

# **SOLEMN MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

**CELEBRANT  
MONSIGNOR ANTHONY O'BRIEN**

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM – EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
20 APRIL 2025 AT 11.00AM**



**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

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## ORDER OF MUSIC

Entrance Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today*: words from *Lyra Davidica* (1708) based on *Surrexit Christus Hodie* (c14th century); tune Easter Hymn from *Lyra Davidica*  
Introit *Resurrexi*: Gregorian Chant; words from Psalm 138:18, 5-6  
Gloria and Agnus Dei: music *Missa Brevis* by Jonathan Dove (b1959)  
Alleluia Psalm 117 Mode VI: music Gregorian Chant  
Sequence *Victimæ paschali laudes*: music Gregorian Chant, arranged by Andrew Reid (b1971)  
Gospel Acclamation: *Mode VI* Gregorian Chant  
Hymn *God at creation's dawn*: words by Denis E Hurley (1915-2004); music by Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)  
Antiphon *Vidi aquam*: music Gregorian Chant, Mode VIII  
Motet *Surrexit a mortuis*: music by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)  
Sanctus *Mass I*: music Gregorian Chant  
Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen Missal Tones: music Gregorian Chant  
Communion Antiphon *Pascha nostrum*: music Gregorian Chant; words I Corinthians 5:7-8  
Communion Motet *O filii et filiae*: music by Joseph Cullen  
Hymn *Thine be the glory*: words by Edmond Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard Hoyle (1875-1939); music by G F Handel (1685-1759)  
Organ Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue in B* by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *as the procession enters the Cathedral, all stand and join in singing*



- 1 **Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluya!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluya!  
Who did once upon the cross, alleluya!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluya!**
- 2 **Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluya!  
Unto Christ our heavenly king, alleluya!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluya!  
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluya!**
- 3 **But the pains that he endured, alleluya!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluya!  
Now above the sky he's king, alleluya!  
Where the angels ever sing, alleluya!**

**INTROIT** *the Choir sings*

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum,  
alleluia. Posuisti super me manum  
tuam, alleluia. Mirabilis facta est  
scientia tua, alleluia, alleluia.

*I have risen, and I am with you still,  
alleluia. You have laid your hand upon  
me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this  
knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

**GREETING AND INTRODUCTION** *the Dean begins*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

*He then introduces the Mass.*

## **PENITENTIAL RITE**

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness:

Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death into life:

Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

## **GLORIA** *all remain standing, as the Choir sings the Gloria*

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius  
Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei  
Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for  
your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have  
mercy on us;*

*you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
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.*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path of eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

*All sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43*

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 117 *all join in singing the response R. after the Choir and after each verse of the psalm*

VI

**A** I- le- lu- ia, al- le-lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live,  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone:  
this is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4*

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE** *the Choir sings*

Victimæ paschali laudes  
immolent Christiani.

*Christians, to the Paschal victim  
offer a sacrifice of praise.*

Agnus redemit oves;  
Christus innocens Patri  
reconciliavit peccatores.

*The Lamb has ransomed his  
sheep; the innocent Christ has  
reconciled sinners with the Father.*

Mors et vita duello  
confluxere mirando:  
dux vitae mortuus  
regnat vivus.

*Death and life confronted each  
other in a prodigious battle;  
the Prince of life who died  
now lives and reigns.*

Dic nobis, Maria,  
quid vidisti in via?

*Tell us, Mary: say  
what you saw on the way.*

Sepulchrum Christi viventis  
et gloriam vidi resurgentis.

*The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose.*

Angelicos testes,  
sudarium, et vestes.

*The angels there attesting,  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

Surrexit Christus spes mea:  
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.

*Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.*

Scimus Christum surrexisse  
a mortuis vere;  
Tu nobis, victor Rex,  
miserere.

*We know that Christ is truly  
risen from the dead;  
O victorious King,  
have mercy on us.*

**ALLELUIA** *the Deacon of the Gospel asks the Dean for a blessing, then carries the Book of Gospels in procession to the Lectern. When the Choir begins to sing the Alleluia, all stand and join in singing the response R. after the Choir and again after the verse*



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed:  
let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord. **R.**

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sing again*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **HOMILY** *The Dean*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES** *the Dean addresses the congregation*

Dear brethren (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 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:

Do you renounce Satan?

**R. I do.**

And all his works?

**R. I do.**

And all his empty show?

**R. I do.**

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

**R. 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?

**R. 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?

**R. I do.**

*The Dean concludes*

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.

