

**ST PETER**

DE BEAUVOIR TOWN



**HOLY SATURDAY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024, 7:30PM**

## WELCOME

*We are delighted to welcome you to St Peter's this evening, as we celebrate together the Eucharist—the Mass—the gift of Christ's presence with us in bread and in wine.*

*You are especially welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time. Do say hello after the service as we share a glass of sparkling wine, meeting with friends new and old.*

*In this service, we invite you to say the words together and to stand and sit as indicated if you are able. However, you are also welcome to stay seated throughout if you prefer. Please feel free to take this service order home with you as a reminder of the occasion or an aid to prayer.*

*If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided at the back of Church.*

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*a church which worships, nurtures, and takes action*

*The church is open every day from 9am - 6pm for silent prayer and reflection.*

## **GATHER IN SILENCE**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases. Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

*All* **Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

*Celebrant* This is the 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. 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. Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

## **FIRST READING**

***Genesis 1.1-2.4a***

*please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Genesis

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. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 136**

CANTOR, then ALL



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*Cantor* 23 Who remembered us when we | were in | trouble :  
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever;  
24 And delivered us | from our | enemies :  
for his | mercy · en- | dures for | ever;  
25 Who gives food | to all | creatures :  
for his | mercy · en- | dures for | ever.  
26 Give thanks to the | God of | heaven :  
for his | mercy · en- | dures for | ever. **R/**

*Celebrant* Almighty ever-living God, who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works, may those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvelous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



## **SECOND READING**

### ***Genesis 22.1-18***

*please be seated*

*Reader*      A reading from the book of Genesis

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as

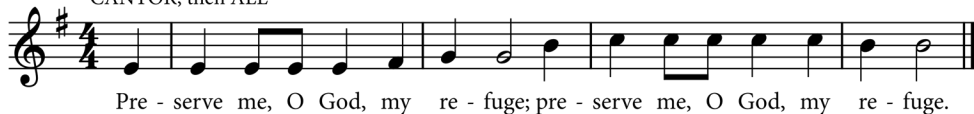
the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

# **PSALM 16**

CANTOR, then ALL



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*Cantor*

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I | taken | refuge :  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my | good de- | pends on | you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land :  
upon those | who are | noble in | heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion  
that | many · run | after :  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their | names up- | on my | lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion | and my | cup :  
in your hands a-| **lone** | is my | fortune. **R/**

*Celebrant* O God, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal Mystery make your servant Abraham the father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them, through Christ our Lord.

*All*

A - men

### **THIRD READING**

***Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20, 21***

*please be seated*

*Reader*      A reading from the book of Exodus

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' 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



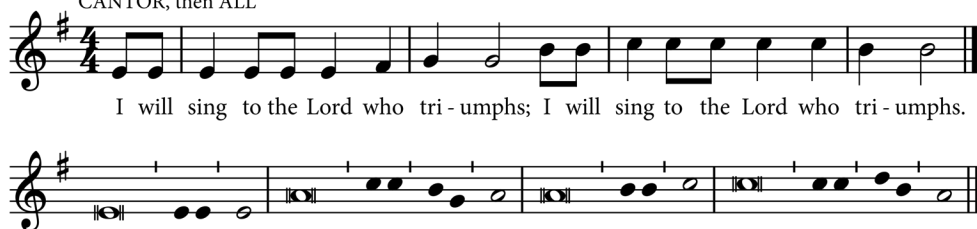
back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’  
 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot 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 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. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

*Reader*      This is the word of the Lord

*All*            **Thanks be to God**

# **EXODUS 15**

CANTOR, then ALL



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*Cantor*      2      The Lord is my strength | and my | might,  
 and he has be- | **come** | my sal- | vation;  
 this is my God, and I will | **praise** | him,  
 my father’s God, | and I | will ex- | alt him.

3      The Lord | is a | warrior;  
 the | **Lord** | is his | name.

6      Your right hand, O Lord, | glorious · in | power—  
 your right hand, O | **Lord**, | shattered · the | enemy. **R/**

*Celebrant* O God, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day, for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharoah's persecution by the power of your right hand, now you bring about as the salvation of the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright, through Christ our Lord.

*All*



#### **FOURTH READING**

***Ezekiel 36.24-28***

*please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Ezekiel

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 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.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

*Gather outside to light the Easter Fire.*

### **LIGHTING & BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE**

*Celebrant* Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire we pray, and by our Easter celebrations set us aflame with the fire of your love and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*Celebrant* Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever.

