



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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Cover: "He Is Risen New Light" | Chinese artist Dr. He Qi has rendered custom versions of sought after giclée original liturgical art for use in celebrating a series of major feast days observed in the life of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. Author and international speaker Dr. Richard Melheim describes the artistic style as, "...Chagall meets Matisse meets Picasso meets the East. Vibrant. Energetic. Breathtaking. Biblical. Humorous. Whole-world art." For full artist information visit saintmichael.org/artist

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Fire and water, bread and wine: these are primal elements of our faith, the means by which we encounter God.

Before we arrive at the sacred stories, through which we retell our history as the People of God, we begin in darkness. The darkness of the chaos before the time in creation is the darkness we share with Jesus in his rest in the tomb. Just as God called forth light in the beginning by speaking the word, Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the light of the world for us, shining through the New Fire and spreading throughout our gathered family and into the world.

The waters in creation, the waters of the Red Sea: these remind us that this essential element of life also holds the potential for destruction, a power which we have seen unleashed time and again. Through baptism, we enter into all these parts of our story, leaving the old life behind, having been cleansed of our sinful lives and prepared to enter into the fellowship of the saints in all times and places.

Our Vigil tonight is a journey—a metaphorical one and a physical one, with stations along the way. We begin in the dark, and watch as the light of Christ burns anew. We draw close to the font, remembering our baptismal promises, and God's promise to us. And finally, having received the risen Christ in the sacramental elements of bread and wine—our food for the journey—we carry that same light within us as we return to the world, living as Easter people.

Each time we come together around God's Table, we come as the Body of Christ, bringing our broken selves, body and soul, to be made one. The last time we gathered at this table, we entered into the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus shared with his friends before his death. We come again in joy to be made one in the Risen Christ, the Bread of Life, in a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, rejoicing for ever in the risen life of our Savior.

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The service begins on page 285 of The Book of Common Prayer

Welcome

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

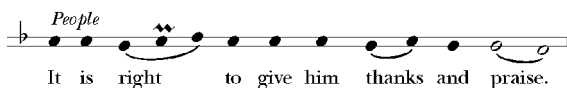
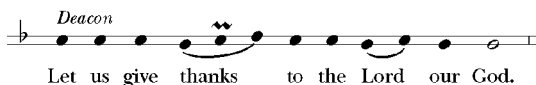
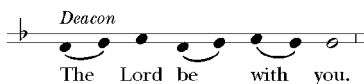
Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac

The First Reading *Genesis 22:1-18*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men

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with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Chanted by the Choir

The Psalm 16:5-6, 8-11

Plainsong, mode VI

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by
the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your
Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

The Second Reading *Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the

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sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Chanted by the Choir

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

Plainsong, mode VIII

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? * who is like

you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of the Dry Bones

The Third Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain,

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Many music historians view Palestrina as the defining composer of late Renaissance choral polyphony. Serving many years at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, Palestrina's sacred choral music output is vast. Common for his style and that of his southern Italian counterparts is smoothness of melody and texture. Emphasis is given to words and phrases in ways that seem more subtle to modern ears. For example, listen for the sense of longing at "anima mea" ("my soul"). One reason this Psalm verse has often been used as a response to an Easter Vigil reading is that the Psalmist's deer has been understood as a metaphor for those receiving baptism at the Vigil.

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that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Motet: *Sicut Cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

- Psalm 42:1

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People

The Fourth Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will

make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 98

Charles Stanford

Chanted by the Choir

Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Collect

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Celebrant Let us pray.
O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Sprinkling of the Congregation

Vidi aquam

Michael McCarthy

I saw water flowing forth from the temple.

I saw water flow forth from the right side,
and all those to whom this water flows,
all people thereby are made whole.

O give thanks to the Lord our God who is gracious,

Alleluia.

– *Easter seasonal Rite of Sprinkling*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The congregation is sprinkled with the waters of baptism as a reminder of their new life in Christ.



McCarthy serves as Canon Director of Music at Washington National Cathedral. This piece was composed in 2006 for the Investiture of Katharine Jefferts Schori as Presiding Bishop at Washington Cathedral. McCarthy repeats the text frequently, especially "I saw water," and creates an effect not unlike the rippling effect of water. A climax on the Psalm verse gives way to a brief repetition of the opening material of "I saw water."

The Easter Acclamation is said three times

Gloria

Mass in G Major, D. 167

Franz Schubert



Schubert composed this Mass in the course of a week, when he was only seventeen years old. The Gloria opens with a rapidly-ascending figuration in the strings, continuing with driving energy until the middle section of the text, when the soloists invoke the Lord under many titles: "heavenly King, "Lamb of God," and so on; the full choir replies "have mercy upon us." The original energetic material returns at "For thou only art holy," and continues to a thrilling and dramatic conclusion.