**R. Amen.**



*The Dean then sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water blessed at the Easter Vigil. Meanwhile all join in singing*



- 1 **God, at creation's dawn,  
Over a world unborn,  
Your Spirit soared.  
By word and water deign  
That this same Spirit reign  
In those now born again,  
Through Christ our Lord.**
  
- 2 **We, who in Adam fell,  
Are, as the Scriptures tell,  
Saved and restored.  
For, when these rites are done,  
Dying we are made one,  
Rising we overcome,  
With Christ our Lord.**
  
- 3 **Hear us, your Church, rejoice,  
Singing with grateful voice,  
Father adored;  
Telling our faith anew,  
Greeting with welcome true  
Children new born to you,  
In Christ our Lord.**

*The Choir sings*

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,  
a latere dextro, alleluja:  
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,  
salvi facti sunt et dicent,  
alleluja.

*I saw water flowing from the temple,  
on the right side, alleluia:  
And all to whom that water came  
have been saved, and they will say,  
alleluia.*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** *the Dean begins*

Let us be one in prayer to God our Father as we are one in faith and hope in the resurrection of his Son.

*A Reader continues*

We pray for all who have been baptised this Easter, and for all who have recently been baptised or received into the Church. May they grow ever closer to God in the years ahead.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Pope Francis and our Archbishop Malcolm. May the Holy Spirit grant them the strength and gifts needed to lead the Church at this time.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, who claim the name of Christian. May we express in our every action the faith in the living Christ we proclaim on our lips.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need: for the victims of war and violence; for the hungry; for the homeless and for refugees; for the bereaved; the lonely and those separated from their families; for those sick in mind or body. May the risen Christ bring them comfort and hope.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, and for all who have died in Christ. May they rise again by the power of the risen Christ.

Lord in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**

Finally we commend these and all our prayers to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the glorified Christ and our Mother.

*All join in saying*

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou among women**

**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,**

**now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*The Dean concludes*

Father, you have raised your Son to your right hand, where he intercedes for us your children. Hear and answer these our prayers through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** *a collection is taken for the work of the Cathedral or please use the QR codes at the back of the booklet. As the gifts are carried forward to the altar, all sit. The Choir sings*

Surrexit a mortuis,  
Christus Dei Filius,  
Pastor bonus,  
Pastor qui animam  
Pro grege suo posuit.  
Pascha nostrum immolatus est,  
Christus, Pascha nostrum  
Surrexit a mortuis.  
Alleluia.

*He rose from the dead,  
Christ, the Son of God,  
the good shepherd,  
the shepherd who,  
for his flock laid down his life.  
for us he was sacrificed,  
the Christ, for us  
he rose from the dead.  
Alleluia.*

*All stand.*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

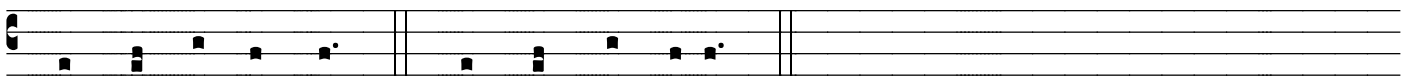
**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

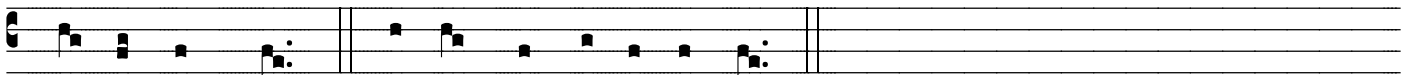
Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your Church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

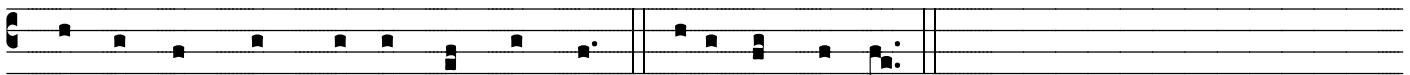
## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you.      And with your spirit.



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



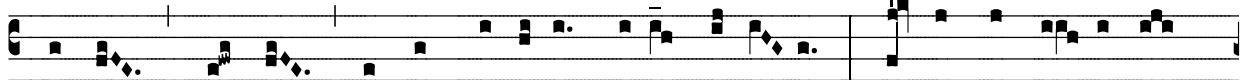
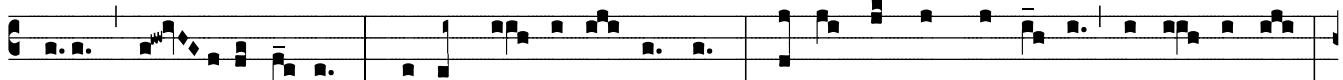
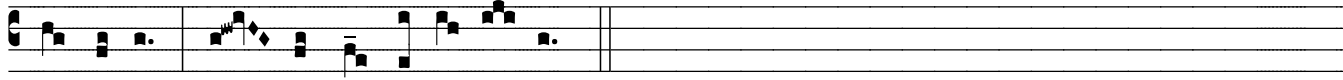
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation,  
 at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,  
 but on this day 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:

*All join in singing*

IV  
**S**   
 sanctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sa-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et  
  
 terra glo-ri-a tu-a. Hosan-na in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-dic-tus qui ve-nit in no-mi-ne  
  
 Do-mi-ni. Ho-san-na in ex-cel-sis.

