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The Easter Liturgy 2021

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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.

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Mass of St Thomas – *David Thorne*

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Please stand as the Clergy enter the darkened Nave

The Pascal Candle is lit, the minister sings and the cantors respond

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung, during which the Church and congregational candles are lit

Exsultet

Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of Angels;
Rejoice all you holy ones around God's throne;
let the trumpet of salvation sound the triumph
of this mighty King.

Rejoice too, O Earth, in the radiance of this brightness;
enlightened by the brightness of the eternal King,
know that the darkness of the whole world has been put to flight.

Rejoice too, O Mother Church, arrayed in the brilliance of
so great a light; let these walls echo with the joyful song
of all the people here.

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 fitting that, with all the ardour of our heart and
mind, we should acclaim with our voices
the invisible almighty Father,
and his only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit.

For Christ has re-paid Adam's debt for us to his eternal Father, and with
his dear blood erased the bond contracted through that ancient sin.

This is the Paschal Feast, in which the true Lamb is slain,
he whose blood hallows the door-posts of the faithful.

This is the night when, long ago, you caused our forefathers,
the sons of Israel, in their passage out of Egypt,
to pass dry-shod over the Red Sea.

This, then, is the night which swept away the darkness of sin
by the light of the fiery pillar.

O truly blessed night, alone chosen to know the time and the hour in which Christ rose from the world below.

This is the night of which it was written:

"The night will be as bright as day; the light the night gives me will be all I desire."

On this gracious night, then, Holy Father,
receive our evening sacrifice of praise,
which Holy Church, by the hands of her ministers,
renders to you in the solemn offering of this wax the bees have made.
Now we know the praise due to this fiery pillar,
lit in God's honour from the shining fire.
And though this fire has been divided,
it has suffered no dimming through the sharing of its light.
For it is fed by the melting wax,
which the mother bee brought forth to form the substance of this
precious lamp.

Truly blessed is this night, on which earthly things and heavenly,
human things and divine are joined!

Therefore we pray, O Lord, that this candle,
hallowed in honour of your Name, may continue bravely
to dispel the darkness of this night.
Accepted as a sweet fragrance,
may it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May the morning star find its flame alight;
that morning star who knows no setting,
Christ your Son, who came back from the grave
that shed his clear light upon mankind,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Vigil

The Archbishop says

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; and 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*

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.

Thanks be to God.

The cantors sing

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

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. *Response*

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 *said by the Archbishop*

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*

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

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

The cantors sing

*I will sing, I will sing to the Lord:
Glorious his triumph.*

I will sing to the Lord who has triumphed gloriously,
The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song
And has become my salvation. *Response*

This is the God whom I will praise,
The God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
The Lord is a warrior,
The Lord is his name. *Response*

Your right hand O Lord is glorious in power:
Your right hand O Lord shatters the enemy.
At the blast of your nostrils the sea covered them;
They sank as lead in the mighty waters. *Response*

In your unfailing love O Lord,
You lead the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength
You will guide them to your holy dwelling. *Response*

You will bring them and plant them O Lord,
In the sanctuary which your hands have established. *Response*

Silence is kept

The Collect *said by the Archbishop*

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 *Jeremiah 31.31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Thanks be to God.

The cantors sing

Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great love,
In your compassion blot out my offences:
Wash me thoroughly from my guilt,
And cleanse me from my sin. *Response*

To you I confess my faults,
For they ever stare me in the face:
Against you it is that I have sinned,
And done evil in your sight. *Response*

Make me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me:
Cast me not out of your sight,
Nor take your holy spirit from me. *Response*

Uphold me with your might,
And strengthen me with perseverance:
Open my lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall declare your praise. *Response*

Silence is kept

The Collect *said by the Archbishop*

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 *Ezekiel 37.1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off

completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

Thanks be to God.

The cantors sing

*What marvels the Lord worked for us
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
Then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with songs of joy. *Response*

Then said they among the nations,
The Lord has done great things for them.
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
And therefore we rejoiced. *Response*

Restore again our fortunes O Lord,
As the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
Shall reap with songs of joy. *Response*

Those who go out weeping
Bearing the seed,
Will come back with shouts of joy,
Bringing their sheaves with them. *Response*

Silence is kept

The Collect *said by the Archbishop*

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 Easter Acclamation

All stand as the organ sounds

The congregation extinguish their candles, and bells are rung loudly

The Archbishop proclaims

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Remain standing as the cantors sing

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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 Archbishop 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.

Remain seated while the Cantors sing

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| Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy. | 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before. |
| 2 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. | 4 Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall. |
| 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore. Alleluia! Amen! | |

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

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Stand for

The Gospel *Mark 16.1-8*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Remain standing

The Archbishop stands at the font and addresses all who wish to renew their baptismal vows

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.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous 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 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.

The Archbishop says

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you also strength to continue in the Way.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

As the cantors sing the Archbishop pours water into the font

*We shall draw water joyfully,
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
we shall draw water joyfully,
from the wellsprings of salvation.*

Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength,
the Lord is our song;
he became our Saviour. *Response*

Words: Isaiah 12.2-6

Music: Paul Inwood (b 1947)

The Archbishop blesses the water, saying

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.
We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that 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.
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 forever.

Amen.

The Cantors sing

Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known
to all of the nations;
proclaim his greatness. *Response*

Profession of Faith

The Archbishop 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 Cantors sing

Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord,
for he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel. *Response*

The Archbishop 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.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

Remain standing

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The Archbishop 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.

Sit for

The Offertory

During the Offertory the Organist plays an improvisation

Please stand when the thurifer turns to cense the congregation

The Archbishop 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.

The Archbishop praises God for his mighty acts

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 cantors sing

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

The Archbishop recalls the Last Supper

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

The Archbishop says

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say,
each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.	<i>Notre Père... Vater Unser... Onze Vader... Padre Nuestro... Ojcie Nasz... Baba Yetu... E to matou Matua... Ein Tad...</i>
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Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The Archbishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Archbishop says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Body and Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

The Distribution of Communion

Please **remain seated in your place**. Communion will be brought to you by a priest. Please remain seated as you receive Communion.

Please **hold out your open hands** and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the priest in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present, you should not make any contact with the priest's fingers.

Please ask the priest if you would **prefer a blessing or a gluten-free host**.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed **in one kind only**. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is received.

We keep a **prayerful silence** together during Communion as we prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.

During communion the cantors sing *Agnus Dei*

*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.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the Bishop 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

Remain standing

Blessing

The Archbishop says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

The Archbishop says

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Vierne, Finale from Symphony no. 1

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