



# **The Great Vigil of Easter**

*April 4, 2026 at 8:30pm*

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

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## **April 5, 2026 • Easter Day**

8:00am Said Eucharist	1:30pm Easter for Everyone
9:00am Worship Together	2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am Procession & Choral Eucharist	4:30pm Choral Evensong

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## Today at St. James

<i>Presider</i>	The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields
<i>Homilist</i>	The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil
<i>Deacon of the Mass &amp; Cantor</i>	The Reverend Lynn Braye
<i>Sub Deacon</i>	Paul D. Seddon, ODT
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Reverend Canon Kristen Pitts The Reverend Matthew Waterman
<i>Bishop's Chaplain</i>	Paul D. Seddon, ODT
<i>First Reading</i>	Sandra Mowat
<i>Second Reading</i>	Kiyan Diba
<i>Third Reading</i>	Richard Harrop
<i>Fourth Reading</i>	Daisy Pittis
<i>Fifth Reading</i>	Edmond Esso
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	David Grant, Yvonne Joseph Gordon Robison, Paul D. Seddon, ODT
<i>Sung by</i>	The Choir of St. James Cathedral
<i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i>	Thomas Bell
<i>Associate Organist</i>	Jean-Paul Feo
<i>Wayne Vance Organ Scholar</i>	Joshua Duncan Lee

***Welcome!*** *We are so glad you have joined us for worship this evening.  
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off.*

*Candidates for Holy Baptism*

Annie Chou

Kianna Foster

Negin Khazaei

Tristan Peters-Preciado

*Candidates for Reception*

Edmond Ezzo

Melissa Erskine

*Candidate for Reaffirmation*

Indigo Minerve

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Mass Setting: Missa Brevis in C K.220 – W. A. Mozart*

## Welcome

### The Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle

*Bishop* Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### The Preparation of the Paschal Candle

*The Bishop cuts a cross in the wax and traces the Greek letters 'Alpha' and 'Omega' and '2026'.*

*Bishop* Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Bishop then inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross:*

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

*People* **Amen.**

*The Bishop lights the candle from the new fire:*

*Bishop* May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## The Procession

*The Deacon lifts the paschal candle high, and sings three times:*

*Deacon* The Light of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The candles are lit from the torches.*

## The Exsultet – The Easter Proclamation

*Deacon* Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Deacon* It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People**     **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*If you wish, you are invited to keep your candle lit until the Gloria.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Presider*     Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

### **The First Reading**

*Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a*

*Reader*     The word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

*Psalm 33:1-14—Tone V.1.*

*Choir*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
for it is good for the just to sing praises.  
Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.  
Sing for him a new song;  
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.  
For the word of the Lord is true  
and all his works are sure.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.  
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin  
 and lays up the deep in his treasury.  
 Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
 stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.  
 For he spoke, and it was done;  
 he commanded, and it stood fast.  
 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught;  
 he frustrates the designs of the peoples.  
 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever  
 and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.  
 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord  
 and the people he has chosen for his own.  
 The Lord looks down from heaven  
 and beholds all the children of earth.  
 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
 on all who dwell on the earth.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and  
 order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new  
 creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people  
 through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
 for ever and ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **The Second Reading**

*Exodus 14:10-31, 15:1*

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle**

The Song of Moses

*Exodus 15:1b-3, 6, 11, 13, 17-18*

*Choir*

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.  
 This is my God whom I will praise,  
 the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

The Lord is a warrior,  
the Lord is his name.  
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.  
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.  
You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,  
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Let us pray.  
God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Third Reading**

*Isaiah 54:5-14*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle** Song of Thanksgiving

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Choir* Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,  
and he will be my Saviour.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Let us pray.  
O God, you led your ancient people in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Grant that we who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where you wipe away all tears, and where your saints for ever sing your praise. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Fourth Reading**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm**

*Psalm 143—Tone VII.1.*

*Choir* Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;  
answer me in your righteousness.  
Enter not into judgement with your servant,  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.  
For the enemy has pursued me,  
crushing my life to the ground,  
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.  
My spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is desolate.  
I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;  
I consider the works of your hands.  
I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.  
O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;  
hide not your face from me  
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.  
Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for in you I put my trust;  
show me the way I should walk in,





*People* **Glo-ry in the high - est,**

*Deacon* Give you thanks,



*People* **Glo-ry in the high - est,**

*Deacon* Praise you for your glory;



*People* **Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth;**

*Deacon* 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,



*People* **Have mer - cy on us,**

*Deacon* You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer,



*People* **Re - ceive our\_\_prayer,**

*Deacon* Glory to God, glory in the highest, Peace to his people, peace on earth;



*People* **Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth;**

*Deacon* 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 glory of God the Father.



**People**            **Glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est, peace to his peo-ple, peace on earth;**

**Deacon**        **Amen.**



**People**            **A -            men.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**Presider**        **Let us pray.**

Lord God, you have made this night bright with the radiance of the risen Christ. May we, who have been raised with him in baptism, reflect the light of his glory and live with him for ever.

