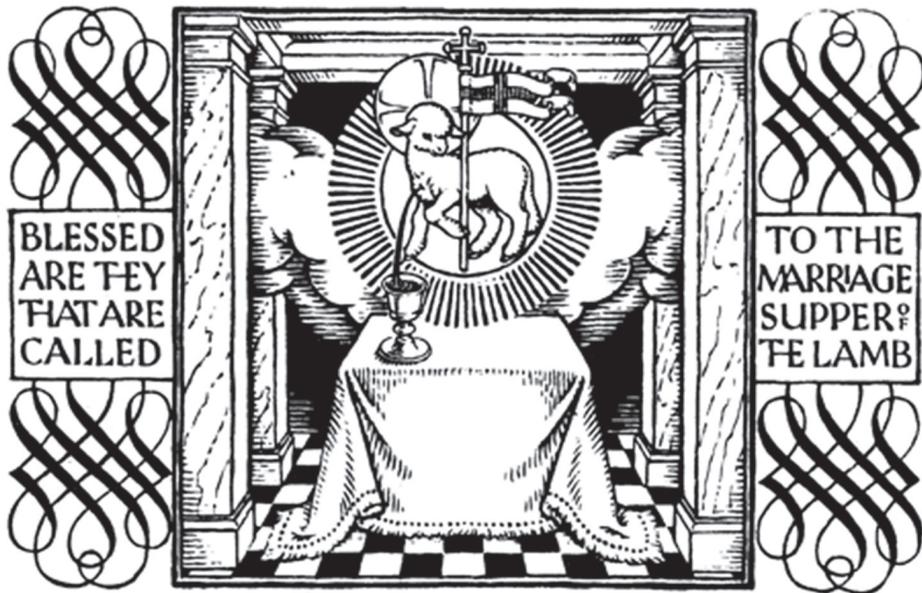


The Easter Vigil

In the Holy Night

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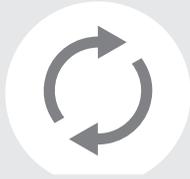
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At the Entrance and In the Church



Sanitize your hands before entering and leaving.



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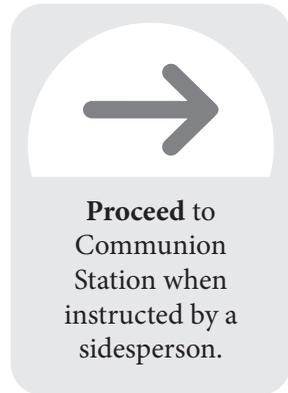


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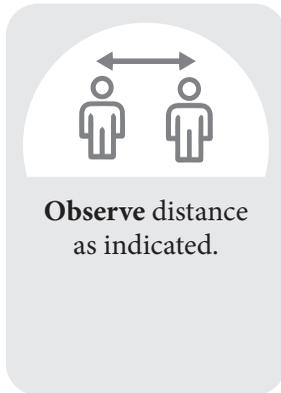


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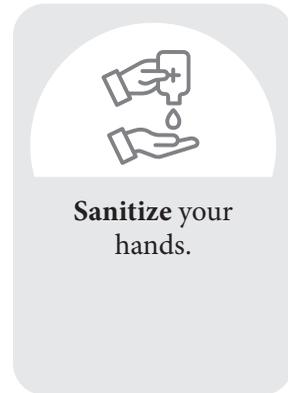
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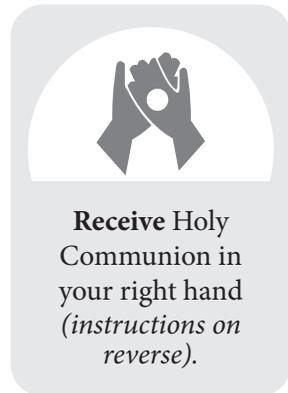
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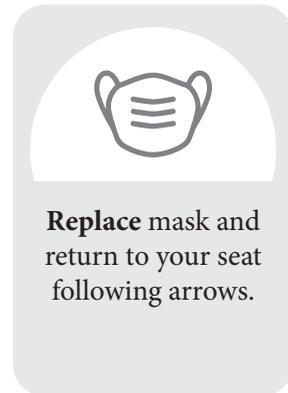
Sanitize your hands.



Receive Holy Communion in your right hand (*instructions on reverse*).



Proceed to Lady Chapel to make your Communion (*instructions on reverse*).



