



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY



# The Easter Liturgy 2023

# Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral for this Service

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter Eve to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not only a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshipper, a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful. Indeed, the themes of death to life, darkness to light, destruction to new creation occur over and over again in the various sections of the service: the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the readings, the renewal of baptism vows, and the Eucharist in which all are united with Christ in his death and resurrection.

The Ordinary is  
Matthew Martin (b.1976), The Oratory Mass

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# The Vigil

*When the service is about to begin the lights will be put out and the ministers enter in silence. As we wait in the darkness we listen to the account of God's salvation from the Old Testament.*

*The light by which the readings are to be read is lit.*

Lighten our darkness,  
Lord, we pray,  
and in your great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,  
for the love of your only Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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.

*Sit*

**Reading**      *Genesis 1.1-2.4a*

**Psalm 104**

*The cantor sings the response and then it is repeated by the congregation.*



Praise the Lord, O my soul, O Lord God, your glory is great:  
How manifold are your works, in wisdom you have made them all.

***Send forth your spirit, O Lord,  
And renew the face of the earth.***

All creatures look to you, to give them their food to eat:  
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,  
When you hide your face, they pine away.

***Response***

When you take away their breath, they die,  
And return to the earth whence they came: when you send forth your spirit, all  
things spring to life, and the face of the earth is renewed. **Response**

The glory of the Lord shall never cease, the Lord shall rejoice in all his works:  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, I will praise my God while my breath  
remains. **Response**

*Silence is kept*


## The 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 14.10-31, 15.1a*

## Canticle, The Song of Miriam

I will sing, I will sing to the Lord for he has tri-umphed glo - rious - ly.

A single line of musical notation on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final double bar line. The lyrics are written above the notes.

I will sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously, horse and rider he has  
thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might and he has become  
my salvation.

***I will sing, I will sing to the Lord: For he has triumphed gloriously.***

This is my God and I will praise him, my father's God and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a warrior, The Lord is his name. **Response**

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out  
your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the  
waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the  
heart of the sea. **Response**

You brought them in and plained them on the mountain of your own  
possession, the place, O Lord, that you have made your abode, the sanctuary,  
O Lord, that your hands have established. The Lord will reign for ever.  
**Response**

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. **Response**

*Silence is kept*

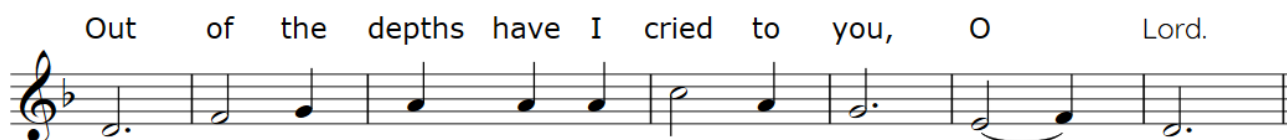
## **The Collect**

Lord God our Redeemer,  
who 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 your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading**

*Jonah 1*

### **Psalm 130**



Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **Response**

If you, O Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared. **Response**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning. **Response**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **Response**

*Silence is kept*

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
In Christ you make all things new:  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
And in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory:  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Reading**

*Daniel 3.1-28*

## Canticle, Bless the Lord (Song of the three)

### Refrain



Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed is your holy and glorious name, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. **Response**

Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you who look into the depths, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. **Response**

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. **Response**

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. **Response**

*Silence is kept*

## The Collect

Lord God of our salvation,  
you speak the word to your scattered people,  
and bring up our life from the valley of death:  
breathe your Spirit upon your Church,  
that we may live and stand before you  
in the confidence of your risen Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Service of Light

*The clergy process to the West Door and the congregation turns to face them.*

*The president 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 president then traces the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega, the cross and the numerals of this year on 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 for ever.

**Amen.**

*He then blesses the incense studs and inserts them into the Candle reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.*

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

**Amen.**

*The president lights the candle from the new fire, saying*

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

*The minister bearing the Candle enters the cathedral, followed by the others ministers.*

*The minister bearing the Candle sings*

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

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the Nave, stopping twice more. The versicle and response are repeated, and the light of the Easter Candle is passed to all.*

*After the last proclamation the Candle is placed in its stand and censed.*

*The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung*

## **Exsultet**

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of Angels;  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation.  
Rejoice, O earth, in glory,  
revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Rejoice, O Mother Church!  
Exult in Glory!  
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid for us the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.  
For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.  
This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea,  
This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.  
This is the night when all who believe in him  
are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness.  
This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.  
Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.  
Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home,  
and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.  
Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise,  
your Church's solemn offering;  
this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.  
As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame,  
fed by melting wax conceived by Mother bee,  
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.  
For Christ, the Morning Star, has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



## **The Easter Acclamation**

*All stand as the organ sounds*

*The congregation extinguish their candles, and bells are rung loudly*

*The president proclaims*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Remain standing as the choir sings*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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

## **The Collect**

*The president says*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

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.**

*Sit*

# The Epistle

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

<sup>4</sup>Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.