**People**            **Amen.**

### **The Fifth Reading**

*Romans 6:3-11*

**Reader**        *Ignorez-vous que nous tous qui avons été baptisés en Jésus-Christ, c'est en sa mort que nous avons été baptisés? Nous avons donc été ensevelis avec lui par le baptême en sa mort, afin que, comme Christ est ressuscité des morts par la gloire du Père, de même nous aussi nous marchions en nouveauté de vie. En effet, si nous sommes devenus une même plante avec lui par la conformité à sa mort, nous le serons aussi par la conformité à sa résurrection, sachant que notre vieil homme a été crucifié avec lui, afin que le corps du péché soit réduit à l'impuissance, pour que nous ne soyons plus esclaves du péché; car celui qui est mort est libre du péché. Or, si nous sommes morts avec Christ, nous croyons que nous vivrons aussi avec lui, sachant que Christ ressuscité des morts ne meurt plus; la mort n'a plus de pouvoir sur lui. Car il est mort, et c'est pour le péché qu'il est mort une fois pour toutes; il est revenu à la vie, et c'est pour Dieu qu'il vit. Ainsi vous-mêmes, regardez-vous comme morts au péché, et comme vivants pour Dieu en Jésus-Christ.*  
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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.

*Reader*

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Text: 1 Cor. 5:7-8, Rom. 6:9-11, 1 Cor. 15:20-22;

Music: Vulpius; Melchior Vulpius; harm. and psalm tone George Black

*People*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*People*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir*

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

*People*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

*Deacon*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Deacon* After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.     *People*     **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

## **BAPTISM & RECEPTION– PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Bishop* Dear friends, as our brothers and sisters approach the waters of rebirth and renew their commitment to Christ, let us pray for them as we ask God to support them with mercy with love.

## **Hymn**

Tune: Victory

*All*     *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!

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

On the third morn he rose again,  
glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: alleluia!

Text: Latin; tr. Francis Pott; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina; adapt. William Henry Monk.

*The Bishop goes to the Baptistry. The candidates and their sponsors form a half circle at the font, facing the Bishop.*

*Bishop* The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Sponsor* I present *Annie/Kianna/Negin* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Bishop* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidates* I do.

*Parents & Sponsors* We present *Tristan* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Bishop* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents & sponsors* We will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & sponsors* We will, with God's help.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the candidates and sponsors*

*Bishop* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Candidates* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

*Candidates* I do.

*Sponsor* I present *Edmond/Melissa* to be received into this Communion.

I present *Indigo* who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do.

*Bishop* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Annie, Kianna, Negin, Tristan, Edmond, Melissa and Indigo* in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth, and those who are reaffirming their commitment to follow Christ.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Bishop* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into**

**heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Baptism**

*Bishop* *Annie / Kianna / Negin / Tristan*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

*When the candidates have been baptized:*

*Bishop* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will

and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Giving of the Light**

*Each of the newly baptized receives a candle lit from the paschal candle.*

*Bishop* Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*People* **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*Bishop* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Asperges**

*During the anthem, the congregation will be sprinkled with baptismal water.*

#### **Anthem Vidi Aquam**

Matthew Martin

*Choir* I saw water flowing from the temple, on the right side, alleluia:  
And all to whom that water came  
have been saved, and they will say, alleluia.

Worship the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is forever.

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

### **Reception and Reaffirmation**

*The candidate for Reception and Reaffirmation now stands before the Bishop.*

*Bishop* Let us now pray for *Edmond, Melissa and Indigo* who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants, *Edmond, Melissa and Indigo*, the covenant

you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Edmond/Melissa*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

*Indigo*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

*Bishop* Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants, *Edmond, Melissa and Indigo*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Tune: O Filii Et Fillae

*All* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spoke unto the three,  
“Your Lord goes on to Galilee.” Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin; attrib. Jean Tisserand; tr. John Mason Neale; Music: Melody *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, Paris, 1623.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider* God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant  
that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you  
thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of  
the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole  
company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the  
glory of your name.

## **Sanctus & Benedictus**

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full  
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have  
made known to us in creation; in calling the Israelites to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word  
made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be

incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All* **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*McNeil Robinson*

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,

on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,  
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
 and de-li-ver us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry are yours,  
 now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* **Now we are raised to new life.**

*Presider* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* **Now we share in your resurrection.**

*Presider* Live in us, that we may live in you.

## The Communion

*Presider* Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Agnus Dei

*Choir* 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: have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing (indicate by crossing your hands over your chest).*
- *Please approach the High Altar in **single file and fill the altar rail from the right side.** Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel (at the front of the right aisle).*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*

## Communion Hymn

Tune: Noël Nouvelet

*All* Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
*love is come again like wheat arising green.*

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain;  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
*love is come again like wheat arising green.*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
*love is come again like wheat arising green.*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
*love is come again like wheat arising green.*

John MacLeod Campbell Crum; Music: French Carol harmonized by Daivd Iliff

## Motet **Christus Vincit**

James McMillan

*Choir* Christ conquers, Christ is King, Christ is Lord of All

from the Worcester Acclamations, 10th century

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of Love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Bishop* May Almighty God who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**Hymn**

Tune: St. Albinus

*All* The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

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

<sup>1</sup>Ἀναστάσεως ἡμέρα St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)\*  
Music: German Melody, 18<sup>th</sup> Century adpt in Gesangbuch, Mainz,

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia! Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that God loves.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Toccata from Symphony V

*Charles Marie Widor*

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