Replace mask and return to your seat following arrows.

Receiving Holy Communion in Time of Pandemic

Remain 2 metres from the celebrant as he says the words of administration ('The Body of Christ etc.'). Respond 'Amen' and step forward to the first Communion Station.

Then follow the 6 basic steps:

1. With washed (i.e., sanitized) hands,
2. place your **right hand** (symbol of Christ) over your left hand
3. in the **shape of a Cross**.
4. Receive the Sacred Host in **your right hand** with desire and charity, and retire to the second Communion Station in the Lady Chapel.
5. Lifting your hands slightly, remove one side of your mask, lower your face, and consume the Host **directly in your mouth** (no grabbing necessary!).
6. Check your hand to make sure nothing of the Host is left behind, and replace your mask.

These steps are laid out by various ancient saints.

1. 'All the men who desire to communicate wash their hands, and all the woman present clean linen, when they receive Holy Communion' (*S. Caesarius of Arles*).
2. 'Place your left hand as a throne **beneath your right**, as befits one who is about to receive the King' (*S. Cyril*).
3. 'Let us draw near to it with an ardent desire, and with our hands held in **the form of the Cross** let us receive the body of the Crucified One' (*S. John of Damascus*).
4. 'Having received It **into his hand**, he asked whether they were all in charity with him, and had no complaint against him, nor any quarrel or grudge' (*Venerable Bede*).
5. 'So then, after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the holy body, partake of It' (*S. Cyril*).
6. 'Giving heed lest you lose any portion thereof; for whatever you lose, it is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members' (*S. Cyril*).

Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where thy sting? O Hell, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigneth. Christ is risen, and not one dead remaineth in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of them that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

- S. John Chrysostom

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The Easter Vigil

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AS THE ALTAR PARTY ENTERS IN SILENCE.

Sermon — Father Hannam

PLEASE STAND AND FACE THE WEST PORCH FOR THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE.

BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

O GOD, who through thy Son, who is the true cornerstone, hast bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: we beseech thee that wouldest sanctify this new fire, now struck by us from the flint-stone, to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us, that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts and minds attain unto the feast of thy eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*THE PRIEST MARKS THE CANDLE WITH A CROSS,
THE LETTERS ALPHA AND OMEGA AND THE DATE, SAYING:*

CELEBRANT: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End,
Alpha and Omega; his are all times and all ages;
to him be glory and dominion, through all the ages of eternity.
Amen.

HE FIXES THE FIVE GRAINS OF INCENSE IN THE CANDLE, SAYING:

CELEBRANT: By his holy and glorious wounds,
Christ our Lord guard us and preserve us. Amen.

HE LIGHTS THE CANDLE, SAYING:

CELEBRANT: The light of Christ, who riseth gloriously,
Drive out all darkness from each heart and mind.

HE BLESSES THE CANDLE, SAYING:

∞ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.

CELEBRANT: **W**E beseech thee, Almighty God, to pour down on this
lighted candle the abundance of thy blessing: and as
thou, thyself unseen, art the regenerator of all mankind, so
now we pray thee kindle a light to lighten our darkness; that
both our sacrifice to be offered on this night may be made
bright by the inward presence of thy holy light, and that all
places wheresoever light shall be brought from this mystery
here sanctified by us, may by the same be relieved from the
crafts and assaults of the devil, and filled with the mighty
power of thy heavenly majesty. Through Christ our Lord.
℞ Amen.

*ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE CHURCH ARE NOW EXTINGUISHED,
SO THAT THEY CAN BE RELIGHTED LATER FROM THE BLESSED FIRE.*

THE PROCESSION

*THE PASCHAL CANDLE IS PROCESSED INTO THE CHURCH.
WHEN THE CELEBRANT HAS ENTERED THE CHURCH,
HE RAISES THE BLESSED PASCHAL CANDLE, AND SAYS:*

∞ The light of Christ.

ALL GENUFLECT TOWARDS THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND REPLY:

℞ Thanks be to God.

THE CELEBRANT PROCEEDS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE CHURCH AND SAYS AGAIN:

✠ The light of Christ.

ALL GENUFLECT AND REPLY:

✠ Thanks be to God.

*THE PRIEST THEN PROCEEDS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE CHURCH
AND SAYS AGAIN:*

✠ The light of Christ.

ALL GENUFLECT AND REPLY:

✠ Thanks be to God.