<sup>2</sup>How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head:  
And brought with him,  
from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.

<sup>5</sup>While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,  
Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

<sup>3</sup>From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.

<sup>6</sup>All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d 1028)  
tr Robert Campbell (1814-68)

Tune: ST FULBERT

AM 221

*Remain standing*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

**The Gospel**                      *Matthew 28.1-10*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*A fanfare is played on the organ*

*After the Gospel Book has been returned to the altar, we sing as the ministers go to the Font and water is poured*



We turn to Christ anew  
who hear his call today,  
his way to walk, his will pursue,  
his word obey.  
To serve him as our King  
and of his kingdom learn,  
from sin and every evil thing  
to him we turn.

<sup>2</sup>We trust in Christ to save;  
in him new life begins:  
who by his cross a ransom gave  
from all our sins.  
Our spirits' strength and stay  
who when all flesh is dust  
will keep us in that final day,  
in him we trust.

<sup>3</sup>We would be true to him  
till earthly journeys end,  
whose love no passing years can dim,  
our changeless friend.  
May we who bear his Name  
our faith and love renew,  
to follow Christ our single aim,  
and find him true.

*Words:* Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

*Tune:* LEONI

AM 341

## **The Liturgy of Initiation**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The president stands before the water of baptism and 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 all 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 all the baptized,  
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.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been  
buried with him in baptism.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all 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.**

## Profession of Faith

*The president addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess 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 his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in 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.**

*The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people as the choir sings*

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river,  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:

*Words: G R Woodward (1848-1934)*

*Music: Trad., arr Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*The President says*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized into your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and so make us ready for that day  
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Remain standing*

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **The Peace**

*The president says*

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.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another. Please be respectful of others' safety and their desire to keep distance.*

Remain standing to sing **The Offertory Hymn** during which the table is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.



At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his piercèd side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

<sup>3</sup>Mighty victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthral:  
thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

<sup>2</sup>Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

<sup>4</sup>Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
sin alone can this destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

Words: 17<sup>th</sup>-century form of *Ad cenam Agni providi* Music: SALZBURG AM 198  
Tr Robert Campbell (1804-68)

*The president takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts*

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. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 thanks and praise.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this night of our redemption  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
Earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and, as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, each in our own language,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

*Notre Père...*

*Vater Unser...*

*Onze Vader...*

*Padre Nuestro...*

*Ojcie Nasz...*

*Baba Yetu...*

*E to matou Matua...*

*Ein Tad...*

*Remain standing for*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Sit as the president and other ministers begin*

## **The Distribution of Communion**

*Please come up for Communion as directed by the stewards. All who are regular communicants in their own tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are not a communicant, you are welcome to come forward at this point in the service to receive a blessing, keeping your hands to your sides. Please ask the priest if you **need a gluten-free host.***

*We request that **you do not intinct (dip) your host in the wine** but either take a sip from the cup or remain with your head bowed. This is for the reasons of good hygiene.*

*If you wish to receive communion without climbing the steps to the High Altar, please join the line for the station in the North-East Transept.*

*We keep a **prayerful silence** during Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament or pray afterwards.*

*During Communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*After Communion, we sing*



Bread is blessed and broken,  
wine is blessed and poured:  
take this and remember  
Christ the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Know yourself forgiven,  
find yourself restored,  
meet a friend for ever—  
Christ the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Share the food of heaven  
earth cannot afford.  
Here is grace in essence—  
Christ the Lord

<sup>4</sup>God has kept his promise  
sealed by sign and word:  
here, for those who want him—  
Christ the Lord.

*Words:* John L Bell (b. 1949)  
Graham Maule (b. 1958)

*Tune:* GRACE IN ESSENCE

AM 429

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

*Stand as the president says*

Let us pray.

God of Life,  
who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All then say*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

# The Dismissal



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

<sup>2</sup>Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
*Alleluia.*

<sup>3</sup>On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
*Alleluia.*

<sup>4</sup>Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee  
*Alleluia.*

*Words:* Latin, probably 17<sup>th</sup> century  
*tr* Francis Pott (1832-1909)

*Music:* VICTORY

AM 217

*Remain standing*

# Blessing

*The president says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The Deacon sings*

With the risen life of Christ within you,

Go in the peace of Christ alleluia

Alleluia

Thanks be to God alleluia

Alleluia.

# Organ Voluntary