

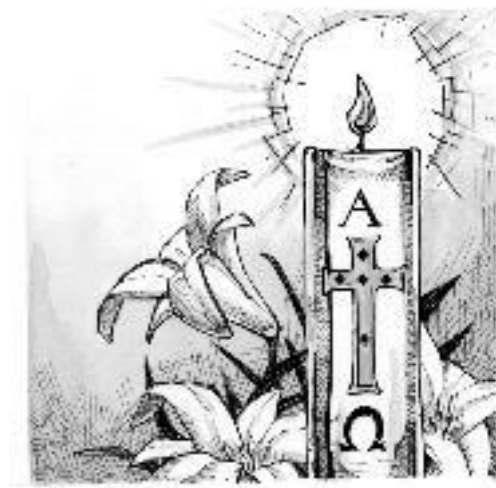


St Cuthbert's Church  
Earl's Court, SW5

Saturday 11th April 2020

# Liturgy of the Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

8pm Mass Sheet for Private Use



Welcome to St Cuthbert's

*Celebrant: Fr Paul Bagott*

*Darkness is kept in church. As a fire is prepared outside the church, the people gather round led by the Celebrant, Sacred Ministers, and Servers.*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy Spirit.**

C: Dear brothers and sisters 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, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

All: **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is now blessed. The celebrant cuts of traces a cross on the candle and then traces the Greek letters, Alpha and Omega, and the numerals of the year between the arms of the Cross. Meanwhile he says,*

C: Christ yesterday and today, *(he cuts the vertical line)*  
the beginning and the end, *(he cuts the horizontal line)*  
Alpha and Omega, *(he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line)*  
all time belongs to him, *(he cuts the first numeral of the current year)*  
and all ages; *(he cuts the second numeral of the current year)*  
to him be glory and power, *(he cuts the third numeral of the current year)*  
through every age and for ever. *(he cuts the fourth numeral of the current year)*

All: **Amen**

*When the cutting of the cross and of the other signs has been completed, the Priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying,*

C: By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

All: **Amen**

*At this point charcoal from the fire is placed into the Thurible and incense is added and blessed. The Celebrant now lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire saying,*

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

*The Deacon bearing the Candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers, and they pause just inside the entrance.*

*The Deacon bearing the Candle raises it and says or sings,*

D: The light of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God**

*The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated, and the candles of those around are lit from the Easter Candle. The procession continues to the centre of the building and stops once more. The versicle and response are again repeated, and the candles of those around are lit.*

*The Easter Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building and then solemnly censed to show due honour to that which represents Christ – the Light of the World.*

*All now come and stand around the Paschal Candle as the Exsultet, the Ancient Easter Proclamation, is sung by a Sacred Minister.*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O Universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

[SM: The Lord be with you

**All: and with thy spirit.]**

SM: Lift up your hearts.

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

SM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

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

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,  
this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.

As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame  
fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee,  
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead  
and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

**All: Amen.**

## THE VIGIL

*Lights are taken from the Easter Candle to illuminate the Bible from which the Vigil readings will be read. The Celebrant may introduce the Vigil using these words,*

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

### The Readings

*After each reading a Psalm is sung by the choir and then a collect is said by the Celebrant.*

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

*(Genesis 1: 26-31a)*

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion

over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings Psalm 104.1-7:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

*The Celebrant says,*

C: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*(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 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." This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***The Choir sings* Psalm 16.6-end:**

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***The Celebrant says,***

**C:** Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call and rejoiced in your promise that, in him, all the families of

the earth should be blessed: give us a faith like his, that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*(Exodus 14:15-15:1)*

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:



***The Choir sings immediately* the Song of Moses and Miriam:**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

***The Celebrant says,***

C: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah**

***(Isaiah 54:5-14)***

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, I am about to set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your wall of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***The Choir sings* Psalm 30:**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but

joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*The Celebrant says,*

C: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All: Amen.

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

C: Glory be to God on high.

*Bells are rung as an organ fanfare is played, accompanying the turning on of the lights and the lighting of candles, leading into the Gloria in Excelsis.*

and in earth peace, goodwill 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 the Most High, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

*Silence is kept.*

C: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **New Testament Reading**

**A reading from the letter to the Romans**

*(Romans 6.3-11)*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings Psalm 114:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Gospel Reading**

### *Matthew 28.1-10*

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 worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### *At the end*

D: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

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 and so, with one heart and one soul let us by our prayers come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their blessed hope, so that, as they approach the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on them all his merciful help.

Dearly beloved, let us humbly invoke upon this font the grace of God the almighty Father, that those who from it are born anew may be numbered among the children of adoption in Christ.

**The Litany** *is said or sung as the Celebrant, Ministers, and Servers make their way to the font, followed by the congregation.*

Lord, have mercy

All: **Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy

All: **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Holy Mary, Mother of God,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Michael	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Holy Angels of God,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint John the Baptist,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Joseph,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Andrew,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint John,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Mary Magdalene,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Stephen,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Lawrence,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Agnes,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Gregory,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Augustine,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Athanasius,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Basil,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Martin,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Benedict,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Francis Xavier,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint John Vianey,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Catherine of Siena,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Teresa of Jesus,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Cuthbert and Saint Matthias,	<b>Pray for us.</b>
All holy men and women, Saints of God,	<b>Pray for us.</b>

Lord, be merciful	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
From all evil,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
From every sin,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
From everlasting death,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
By your Incarnation,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
By your Death and Resurrection,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,	<b>Lord, deliver us, we pray.</b>

Be merciful to us sinners

**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Baptism

**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,

**Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, hear us.**

Christ, graciously hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

*With hands extended, the Celebrant says the following prayer:*

Almighty ever-living God, be present by the mysteries of your great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism, so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfilment by your mighty power.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples: 'Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy spirit', look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image, and washed clean

through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of new-born children through water and the Holy Spirit.

*Lowering the Paschal Candle into the water three times, he continues:*

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font,

*and holding the candle in the water, he continues:*

so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The candle is then lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:*

**Springs of water, bless the Lord;  
Praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

*The whole congregation renew the vows that were made at their baptism.*

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

*The people reaffirm their faith.*

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

*And the Priest concludes*

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord for eternal life.  
**Amen.**

*The Anthem Vidi aquam is sung (in Latin or English) as the people are sprinkled with the water of baptism.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The Peace

*The Congregation stand and the celebrant introduces the Peace saying,*

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.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All and with thy spirit. Alleluia**

*A HYMN is sung.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer with these or other suitable words:*

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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**And forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

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have mercy upon us.**

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*Prayer of Pope Francis when Holy Communion is not available to be received:*

At your feet, O my Jesus, I bow and offer you the repentance of my sorrowful contrite heart in its nothingness and Your holy presence. I adore you in the Blessed Sacrament of your love, eager to receive you in the poor abode that my heart offers you. Waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I want to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, for life and for death. May your love ignite my whole being, for life and death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

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.

All **Amen.**

### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
All **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
All **and with thy spirit.**

D: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

*The blessing is then pronounced by the Celebrant*

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

All **Amen.**

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

**All      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.

**All      Amen.**

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

**All      Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

**All      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

*The final HYMN follows.*



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