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CHRIST CHURCH DUBLIN



The Easter Vigil & Resurrection Eucharist

16 APRIL 2022

CELEBRANT: THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN

SETTING: DAVID BRIGGS (b. 1962) TRURO EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Vigil

The choir and the clergy process in silence.

The Greeting

The archbishop introduces the vigil in these or similar words

Brothers and sisters in Christ, from earliest times, Christian people have gathered through the night before Easter to recall the wonderful history of their salvation from the creation of the world to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Easter Liturgy is not only a recalling of past events - it is an experience of new life and new beginning for us all. So let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection the saving work he has begun in each of us.

Please remain seated

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image, and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ; grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share in the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading: Genesis 1-2.4a

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

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.

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 14: 1 - 31

God saves Israel from the hand of the Egyptians

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.

Psalm 114 *sung by the choir*

When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people, Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion. The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams: and the little hills like young sheep. What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills like young sheep? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the God of Jacob; who turned the hard rock into a standing water: and the flint-stone into a springing well. *Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Collect

Lord God our redeemer, you heard the cry of your people, and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery; free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Isaiah 55: 1 - 11

Come to the water all you who thirst

Ho, 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.

Collect

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout our world. Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation. You quench the thirst of those who yearn for righteousness and satisfy the hunger of those who crave for justice. Lead your longing people back to peace, that with the mountains and hills we may burst into songs of joy, O Lord, our maker and redeemer. **Amen.**

After the final collect, the Archbishop and the deacon move to the West Door. The West Door is opened and the fire is lighted.

The Ceremony of Light

The archbishop, holding the paschal candle says:

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

The archbishop blesses the Paschal candle, saying

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 forever. **Amen.**

The archbishop fixes the incense grains in the Paschal candle and says

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

The archbishop lights the Paschal candle from the paschal fire, saying

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

The deacon holds the candle high and sings

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The candles of the congregation are lit. (Please take care of the flame and of the hot wax.)

The candle is carried to the front of the screen, where the acclamation is repeated. The choir follow in procession

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal candle is carried to the steps of the sanctuary and the acclamation is sung. The choir process into the choir stalls.

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The Paschal candle is placed in its stand in the centre of the nave and the great Easter hymn is sung:

Exsultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,

radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

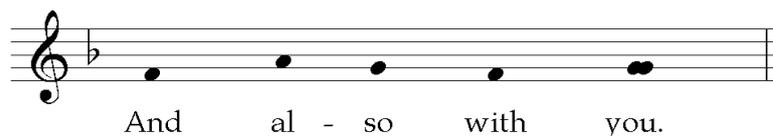
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour shines upon you!

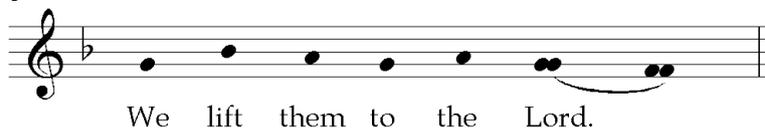
Let this place resound with joy,

echoing the mighty song of all God's people

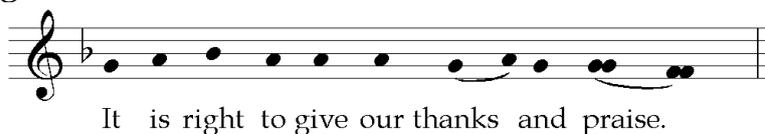
The Lord be with you
The people and choir respond



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God



It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, the unseen God, the Father Almighty,
and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has ransomed us by his death,
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.
For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God,
by whose blood the homes of all the faithful
are hallowed and protected.
This is the night when of old you saved our fathers,
delivering the people of Israel from their slavery,
and leading them dry-shod through the sea.
This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell
and rose triumphant from the grave.
This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin
and restored to grace and holiness.
Most blessed of all nights,
when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained and mourning turned to joy.
Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth
and all creation reconciled to God!
Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night,
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering;
and grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light;
for Christ the Morning Star has risen, never again to set,
and is alive and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

The archbishop says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The cathedral is now fully illuminated, bells are rung, the organ sounds forth and Gloria in excelsis is sung by the choir. The candles of the congregation are extinguished

Gloria in excelsis

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

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnum gloriam tuam.

