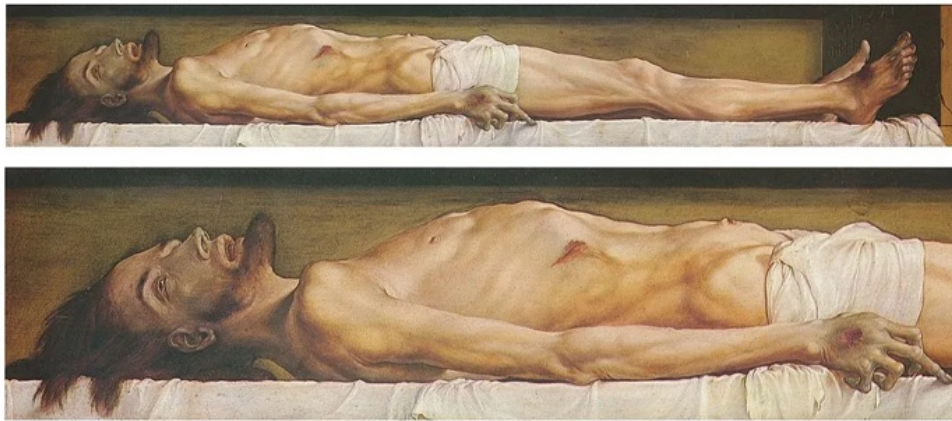


*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

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



**The Body of the Dead Christ in the Tomb** (full canvas and detail), Painted by **Hans Holbein the Younger** (1497-1543),  
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**HOLY SATURDAY**

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**8.00PM 30 March 2024**

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Setting: *Herbert Howells (1892-1983) Communion Service 'Collegium Regale'*

*The Congregation gathers **inside** the Church.*

Dear brothers and sisters,  
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 Celebrant blesses the New Fire.*

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.**

*He then marks on the Paschal Candle: the Cross; the first and last letters of the  
Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega; and the numerals of the year, saying:*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the Beginning and the End,  
the Alpha and the Omega.  
All time belongs to him,  
and all ages.  
To him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*After this the Celebrant inserts the five grains of incense into the Paschal Candle, saying:*

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

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant then lights the Paschal Candle, saying:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*At the Church entrance the Deacon lifts the Paschal Candle and sings:*

The Light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.** (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

*The Choir and Congregation's candles are now lit.*

*The Deacon carries the Candle to the nave crossing and sings:*

The Light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.** (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

*The Deacon carries the Candle to the Chancel gates and sings:*

The Light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.** (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

*The Paschal Candle is then placed on the stand by the pulpit.*

*Incense is blessed and the Deacon receives a blessing from the Celebrant and then censes the book and the Candle.*

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)**

*Please remain standing*

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart  
and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.  
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,  
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,  
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.  
These, then, are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.  
This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.  
This is the night  
that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.  
This is the night  
that even now, throughout the world,

sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices  
and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!

O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night  
of which it is written:

The night shall be as bright as day,  
dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,  
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,  
which glowing fire ignites for God's honour,  
a fire into many flames divided,  
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,

for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees  
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,  
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle,  
hallowed to the honour of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning  
by the Morning Star:

the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,  
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.  
Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people  
and in these, the last days,  
has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.  
Let us pray that our God may complete this  
paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

*Please sit for the readings.*

### **THE 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.*

## THE 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.*



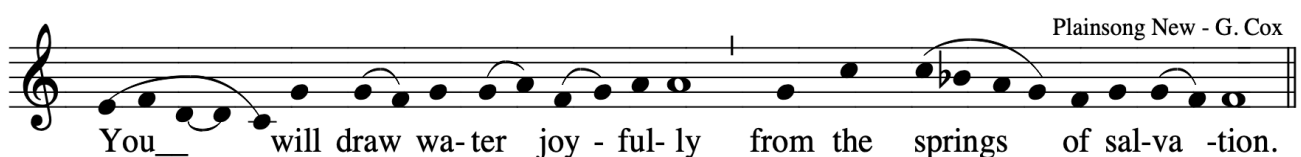
## THE THIRD READING

### 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 wa-ter joy - ful-ly from the springs of sal-va -tion.

*Please stand for the Collect.*

## THE 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 for the Gloria in excelsis Deo. During the Gloria bells are rung and the church is fully lit.*

