the congregation joins with the bishop in praying:*

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



## **BISHOP**

Almighty and ever-living God, watch over your servant, upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with her, and lead her to know and obey your word, that she may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please stand for the greeting of peace.*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

Déxtera Dómini fecit virtútem, déxtera  
Dómini exaltávit me: non móriar, sed  
vivam, et narrábo ópera Dómini,  
allelúia.

*The right hand of the Lord has done  
valiantly, the right hand of the Lord has  
exalted me; I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord, alleluia.*

*Please remain standing for the offertory hymn:*

NEH 115 *Now the Green Blade Riseth.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Celebrant:*

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

Pray, my brothers and sisters, 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.**

*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.**

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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria  
tua  
Hosanna in excelsis.

+ Benedictus qui venit in  
nomine domini. Hosanna in  
excelsis

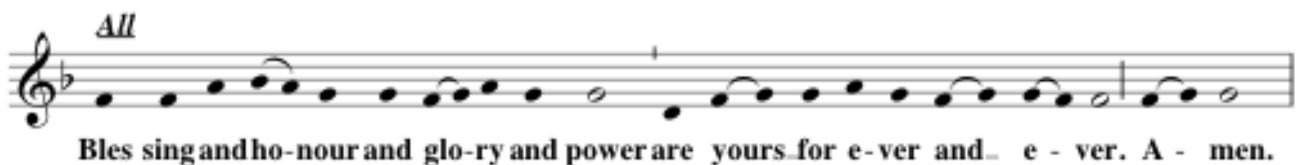
*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of Your  
glory  
Hosanna in the highest*

*+Blessed is he that comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest*

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*



*Celebrant*

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,  
 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 - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours  
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body. **For we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the choir sings:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
 dona nobis pacem.

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

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

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

*Celebrant:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin 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.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Pascha nostrum immolátus est  
Christus, allelúja: itaque epulémur in  
ázymis sinceritátis et veritátis, allelúja,  
allelúja, allelúja.

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been  
sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the  
feast by sharing the unleavened bread of  
uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.*

**COMMUNION MOTET:** Randall Thompson (1899 – 1984) *Alleluia*

*At the conclusion of the communion of the people, there is a time of silent prayer.*

*Please then stand for the final hymn:*

NEH 120 *Thine Be the Glory*

## CONCLUDING RITES

*The celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

**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 Bishop offers a blessing and the deacon 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.\_\_\_\_

*Please stand as the sanctuary party departs.*

Postlude: Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) *Toccata, Symphony No. 5 in F, Op. 42, No. 1*