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

With the Holy Spirit art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Easter Collect

The archbishop says

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. **Amen.**

please sit

Proclaiming and Receiving God's Word

The Epistle:

Romans 6: 3-11

A reading from the letter 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung;
Alleluya!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluya!**

**On the third morn he rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluya!**

**He brake the age-bound chains of hell,
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
Alleluya!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluya!**

Tune: Vulpus (Gelob't Sei Gott)
Melody from Vulpus's *Gesangbuch* Jena 1609
Harmony by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Cyril Alington (1872-1955)

The Gospel:

Luke 24: 1-12

Please turn to face the reader

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St Luke:

The people respond



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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The people respond



The Confirmation

We welcome Alexandra and Freya who are to be confirmed this evening!

Recalling our Baptism

The archbishop moves to the paschal candle and addresses the congregation with these or words

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself. In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ. Here we find rebirth in the spirit, and set our minds on his heavenly gifts. As children of God, we are continually created anew, as we walk the path of faith, and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

We welcome those who have been baptised and further instructed in the Christian faith and who now intend, in the presence of God and of this congregation, to make the promises of their baptism their own.

The Decision

The archbishop addresses the congregation and the candidates for confirmation

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

Prayer over the Water

The archbishop stands before the water immersing the paschal candle in the water.

The archbishop says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God, give us life.

Bless this water, that we 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.

Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
bring us to a renewal of faith
and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Saving God, give us life.

While the archbishop sprinkles the people with holy water, the choir sings:

Vidi Aquam

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia. It brought God's life, and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Profession of Faith

The archbishop addresses the candidates for confirmation

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are baptised?

I do.

The archbishop addresses the congregation and the candidates for confirmation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the power of 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

please sit

Confirmation

The archbishop and the candidates move to the front of the screen. The archbishop says to the congregation

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now, and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again
to break the power of sin and death:

We give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Holy Spirit
by whom your servants have been born again
and made your children.

Grant that in the power of the same Holy Spirit
they may continue to grow in the knowledge and likeness of Christ;
Increase in them your gracious gifts,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the spirit of right judgment and inward strength;
the spirit of knowledge and godly living,
and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of reverence for you.

*The candidates to be confirmed stand before the archbishop,
who lays a hand upon them saying*

(N)..... God has called you by name and made you his own.
Confirm O Lord your servant... with your heavenly grace,
that (s)he may continue to be yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until (s)he comes to your eternal kingdom.

*The candidates answers: **Amen.***

Heavenly Father,
we pray for your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands,
after the example of the Apostles,
to assure them by this sign of your favour towards them.
May your fatherly hand be ever over them.
Let your Holy Spirit ever be with them.
Lead them to know and obey your word, and keep them in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Commission

The archbishop says to the candidate and to the congregation

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

The candidate and the congregation respond

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

The Peace

God has made us one in the risen Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

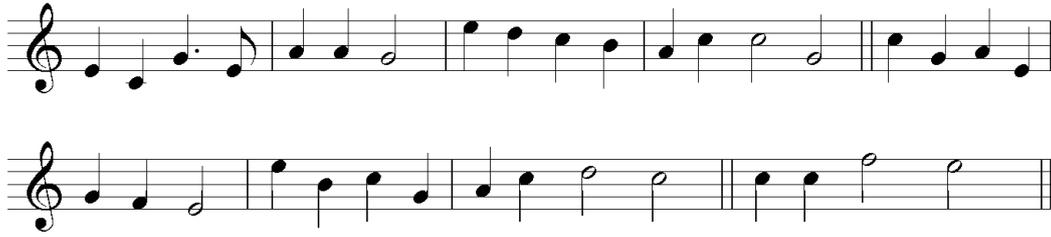
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The Offertory Hymn

*Collection in aid of U&Ukraine diocesan appeal to assist Ukrainian refugees.
If you wish to donate by card you may do so after the service at the Welcome Desk.*



Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

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

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

Tune: St. Albinus
Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-76)

Christian F. Gellert (1715-69)
trans. Frances E. Cox (1812-97) *et al.*

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
Therefore let us celebrate the feast

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.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:
Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;

by dying he destroyed our death;
by rising he restored our life:
And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings

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

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:

All remain standing

he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

The choir sings and all repeat each line



Christ has died



Christ is risen



Christ will come a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to say
Our Father, **who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The archbishop breaks the consecrated bread for communion and says
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please sit while the choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

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

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

From wherever you have come, you are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Invited by the vergers, the people come forward to the screen to receive communion. If you require a gluten free wafer please indicate this to the archbishop.

The Communion Motet

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise,
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied,
Oh let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The Great Silence

The silence is broken by the post-communion prayer.

Prayer after Communion

Author of life divine, in the resurrection of your Son,
you set before us the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

The Post-Communion Hymn



The day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad!
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light:
And, listening to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own 'All hail!' and hearing,
May raise the victor-strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Tune: Ellacombe
Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833

St John of Damascus (c. 750)
trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