*THE PEOPLE'S CANDLES AND THE LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH ARE NOW LIGHTED
FROM THE PASCHAL CANDLE.*

*THE PRIEST GOES TO HIS PLACE AT THE EPISTLE SIDE;
THE CRUCIFER WITH THE CROSS STANDS IN THE GOSPEL SIDE.*

*THE CELEBRANT PUTS THE PASCHAL CANDLE ON ITS STAND IN THE MIDST
OF THE CHOIR, AND TAKING THE BOOK, SAYS THE FOLLOWING PRAYER:*

The Lord be in my heart and upon my lips,
that rightly and meetly I may proclaim
his paschal praise: In the Name of the Father,
✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE CELEBRANT THEN GOES TO THE LECTERN, WHICH IS COVERED
WITH A WHITE HANGING, AND PLACES THE BOOK THEREON, AND CENSES IT.
THEN GOING AROUND THE PASCHAL CANDLE, HE ALSO CENSES THIS.*

THE PASCHAL PROCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND

REJOICE now, all ye heavenly legions of Angels: all high things
that pass understanding: for the King that cometh with victory
let the trumpet proclaim salvation. Sing with joy, O earth, illumined
with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God,

thy glory, believe and know thou hast put away the darkness of all mankind. So likewise let our Mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with praises of his people. I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly beloved that all ye who here are present seeking this heavenly brightness, make your supplication with me to the Almighty, that he would shew forth his mercy toward me. That he who in my unworthiness numbered me among his Ministers and called me to do him service: so may vouchsafe to lighten my darkness, making me meet to praise this gift of fire with thankfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer: who liveth and reigneth with him and the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end.

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℟ We lift them up unto the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

℟ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet and right, that with the service of our lips we should glorify and should praise with heart and soul God the Invisible and Almighty, and likewise his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt of Adam's transgression: and with his dear Blood wiped away the reproach of our former offences. Now therefore we sacrifice our Passover, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood the doors of his faithful people are made holy. The night is come, wherein, when our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of Egypt, thou dividedst the sea and madest them to pass over as on dry land. Yea, the night is come, that with the fiery pillar hath purged away the darkness of our condemnation. The night is come, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all the earth, delivered from this naughty world and out of the shadow of death, were renewed unto grace, and are made partakers

of eternal life. The night is come, wherein the bonds of death, were loosed and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph. For wherefore should man be born into this world, save that being born he might be redeemed? How wonderful then, O God, is thy loving kindness unto us thy children! Behold, what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us: who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son! O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression that by such a death sin might be done away! O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Saviour! O night verily blessed, to thee alone that time and that hour were made manifest, when our Saviour Christ rose again from death unto life! The night is come whereof David said: Behold the night is as clear as the day: Then shall my night be turned into the day. The mystery therefore of this most holy night putteth to flight the deeds of darkness, purgeth away sin: restoreth innocence to the fallen, and gladness unto them that mourn: casteth out hatred, bringeth peace to all mankind, and boweth down mighty princes. Therefore, in this thy favorable time, accept, O holy Father, the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle: which as at this time thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of bees, thy creatures. Ye hear, brethren, the meaning of this pillar we set up, whereunto in God's honour the bright flame of fire doth set light. Which through it be never so much divided, yet knoweth not variableness nor loseth ought of its splendour. For the wax that melteth doth but feed the flame, for thereunto have the creatures of God's hand brought it forth, that it should give light in darkness.

O night, verily blessed, which did spoil the people of Egypt and magnified the Hebrews! O night, wherein heaven and earth are joined, and mankind partaketh with the Godhead. We pray thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that this candle which we have lighted and consecrated before thee in thine own Name, may continue to shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness. That being accepted before thee as a sweet savour, it

may be numbered with the lights that thou hast kindled. May the daystar find it burning when he dawneth into day. The daystar that riseth and knoweth not his going down. But coming forth from the places of darkness gladly giveth forth light unto all creation. We beseech thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that thou wouldest direct and guide us thy servants, and the hearts of all thy faithful family: and all those also that minister in thy service: Especially Linda our Chief Bishop and thy servant Andrew our Bishop, so helping us with continual grace that we may pass our time in rest and quietness, in the glad solemnity of our redemption. Do thou also have respect unto those who rule in authority over us, and by the unspeakable gift of thy love and pity direct their thoughts unto righteousness and peace, that they, together with all thy people, may come from the toils of this world unto their heavenly country.

Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

AFTER THE PASCHAL PROCLAMATION, THE CELEBRANT TAKES OFF HIS WHITE VESTMENTS AND PUTS ON VIOLET, AND GOES TO THE MISSAL FOR THE READING OF THE PROPHECIES.

THE PROPHECIES

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-31 and 2:1-2 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the

darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and

God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.*

Let us bow the knee. *PLEASE KNEEL IN A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.*

Arise. *PLEASE STAND.*

CELEBRANT:

O GOD, who in a wondrous manor didst create the race of man, and still more wondrously hast redeemed the same: grant us, we beseech thee, so steadfastly to withstand all the crafts and devices of sin, that we may be found worthy to attain to everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:24-31 and 15:1 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

AND it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying;

Canticle — *Cantemus Domino* (CANTOR)

Mode viii

*We will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the midst of the sea:
the lord is my strength and my song, and he is become my salvation.
He is my God and I will praise him: my father's God and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.*

PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

Let us bow the knee. PLEASE KNEEL IN A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

Arise. PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: **O** GOD who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation: who didst by the mighty defence of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the washing of regeneration: grant, we pray thee; that the fullness of all mankind, being delivered from its present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and worthy members of thy true Israel; through Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 4:1-6 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Canticle — *Vinea facta est dilecto* (ALL)

My well beloved hath a vineyard: in a very fruitful hill.
And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof;
and planted it with the choicest vine: and built a tower in the midst of it.
And also made a winepress therein: for the vineyard of the Lord
of hosts is the house of Israel.

PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

Let us bow the knee. PLEASE KNEEL IN A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

Arise. PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: **O** GOD, who by the mouth of thy holy prophets hast manifested thyself before all the children of the Church, to be in all places of thy dominion the sower of good seed and the husbandman of thine elect branches: grant unto thy peoples, that, the vineyard of thy planting and the harvest of thy sowing being purged of all thorns and briars, they may

be made to bring forth worthy fruit in abundance; through
Christ our Lord.

℞ Amen.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Deuteronomy 31:22-30 (*PLEASE BE SEATED*)

MOSES therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the
children of Israel.

And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and
of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the
land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the
words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses
commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the
Lord, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of
the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there
for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff
neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been
rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death?
Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that
I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to
record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly
corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have
commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because
ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger
through the work of your hands.

And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the
words of this song, until they were ended.

Canticle — Attende coelum *(ALL)*

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak: and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain from heaven: my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb. And as the showers upon the grass: because I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Ascribe ye greatness unto our God: he is the rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgement. A God of truth, and without iniquity: just and righteous is the Lord.

PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

Let us bow the knee. PLEASE KNEEL IN A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

Arise. PLEASE STAND.

CELEBRANT:

O GOD, who dost exalt them that are of low estate, and dost establish them that stand upright: who didst likewise by thy holy servant Moses so vouchsafe to teach thy people to sing praise to thy honour, that thy law by them repeated might be profitable for our guidance: raise up, we pray thee, thy power among the fullness of the nations whom thou hast justified; that they, being delivered from the fear of thy wrath, may rejoice in the plenteous remission of all their sins, and being warned to flee from the judgement of thy vengeance may be delivered from the same unto everlasting life; through Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE FONT

THE PRIEST DESCENDS TO THE FONT.
MEANWHILE THE FOLLOWING IS SUNG:

Tract — *Sicut cervus* (CANTOR)

Mode viii

*Like as the hart desireth the water brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

*✠ My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

*✠ My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?*

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon the devout prayers of thy servants seeking regeneration and desiring the fountain of thy waters, even as the hart desireth the water-brooks: and of thy goodness grant that they who thirst after thy faith may in this mystery of thy holy Baptism obtain sanctification both of body and soul. Through the same Christ our Lord.

