



CHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# **The Easter Liturgy**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**8.00 pm**

**President and Preacher:**  
**The Rt Revd Mark Tanner**  
**Bishop of Chester**

# WELCOME

We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!  
It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

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Hymns, readings and responses will be presented on the screens.

## Music

*Communion Setting*

Communion Service in B flat

*Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924*

*Gradual*      The Easter Anthems

*Communion Motet*

My beloved spake *Thomas Tomkins 1572-1656*

*Voluntary*

Acclamations (Suite Médiévale)

*Jean Langlais 1907-1991*

## **Receiving Communion**

We warmly invite Christians of all denominations to come and receive bread and wine at the distribution of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available – please indicate to the priest if you require one. If you prefer not to receive you are invited either to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your seat.

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# THE VIGIL

*The ministers and congregation gather outside the Pilgrim Porch in silence.*

*The Deacon reads these verses*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

*Genesis 1.1*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens  
and your faithfulness never ceases.  
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom  
and strengthen our lives with your word,  
for you are the fountain of life;  
in your light we see true light.  
Blessed be God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## *The Bishop says*

This is the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. The Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer. Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

## **The Old Testament reading**

A reading from the book of the Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have

you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from

in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 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'.

*Exodus 14:10-end; 15:1a*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord,  
God of our salvation.

You heard the agony of your people  
as they cried out from their slavery,  
and you gave them Moses to lead them  
to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Hear the cry of the enslaved  
and the homeless today  
and lead us through the turbulent sea  
of life to our true home with you,  
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

**Amen.**

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The fire is blessed; the Bishop says*

Let us pray.

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night to shine  
with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance  
of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Marking of the Paschal Candle

*The Paschal Candle is marked with the sign of  
the Cross, the Alpha and Omega (the first and  
last letters of the Greek alphabet), and then  
the numbers of the current year, saying*

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

**Amen.**

*Five grains of incense are inserted into the paschal candle and the Bishop says*

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

## **The Presentation of the Candidates**

*The candidate is presented to the congregation. The Bishop asks the candidate for baptism*

David, do you wish to be baptized?  
**I do.**

*The Bishop asks the congregation*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our  
number those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome David  
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

# The Decision/Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The Bishop addresses the candidate and the congregation*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

*The Bishop lights the Easter Candle, saying*

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

*The Bishop says to the candidate and the congregation*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism, saying*

David, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you  
from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light  
and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Procession of Light**

*The choir, servers, clergy, deacon, bishop, candidate and congregation enter the Cathedral. The procession moves to the head of the nave stopping at three points; the Paschal Candle is held up and a lay clerk sings*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Exultet**

*The choir sings*

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne.

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound, sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, 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. Rejoice!

*Colin Mawby 1936-2019*

## **Easter Acclamation**

*The Bishop says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Gloria in excelsis**

*The choir sings*

Glory be to God on high,  
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 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 the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## Collect

*The Bishop says*

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

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection  
of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised 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.

*Romans 6:3–11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual: The Easter Anthems**

*The choir sings*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:  
therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven  
of malice and wickedness: but with the  
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no  
more: death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once:  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead  
indeed unto sin: but alive unto God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead:  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the  
dead.

For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Please stand, if you are able, for the Gospel  
procession.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last,  
says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold  
I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary  
Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James,  
and Salome bought spices, so that they

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

*Mark 16:1-8*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

The Bishop of Chester

# THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

## Prayer over the Water

*The Bishop says*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you  
that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you  
that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water,  
that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ  
in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon them,

bring them to new birth  
in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ  
to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty,  
authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
together with this candidate the faith of the  
Church.

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust  
in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God,  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*The president says to each candidate for  
baptism*

David, is this your faith?

**This is my faith.**

*The Bishop pours water on each candidate,  
saying*

David, I baptize you in the name  
of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Bishop says*

May God, who has received you by  
baptism into his Church, pour upon you  
the riches of his grace, that within the  
company of Christ's pilgrim people you  
may daily be renewed by his anointing  
Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the  
saints in glory.

**Amen.**



*The Bishop says*

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given your servant new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven him all his sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon him:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let his delight  
be in the fear of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands on the candidate's head  
and anoints them with the oil of chrism, saying*

David, God has called you by name and  
made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant David  
with your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*We pray together*

**Defend, O Lord, your servant  
with your heavenly grace,  
that he may continue  
yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit  
more and more, until he comes  
to your everlasting kingdom.  
Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Welcome

*Please stand if you are able. The Bishop says*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
David, by one Spirit we are all baptized  
into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship  
of faith; we are children of the same  
heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The congregation greets the newly baptized.*

## Peace

The risen Christ came  
and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad  
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ  
be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

# Offertory Hymn

*Please remain standing to sing*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day:  
Christ hath burst His prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
hold thee as a mortal;  
but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

*St John of Damascus c.675-749*

*ST JOHN DAMASCENE*

*Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926*

## **Preparation of the Altar**

*The Bishop says*

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered  
the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women  
and children the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels  
and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## *The Bishop continues*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread,  
gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat,  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended  
he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you,  
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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.



Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice  
and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# The Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer can be offered  
in your own language*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop says*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you,  
give us this bread always.**

# Giving of Communion

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia!**

## Agnus Dei

*The choir sings*

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

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

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

*All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. Sidespeople will assist the congregation in coming forward.*

## Communion Motet

My beloved spake, and said unto me,  
rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come,

and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;  
the fig tree putteth forth her green figs,  
and the vines with the tender grape  
give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Song of Songs 2:10-13 Thomas Tomkins 1572-1656*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*The Bishop says*

Let us pray.

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

*Please stand if you are able.*

# THE DISMISSAL

## Blessing

*The Bishop says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

# Final Hymn

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

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

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

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:  
Alleluya!

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

*Francis Pott 1832-1909*

VICTORY

*ad. from G. P. da Palestrina c.1525-94  
with Alleluya by W.H. Monk 1823-89*

# Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The Bishop gives each of the newly baptized and confirmed a lighted candle, lit from the Easter Candle, and then says*

God has delivered us  
from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place  
with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The Deacon says*

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please remain standing as the procession  
leaves and then be seated for the organ  
voluntary.*

## Voluntary

Acclamations (Suite Médiévale)

*Jean Langlais 1907-1991*

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