*All kneel as the Dean continues*

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
 we make humble prayer and petition  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
 that you accept  
 and bless these gifts, these offerings,  
 these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
 which we offer you firstly  
 for your holy catholic Church.  
 Be pleased to grant her peace,  
 to guard, unite and govern her  
 throughout the whole world,  
 together with your servant Francis our Pope, Malcolm our Bishop,  
 and all those who, holding to the truth,  
 hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants  
 and all gathered here,  
 whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them,  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day  
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,  
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew,  
and all your Saints:  
we ask that through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help.

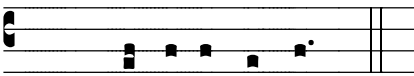
Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give  
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,  
granting them forgiveness of all their sins:  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation  
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;  
make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

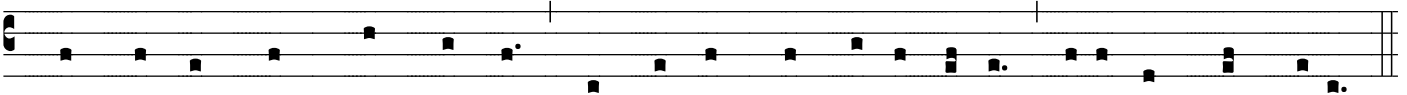
On the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my Body,  
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the chalice of my Blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.

*All join in singing*



The mystery of faith.



We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

*The Dean continues*

Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty,  
so that all of us who through this participation at the altar receive  
the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith  
and rest in the sleep of peace.  
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,  
and all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,  
hope in your abundant mercies,  
graciously grant some share  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:  
with John the Baptist, Stephen,  
and all your Saints:  
admit us, we beseech you,  
into their company,  
not weighing our merits,  
but granting us your pardon,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom  
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;  
you sanctify them, fill them with life,  
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

*The Dean sings*

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*All join in singing*



A-men. A-men. A- men.

## COMMUNION RITE

*The Dean invites everyone to join together in saying the Lord's Prayer*  
**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*The Dean continues*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

**R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*During the Breaking of Bread, the Choir sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world. Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world. Grant us peace.*

*All kneel.*

*The Dean says*

Behold the Lamb of God  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**



*Communicants are asked to follow the directions of the Stewards in coming forward for Holy Communion. Those who are not Roman Catholic, or do not wish to receive communion, are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *the Choir sings*

Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus,  
alleluia: itaque epulemur in azymis  
sinceritatis et veritatis,  
alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast  
with the unleavened bread of purity and  
truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

**COMMUNION MOTET** *the Choir sings*

O filii et filiae,  
Rex caelestis Rex gloriae  
Morte surrexit hodie.  
Alleluia.

*O Sons and daughters let us sing  
The King of heaven, the glorious King  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.  
Alleluia.*

Ex mane prima Sabbati  
Ad ostium monumenti accesserunt  
discipuli.  
Alleluia.

*That Easter morn at break of day  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay  
Alleluia.*

In albis sedens angelus  
Praedixit mulieribus:  
'In Galilaea est Dominus.'  
Alleluia.

*An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat and spoke unto the three,  
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.'  
Alleluia.*

Discipulis astantibus  
In medio stetit Christus  
Dicens 'Pax vobis omnibus.'  
Alleluia.

*That night the apostles met in fear  
amidst them came their Lord most dear  
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'  
Alleluia.*

In hoc festo sanctissimo  
Sit laus et jubilatio:  
Benedicamus Domino.  
Alleluia.

*On this most holy day of days,  
our hearts and voices, Lord,  
we raise to thee, in jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia.*

**HYMN AFTER COMMUNION** *all stand and join in singing*



**1** Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes  
Where his body lay.

Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death has won.

**2** Lo! Jesus meets us,  
Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us,  
Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth;  
Death has lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

**3** No more we doubt thee,  
Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is nought without thee:  
Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conq'rors  
Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITE

### SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend you from every assault of sin.  
**R. Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow you with the prize of immortality.  
**R. Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's passion  
have drawn to a close,  
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast  
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,  
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.  
**R. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**R. Amen.**

### DISMISSAL *the Deacon sings the Dismissal*

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!



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

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in B*

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