✠ Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

✠ We lift them up unto the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

✠ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who, working by thy invisible power, dost wonderfully bestow upon thy servants effectual means of grace: and though we be unworthy to be partakers of these holy mysteries, thou leavest us not destitute of the gifts of thy grace, but mercifully inclinest thine ear to these our supplications. O God, whose Spirit moved over the waters, when the earth was without form and void at its creation: that even then the face of the waters might receive the virtue of purging all defilement: O God, who for the destruction of sinners didst once drown all the world, and by the saving of eight persons didst show forth in a figure our regeneration: that by the mystery of this one element of water thou mightest make an end of sin, and give birth unto righteousness: regard favourably, O Lord, the prayers of this thy family, and make the grace of thy generation to abound in us, for thou dost with the rivers of thy plenteous mercy make glad the city of thy redeemed: and openest unto us fountains of blessing through the whole world for the healing of nations: that, at the word of thy majesty, grace may be bestowed on it, from thine only Son, through the Holy Ghost. May he sanctify by the secret operation of his power this water to the mystical washing away of sin: that, having received sanctification, and being born again without spot or defilement, it may be found a new creature, that springeth from the living water: that young and old, both men and women, that henceforth shall be baptized herein, may all become thy children and heirs of thy heavenly promises. Speak the work, O Lord, and drive away speedily unclean spirits and all things that may hurt us: banish from us by thy name all the snares and assaults of the devil. And may our ghostly enemy have no power at all to encompass us: to deceive our hearts by his subtilty: to waylay us in secret and spread abroad the leaven of malice.

May this holy and undefiled creation, seeing that the son of wickedness may not approach it, nor the stain of iniquity come

near to defile it, be a fountain that doth regenerate, streams that do purify: may all they that by this means shall be dedicated before thee, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, receive the grace of redemption and remission of their offences.

Therefore do I hallow thee, O thou gift of water, by God that liveth, by God the faithful, by God the holy: by God, who in the beginning by his word divided the land from thee: by whose Spirit the waters were overshadowed: who did ordain that thou shouldst issue out of Eden and be parted from thence diversely, giving plenty to all his creation. Likewise in the desert of Marah he did turn thy bitterness into sweetness, and made thee to come forth out of the rock for his people. In the name of his only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ do I hallow thee, gift of water: for he did change thee into wine in proof of his omnipotence, when he was bidden to the wedding at Cana: who walked upon thee to his disciples: and was baptized in thee in Jordan, making John his minister: who moreover did mingle thee with Blood from his side at his passion; and commanded his faithful servants, that believing they should be washed in thee, saying: Go ye, and teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Almighty God, mercifully assist our prayers, who here observe these thy commandments: and of thy great goodness prosper our petitions. Enable by thy word and power the weakness of this water: that like as by nature it doeth service unto the purifying of the body, so by thy grace it may effectually cleanse our souls.

LOWERING THE CANDLE INTO THE WATER, THE PRIEST SAYS THRICE:

May the power of the Holy Ghost be poured on this font we have filled. And make this water to be effectual unto the washing away of transgression.

May every stain of our iniquity here be cleansed: may our nature be restored to its perfect fashioning, and be conformed again to thine own image of righteousness,

may it be redeemed from the old sins of its conversation:
that every person, being born again by the sacrament
he hath here received, may be restored verily unto
the innocence of thy children. Through Jesus Christ thy Son
our Lord: who shall come to judge the quick and the dead,
and the world by fire.

℟ Amen.

*THEN THE WATER THAT HAS BEEN BLESSED IS SPRINKLED OVER THE PEOPLE
BY THE ASSISTING PRIESTS AT THE POURING IN OF HOLY OIL:*

May this oil of salvation make this font holy, and cause
it to multiply that those who find herein their new birth
may come to life everlasting.

℟ Amen.

AT THE POURING IN OF CHRISM:

May this mingling of the Chrism of Jesus Christ our Lord,
and of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, be wrought in the name
of the most holy Trinity.

℟ Amen.

AT THE MINGLING OF BOTH IN THE FONT:

May this commingling of the Chrism of salvation
and of the Oil of unction and of the water of salvation likewise
be wrought in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

℟ Amen.

IF THERE ARE ANY TO BE BAPTIZED, THE BAPTISM FOLLOWS.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

ON this most holy night, dearly beloved brethren, our holy
Mother, the Church, calling to mind the death and burial of our

Lord Jesus Christ, rendereth unto Him love, and keepeth vigil; and awaiting his glorious resurrection, rejoiceth with great gladness.

But since, as the Apostle teacheth us, we have been buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, we too should walk in newness of life: that henceforth we should not serve sin. Let us reckon ourselves therefore to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wherefore, dearly beloved brethren, now that our Lenten exercises are over, let us renew the promises made in Holy Baptism, whereby we once renounced Satan and all his works, and likewise the world which is the enemy of God, and promises to serve God faithfully in his Holy Catholic Church.

∞ I demand therefore:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works,
the vain pomp and glory of the world,
with all the covetous desires of the flesh,
so that you will not follow, nor be led by them?