*Please stand for the Gloria*

**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.**

*During the Gloria the altar candles are lit, the Church lights are put on and the congregation's candles are extinguished.*

*The choir sings the Sequence O filii et filiae (arr. Martin Baker, b.1967);  
please join in the repeat of the refrain:*



Al - le - lu - ia — Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!



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

The right hand of the Lord does mighty 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 Mark (16.1-8)  
**Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please seat for the Homily – Bishop Genieve Blackwell*

## **BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

### **THE BLESSING OF THE FONT**

Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul,  
let us by our prayers come to the aid of these our brothers in their  
blessed hope, so that, as they approach the font of rebirth  
the almighty Father may bestow on them all his merciful help.

### **THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS**

*The people's candles are lit*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Saint Michael,

Holy Angels of God,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint John,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Saint Laurence,

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,

Saint Agnes,

Saint Gregory,

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**pray for us**

**pray for us *etc***



*The Celebrant then blesses the baptismal water.*

O God, who by invisible power  
accomplish a wondrous effect  
through sacramental signs  
and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,  
to show forth the grace of Baptism;  
O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation  
hovered over the waters,  
so that the very substance of water  
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;  
O God, who by the outpouring of the flood  
foreshadowed regeneration,  
so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water  
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;  
O God, who caused the children of Abraham  
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,  
so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh,  
would prefigure the people of the baptized;  
O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,  
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,  
and, as he hung upon the Cross,  
gave forth water from his side along with blood,  
and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:  
“Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”  
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church  
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.  
May this water receive by the Holy Spirit  
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that human nature, created in your image  
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism  
from all the squalor of the life of old,  
may be found worthy to rise to the life of new born children  
through water and the Holy Spirit.

*And, lowering the paschal candle into the water three times, he continues:*



May the power of the Holy Spirit,  
O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son  
into the fullness of this font,

*and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:*

so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death  
may rise again to life with him.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***Holy Baptism & Confirmation – SEE SEPARATE SHEET***

*This is followed by:*

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brothers and sisters, 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 all 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 all: Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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?

**I do.**

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?

**I do.**

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.

**Amen.**

*The people are sprinkled with the newly blessed water. During the sprinkling of the people the choir chants the Vidi Aquam.*

*Please extinguish your candles.*

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

*All* and his mer - cy en - dures for e - ver. *Cantor* 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.

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:*

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.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Offertory hymn*

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing**

**Praise to our victorious King:**

**Who hath washed us in the tide**

**Flowing from his piercèd side;**

**Praise we him whose love divine**

**Gives the guests his blood for wine,**

**Gives his body for the feast,**

**Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,**

**Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;**

**Israel's hosts triumphant go**

Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,  
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now thy banner thou dost wave,  
Conquering Satan and the grave.  
See the prince of darkness quelled;  
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin's death do thou set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,  
Father, unto thee we raise.  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

## 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 Holy  
Church.**

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings.*

Accept, we ask, O Lord,  
the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings,  
that what has begun in the paschal mysteries  
may, by the working of your power,  
bring us to the healing of eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.*

*The choir sings the Sanctus.*  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
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:*

*All*



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e-ver. A - men.

*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 Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.*

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, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

*The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.*

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

**COMMUNION MOTET** *is sung by the choir.*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85) *Dum transsisset Sabbatum*

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

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

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

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

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

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

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

## THE 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 Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Go in the peace of Christ Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!**

*The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.*

Postlude: Colin Mawby (1936-2019) *Fanfare for the risen Christ*

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Welcome to the flock... Cameron Arthur, Bede Parry, Joseph Moore, Kane Ord, and Yong Zeng.

May the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the glory for ever and ever.

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**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**  
**Happy Easter from St Peter's Eastern Hill**