*All* **Amen**

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

*All* **Amen**

### **LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE**

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

*All* **Amen**

### **PROCESSION OF CANDLE INTO CHURCH**

*We make three stations as we welcome the light of the Resurrection into Church.*

*Deacon* The light of Christ

*All*

Thanks be to God

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). There are four quarter notes on the staff, corresponding to the words 'Thanks', 'be', 'to', and 'God'. The notes are positioned on the lines of the staff: the first note is on the first space (F), the second is on the second line (G), the third is on the second space (F), and the fourth is on the third line (G).

## THE EXULTET

*please remain standing*

*Deacon* 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. Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

DEACON ALL

The Lord be with you and also with you

DEACON ALL

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

DEACON

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

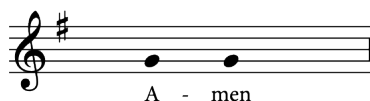
ALL

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*Deacon* 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.

*All*



## PROCLAMATION OF THE EASTER ALLELUIA

CELEBRANT, then ALL



*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*All* **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*When the lights turn on, candles may be extinguished.*

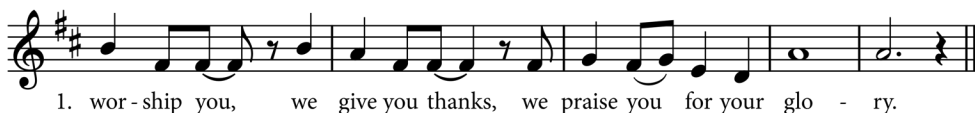
## GLORIA

*all are invited to ring bells during the Gloria*

music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange



ALL SING



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

2. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have

mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the

3. Lord; You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ. With the

3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. A - men.

## COLLECT

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

*All*



## EPISTLE

### ***Romans 6.3-11***

*please be seated*

*Reader* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**



# GRADUAL HYMN

## Now the Green Blade Riseth

*please stand and sing*



1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the\_\_ bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by\_\_ hat - red slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the\_\_ ri - sen grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing\_\_ or in pain,



1. wheat that in the dark earth ma - ny\_\_ days has lain;
2. think - ing that ne - ver\_\_ he would wake a - gain,
3. he that fore three days\_\_ in the\_\_ grave had lain,
4. thy touch can call us\_\_ back to\_\_ life a - gain;



1. Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
2. laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
3. quick from the dead, my ri - sen Lord is seen:
4. fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:



1. Love is come a - gain, like wheat that\_\_ spring - eth green.
2. Love is come a - gain, like wheat that\_\_ spring - eth green.
3. Love is come a - gain, like wheat that\_\_ spring - eth green.
4. Love is come a - gain, like wheat that\_\_ spring - eth green.

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## **GOSPEL**

### ***Matthew 28.1-10***

*please stand*

*Cantor,  
then All*



*Deacon*

The Lord be with you

*All*



*Deacon*

A reading from the holy gospel according to St Matthew

*All*

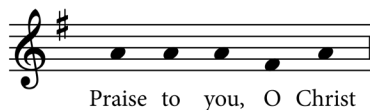


*Deacon*

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.

*All*



## **HOMILY OF S. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*please be seated*

*Reader*      Is there anyone here who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival. Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any now weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If they have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let them with gratitude join in the Feast! And they that arrived after the sixth hour, let them not doubt; for they shall have sustained no loss. And if any have delayed until the ninth hour, let them not hesitate; but let them come too. And they who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let them not be afraid by reason of their delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to those who come at the eleventh hour, as well as to those who toiled from the first. To this one he gives, and upon another he bestows. He accepts the work as he greets the endeavour. The deed he honours and the intention he commends. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have fasted, and you that have not fasted, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry; partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when he descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below. Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar, because it was mocked. It was in an uproar, for it was destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar because it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and it discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is

risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life is liberated! Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

**BLESSING OF THE FONT**

*please stand*

*Celebrant* Dearly beloved, let us humbly invoke upon this font the grace of God the almighty Father, that those who from it are born anew may be numbered among the children of adoption in Christ.

Praise God who made heaven and earth

*All* **Who keeps his promise for ever.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen**

*We are sprinkled with the blessed water as a reminder of our baptism, our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection.*

*Celebrant* Dear friends, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All* **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.**

*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.

*All* **and also with you. Alleluia.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### *At the Lamb's High Feast, We Sing*

*please remain standing to sing*



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - tor - ious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from a - bove, con - qu'ring by the pow'r of love;
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, noth - ing now can this des - troy;



1. who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - ced side;
2. faith - ful hosts tri - umph - ant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
3. thou hast tri - umphed in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.
4. from sin's pow'r do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



1. praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
2. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
3. Now no more can death ap - pal, now no more the grave en - thrall;
4. Hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;