℞ We renounce them all.

∞ Do ye believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: that he descended into hell, and also did rise again third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and that he shall come again to judge the quick and the dead? And do ye believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life Everlasting?

℞ All this we steadfastly believe.

℣ Now therefore let us pray together to God,
as our Lord Jesus Christ hath taught us, and 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

℣ And may Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath regenerated us by water and the Holy Ghost,
and hath given unto us forgiveness of all our sins,
himself guard us by his grace unto everlasting life,
in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

℟ Amen.

THE LITANY

Kyrie eleison. *Christe eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

O Christ hear us. *O Christ graciously hear us.*

O God the Father of heaven, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy upon us.*

Holy Trinity one God, *have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God, *pray for us.*

Holy Virgin of virgins, *pray for us.*

Holy Michael, *pray for us.*

Holy Gabriel, *pray for us.*

Holy Raphael, *pray for us.*

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits, *pray for us.*
All ye Holy Angels and Archangels, *pray for us.*
Holy John the Baptist, *pray for us.*
Holy Joseph, *pray for us.*
All ye Holy Patriarchs and Prophets, *pray for us.*
Holy Peter, *pray for us.*
Holy Paul, *pray for us.*
Holy Andrew, *pray for us.*
Holy John, *pray for us.*
Holy Bartholomew, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, *pray for us.*
Holy Stephen, *pray for us.*
Holy Lawrence, *pray for us.*
Holy Vincent, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Martyrs, *pray for us.*
Holy Sylvester, *pray for us.*
Holy Gregory, *pray for us.*
Holy Augustine, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Doctors, *pray for us.*
Holy Anthony, *pray for us.*
Holy Benedict, *pray for us.*
Holy Dominic, *pray for us.*
Holy Francis, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Priests and Levites, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Monks and Hermits, *pray for us.*
Holy Mary Magdalene, *pray for us.*
Holy Agnes, *pray for us.*
Holy Cecilia, *pray for us.*
Holy Agatha, *pray for us.*
Holy Anastasia, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Virgins and Widows, *pray for us.*
All ye holy Saints of God, *pray for us.*

Be thou merciful, *spare us, O Lord.*
Be thou merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Lord.*
From all sin, *deliver us, O Lord.*
From everlasting death, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thine Advent, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy Nativity, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy Baptism and holy fasting, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy Cross and Passion, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy Death and Burial, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy holy Resurrection, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By thy wondrous Ascension, *deliver us, O Lord.*
By the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, *deliver us, O Lord.*
In the day of judgment, *deliver us, O Lord.*

We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to spare us,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to preserve our Bishop
and all the orders of the Church in holy religion,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to humble the enemies of holy Church,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to give to Christian kings and rulers true concord,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to strengthen and confirm us in thy holy service,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to reward all our benefactors with everlasting
blessings, *we beseech thee to hear us.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to give to all the faithful departed rest eternal,
we beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee graciously to heal us,
we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Spare us good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Hear us good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ hear us. *O Christ graciously hear us.*

THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison. *Kyrie eleison.* Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. *Christe eleison.*
Kyrie eleison. *Kyrie eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis

CELEBRANT: Glory be to God on high,

*AFTER THE CELEBRANT HAS BEGUN THE GLORIA THE ORGAN WILL SOUND
AND BELLS SHALL BE RUNG, THROUGHOUT.*

ALL: and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art ✠ most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

∿ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(PLEASE KNEEL)*

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son
Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us
the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that
as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good
desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to
good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and
reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world
without end.

℞ Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:8 *(PLEASE BE SEATED)*

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of the Second Epistle
of Paul the Apostle to Timothy, beginning at the eighth verse.

REMEMBER Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of
David, according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble as an

evil doer, even unto bonds: but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. This is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we endure, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful; he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance. Here endeth the Epistle.

The Great Alleluia *(PLEASE STAND)*

*Alleluia. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
Because his mercy endureth forever.*

Tract *(CELEBRANT)*

Psalm 117

*O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: O praise and extol him,
all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more
and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

The Holy Gospel: S. Mark 16:1 *(PLEASE STAND)*

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to S. Mark, beginning at the first verse.

✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who will roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the

right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there will ye see him, as he said unto you.

