



Easter Eve 2019

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The celebrant greets the gathered congregation on the steps of the Cathedral and explains the significance of this vigil service.

Lighting of the New Fire

A new fire is kindled and the flame is blessed by the celebrant.

We hear a set of readings from the Old Testament that proclaim God's loving power in creation, redemption and salvation.

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Exodus 14:10–31 & 15:20–21

Ezekiel 36:24–28

After each reading this Taizé chant will be sung:

The Lord is my light [TIS 747]

**The Lord is my light,
My light and salvation:
In God I trust, in God I trust**

Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is blessed by the celebrant.

Jesus Christ

The same yesterday

Today

And for ever.

By your holy and glorious wounds

You have redeemed the world.

Once the Paschal Candle is lit others may light their candles from the same flame.

The Dean carries the Paschal candle into the Cathedral, pausing three times as the following words are sung:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation

Once the Paschal Candle has been placed in its stand, the Exultet, the Easter Proclamation, will be sung.

After the conclusion of the Exultet, the lights in the cathedral are activated and the Gloria in excelsis is sung.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Easter Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect of Easter Day.

Eternal giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ:
renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in Baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Second Reading

Romans 6:3–11

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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

Douglas Mews



I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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 worshiped 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,

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT

The congregation gathers near the font, and the celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Servant Christ,

help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism;

to link our lives with all who grieve

about the unjust way of our human life;

to break free from the chains of past wrongs;

to become fit to face your coming new age;

to be renewed by your Spirit, anointed to preach.

Servant Christ,

Help us to follow you deep into the waters of Baptism.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human person?

I will, with God's help.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

The Summons [A&M 2003, #510]

**Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?**

**Will you leave your self behind, if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free, and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around?
Through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true, when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.**

John L. Bell, b. 1949

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia [TIS 384]

**Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia,
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia,
deep and wide
close the tide
sev'ring us from bondage past, alleluia.**

**Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia,
through the billows Israel led, alleluia,
by his tomb
Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.**

**In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia,
buried and baptised were we, alleluia,
earthly night
brought us light
shall be ours eternally, alleluia.**

**Then, deceitful world adieu, alleluia,
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia
Christ our love
draws above,
dead with him, and risen a new, alleluia!**

Ronald Arbuthnott Knox, 1888 – 1957

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

A minister may say

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy.
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited simply to cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion anthem

Choir

O sons and daughters, let us sing – (O filii et filiae, arr. John Barnard)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant says

Eternal God,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

Mission Hymn

Come, God's people sing for joy [TIS 391]

**Come, God's people, sing for joy,
shout your songs of gladness,
for the hope of Easter Day
overcomes our sadness.
Come with all God's people here,
who with true affection
join again to celebrate
Jesus resurrection.**

**Years before, as Moses led
Israel sons and daughters
from their bonds to Exodus
through the Red Sea waters:
so the living Lord of life
speaks through our baptism
of the new life which we share
with him who is risen.**

**That first Easter he arose,
his disciples greeting;
Christians now in every place
still their Lord are meeting.
Christ, who died for all the world,
in his death brings healing;
and his rising from the grave
is God's power revealing.**

Keith David Pearson, 1925 – based on John of Damascus, d. c.754

The celebrant blesses the congregation.

The God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do God's will,
working in you what is pleasing in God's sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister may say

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

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