The altar is censed during the singing of the Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high,

and on 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, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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 of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Romans 6:3-11

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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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn 174

Standing, sung by All

“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing”

Salzburg

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

Hymn continues on the next page

praise we him, whose love di-vine gives his sa-cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;
 now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;
 Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Fa-ther, un-to thee we raise:
 gives his Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.
 thou hast o-pened par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris-en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1858), alt. Music: *Sabburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Holy Gospel *Luke 24:1-12*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People Form III

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Standing

Parish Prayers of the People

Kathryn Anschutz, Len Bourland, Suzanne Buhner, Brian Buongiorno, William Burk, Carol Byrom, Scott Calhoun, Frances Campbell, Carolyn Cobb, Carol Crossthwait, Peggy Daniels, Laura Davis, David DeKnock, Richard DeKnock, David Dollarhide, Michael Fahrenbrook, Rosalee Fillion, Pam Germany, Robert Graham, Michael Gratkowski, Jody Guenther, Don Harp, Eileen Hudnall-Hannum, Anne Harper, Kyle Harris, Josh Hight, Carol Imperial, Carla Jones, Bea Kappes, Katherine Keeling, Mary Kooymans, Janet Kraklow, Jeff Kunzler, Rachel Lawrence, Dan & Emma Lessard, Coffrey McCarroll, Mason McCarroll, Michael McCarroll, Sterling McCarroll, Leroy McCorry, Mark McDaniel, The Rev. Dr. Pittman McGehee, Harrison Marcus, Pat Moore, Elliot Nelson, Heather Nemeč, Elisa Olsen, Tom Park, Charles Peeler, Rick Porter, Thomas Russell, Mary Ann Sayer, Dorinda Scobee, Sergyi & family, Irene Skeibrok, Jim Smith, Mike Smith, Lucy Sogandares, Callan Spence, John Stoneham, Parker Sumvall, Betty Taylor, Byrd Teague, Katherine Tomko, Valerie Guenther Unger, Jack Day Watson III, Tim Womack, Peggy Wood, Catherine Carr Worley

During the season of Easter, we omit the Confession as a way of celebrating Christ's triumph over sin and the assurance of salvation and new life for all who are joined with him in his death and resurrection.

Please be seated for the Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

Sing Ye To The Lord

Edward Bairstow


Sing ye to the Lord,
For He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharoah's chariots and his host
Hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appal,
Now no more the grave enthrall,
Thou hast open'd Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Alleluia, Amen.

- Exodus 21:4 and Robert Campbell

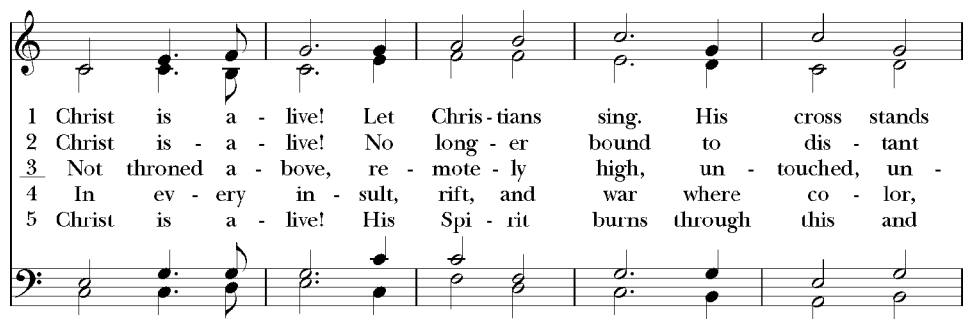

Bairstow served most prominently as music director at York Minster from 1913 to his death in 1943. His anthem heard here is one of the most popular Easter anthems in Anglican choral music. The music begins and ends with triumphant fanfares and choral acclamations. Text painting is particularly vivid with a significantly descending melody line at "the grave enthrall" leading to the softest section at "thou hast open'd Paradise" marked with atmospheric, poignant dissonances.

Standing, sung by All

Presentation Hymn 182, Verse 1

"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

Truro



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

Hymn continues on the next page

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest*

*Standing, during the season
of Easter, we return to the
practice of the early church
and stand during the Prayer
of Consecration and the Post-
Communion Prayer.*

*At the following words
concerning the bread, the
Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a
hand upon it; and at the words
concerning the cup, to hold or
place a hand upon the cup and
any other vessel containing wine
to be consecrated.*

Celebrant and People

Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd

Sung by All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Worshippers are invited to come forward to the Communion rail at the direction of our ushers. Kneel at the rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hands. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, clasp your hands in front of you with your palms down. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.



The Agnus Dei opens in a somber mood, in a minor key keeping in mind the Passion and the humble petition of the text: “have mercy upon us”. But at the third invocation, when the soprano sings the words “grant us peace,” the tonality finally shifts into the major key, leading to a truly peaceful and restful final cadence.

Standing, spoken by All

Agnus Dei

Mass in G Major, D. 167

Franz Schubert

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

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. **Amen.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Concluding Hymn

Hymn 175, v. 1-4 “Hail thee, festival day”

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for -

Hymn continues on the next page

ev - er, day where-on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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Orchestral Postlude

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COME, FOLLOW ME.

EASTER AT SAINT MICHAEL
APRIL 17 - JUNE 4



ARRIVAL DETAILS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 a.m. | Contemporary Sunrise Service
Garden Cloister

7:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I
Saint Michael Chapel

9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist II **STREAMED**
Church
Brass, timpani, and SMAA Choristers with Staff Singers sing music by Bairstow & the Hallelujah Chorus.

9 a.m. | Contemporary
Parish Hall

9 a.m. | Joy
Saint Michael Chapel

9:45 – 11 a.m. | Easter Reception
Garden Cloister
Professional Easter family photos in front of our Saint Michael flower cross!

11 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I
Church
Brass, timpani, and choral music by Parker and Willan.
INCENSE WILL BE USED DURING THIS SERVICE.

11 a.m. | Holy Eucharist I
SMC

11 a.m. | Contemporary **STREAMED**
Parish Hall

5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist II
Saint Michael Chapel

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