℟ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

OFFERTORY

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Motet — Ad cenam Agni providi

Mode i

(CANTOR)

*Ad cenam Agni providi,
stolis salutis candidi,
post transitum maris Rubri
Christo canamus principi.*

*Cuius corpus sanctissimum
in ara crucis torridum,
sed et cruorem roseum
gustando, Deo vivimus.*

*Protecti paschae vespero
a devastante angelo,
de Pharaonis aspero
sumus erepti imperio.*

*Iam pascha nostrum Christus est,
agnus occisus innocens;
sinceritatis azyma
qui carnem suam obtulit.*

*The Lamb's high banquet we await
in snow-white robes of royal state:
and now, the Red Sea's channel past,
to Christ our Prince we sing at last.*

*Upon the Altar of the Cross
His Body hath redeemed our loss:
and tasting of his roseate Blood,
our life is hid with Him in God.*

*That Paschal Eve God's arm was bared,
the devastating Angel spared:
by strength of hand our hosts went free
from Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.*

*Now Christ, our Paschal Lamb, is slain,
the Lamb of God that knows no stain,
the true Oblation offered here,
our own unleavened Bread sincere.*

*O vera, digna hostia,
per quam franguntur tartara,
captiva plebs redimitur,
redduntur vitae praemia!*

*Consurgit Christus tumulo,
victor redit de barathro,
tyrannum trudens vinculo
et paradisum reserans.*

*Esto perenne mentibus
paschale, Iesu, gaudium
et nos renatos gratiae
tuis triumphis aggrega.*

*Iesu, tibi sit gloria,
qui morte victa praenites,
cum Patre et almo Spiritu,
in sempiterna saecula. Amen.*

*O Thou, from whom hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
and endless life restored in Thee.*

*For Christ, arising from the dead,
from conquered hell victorious sped,
and thrust the tyrant down to chains,
and Paradise for man regains.*

*We pray Thee, King with glory decked,
in this our Paschal joy, protect
from all that death would fain effect
Thy ransomed flock, Thine own elect.*

*To Thee who, dead, again dost live,
all glory Lord, Thy people give;
all glory, as is ever meet,
to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.*

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours,
may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit,
and that of all his holy Church.

Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the
prayers and oblations of thy people: that this
beginning of thy Paschal Mystery may by the operation of
thy grace be unto us a wholesome medicine unto everlasting
life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

℟ Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church *(CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R̄ Amen.

Confession and Absolution

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee In newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him:
Have mercy upon you;
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
℞ Amen.

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface

℣ The Lord be with you.
℞ And with thy spirit.
℣ Lift up your hearts.
℞ We lift them up unto the Lord.
℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
℞ It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God,
Creator and Preserver of all things.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee
for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ
our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which
was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising
to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus (*ALL*)

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

BLESSED ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

CANON OF THE MASS

(*CELEBRANT*)

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty
God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give
thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to
suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and
sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the
whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us
to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until
his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant
that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to
thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance
of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body
and Blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when
he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “DRINK YE ALL, OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS: DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion;

And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and ✠ heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

℞ Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say,

Our Father,

ALL: 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 them that 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.

Fraction and Pax

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
℟ And with thy spirit.

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume
ALL: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
And our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.*

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy
that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

THE FIRST VESPERS OF EASTER

The Three-Fold Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Psalm 117

CELEBRANT: O praise the Lord, all ye nations: / laud him, all ye peoples.

PEOPLE: For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: /
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;

PEOPLE: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Canticle — *Magnificat*

ANTIPHON: *In the end of the sabbath,*
as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week,
came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
to see the sepulchre, alleluia.

LEADER: My soul doth magnify the Lord, /
ALL: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded /
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth /
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; /
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him /
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; /
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; /
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy /
hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, /
Abraham and his seed for ever.

ANTIPHON: *In the end of the sabbath,*
as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week,
came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
to see the sepulchre, alleluia.

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collect

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts love of thy holy Spirit: that as thou hast now fulfilled us with this Paschal Sacrament, so thou wouldest make us to continue in all godly concord. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

✠ Amen.

Blessing (*PLEASE KNEEL*) (*CELEBRANT*)

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

✠ Amen.

Dismissal (*PLEASE STAND*)

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ Depart in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

✠ Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

The Last Gospel: John 1:1

✠ The Lord be with you.

✠ And with thy spirit.

✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.
℟̄ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(ALL KNEEL)* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH *(ALL RISE)*, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℟̄ Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Christ ist erstanden (Christ is risen again)

J.S. Bach