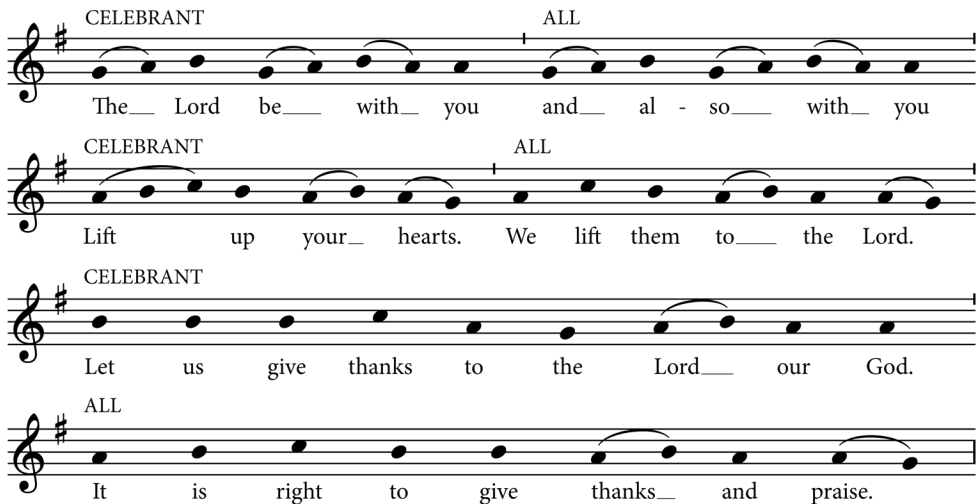
1. gives his bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
2. with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
3. thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

music: SALZBURG, Jacob Hintze; words: *Ad regias Agni dapes*; text © 2004 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Celebrant* Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection  
power; through Christ our risen Lord.

*All*



*Celebrant* It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this night above all to laud you yet more gloriously when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

## SANCTUS

ALL SING

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

### *Celebrant*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When we turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From us you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.



Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

+Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

+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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

ALL SING



music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

*Celebrant* And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary our Lady, Peter our Patron, and all God's saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All*



### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

## AGNUS DEI

ALL SING

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us, have  
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have  
mer - cy of us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace,  
grant us peace, — grant us ——— peace. ———

music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

*Celebrant* Behold, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*All who have been admitted to Communion and receive Communion in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion at St Peter's.*

*Children and those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward to Fr Simon for a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by, for example, folding your arms across your chest.*

*Communion is administered in both forms: bread and wine. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please drink directly rather than dipping the bread into the cup. If you feel at all unwell or have been in close contact with someone who is unwell please refrain from receiving from the chalice.*

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *This Joyful Eastertide*

*please be seated to sing*



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son  
3. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the



1. sor - - - row. My love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
2. slum - - - ber; till trump from east to west shall  
3. ri - - - ver: lo - ver of souls, from ill my



1. sprung to life this mo - - - - row.  
2. wake the dead in num - - - - ber. *Had*  
3. pass - ing soul de - li - - - - ver.



*Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three - day pri - son, our*



*faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ a - ri - sen, a -*



*ri - sen, a - ri - sen, a - ri - - - - sen.*

music: traditional Dutch, arr. Charles Wood; words: George Ratcliffe Woodward; © Copyright Control

*please kneel or stand*

*All*

A - men

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of two quarter notes: A4 and B4. The lyrics 'A - men' are written below the staff, with 'A' under the first note and 'men' under the second note.

*please be seated*

*please stand*

*All*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Thine Be The Glory*

*please remain standing to sing*



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son,
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen, from the tomb;
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of Life!



1. end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won;
2. lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.
3. Life is naught with - out thee: aid us in our strife.



1. an - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
2. Let the Church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
3. Make us more than con - qu'rors through thy death - less love.



1. kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bo - dy lay.
2. for her Lord now liv - eth; death hast lost its sting.
3. Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



Thine be the glo - ry, ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son,



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

music: MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel; words: *À toi la gloire* by Edmond Louis Budry; text © Copyright Control

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Do stay for a glass of fizz (alcoholic & non-alcoholic varieties  
availanble) at the back of Church to toast the Resurrection!*

*Alleluia!*

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## **THIS WEEK**

Thank you to all those who have worked so hard over the Sacred Triduum to enable our journey through our Lord's Passion and toward our celebration of the Resurrection.

Thank you especially to Dr Selina Stone for her thought-provoking sermons and for being with us throughout the whole of Holy Week.

Tomorrow we celebrate Easter Day, Sunday, March 31st 10:00am. Next Sunday, April 7th, Second Sunday of Easter and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 10:00am

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### **TOILET AND BABY-CHANGING**

Accessible toilets & baby-changing facilities are downstairs in the crypt, via the ramp at the north side of the Church.

### **CRAFTY CHURCH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

A great way to have fun, ask questions, and explore life and faith through craft and a snack! All children are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer for their first time and subsequently if under Reception age.

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