



SOUTHWARK

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The Easter Vigil

with

The First Eucharist of Easter

and

Confirmation

Holy Saturday

8 April 2023

8.00pm

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The Service of Light

All gather in the churchyard around the fire.

If it is wet, all gather in the Nave, and stand and turn to face west as the Clergy and servers gather at the West End of the Cathedral.

Please stand.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRE

Bishop 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.

The bonfire is lit.

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.

All Amen.

The Bishop marks the Paschal Candle.

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.

All Amen.

The Bishop inserts the nails and incense studs into the Paschal Candle.

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

The Paschal Candle is lit from the bonfire.

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

The Deacon raises the Paschal Candle.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The light is passed from the Paschal Candle to the taperers. The Deacon leads the procession to the front of the Nave.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The light is passed from the Paschal Candle to the congregation. The Deacon leads the procession to the front of the Altar.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The light is passed from the Paschal Candle to the clergy in the Tower Space. The Deacon places the Paschal Candle in its holder and sings:

THE EXSULTET

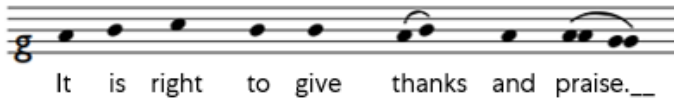
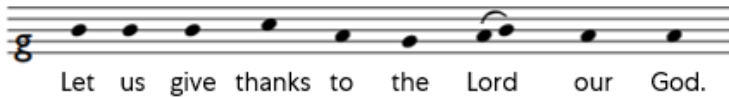
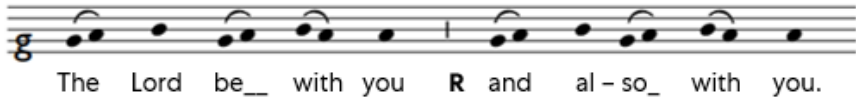
Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

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

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

My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light,
join me in asking God for mercy,
that he may give his unworthy minister
grace to sing his Easter praises.

The congregation joins in with the response:



It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices
we should praise the unseen God,
the all-powerful Father, and his only Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

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

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

This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin!

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

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

What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer? Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!

Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night scripture says: 'The night will be clear as day: it will become my light, my joy.' The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts our hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.

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

Therefore heavenly father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided by undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God. Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Vigil

Bishop Dear friends in Christ,
we have begun our solemn vigil.
Let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout history
and, in the fullness of time,
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.
Through this Easter celebration,
may God bring to perfection
the saving work he has begun in us.

THE FIRST READING

Please sit.

Genesis 1.1-2.4a

Read by Eric Collins

A reading from the book Genesis.

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. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees

of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

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.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 136.1-9, 23-end

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O thank the Lord of all lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who only doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who hath made great lights :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

The sun to rule the day :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us when we were in trouble :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

And hath delivered us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

PRAYER

Please stand.

Bishop Let us pray that we may see God's image restored.

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.

THE SECOND READING

Please sit.

Genesis 22.1-18

Read by Hilary Bagshaw

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.’

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :
Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth :
and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :
neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :
thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground :
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning :
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me :
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced :
my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life ; in thy presence is the fullness of
joy :
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

PRAYER

Please stand.

Bishop Let us pray that we may have the courage and strength
to make the sacrifices our faith demands.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.
Through the faithfulness of Abraham
all the children of earth are blessed.
Give us the courage to give up to you
those things that are most precious to us,
that in turn we may receive
the honour and the joy of your blessing,
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

All Amen.

THE THIRD READING

Please sit.

Exodus 14.10-end, 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 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 the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

The Song of Moses and Miriam Exodus 15.1b-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously :
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation :
he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation;
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war : the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea :
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

The depths have covered them : they sank into the bottom as a
stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power :
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine
inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to
dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

PRAYER

Please stand.

Bishop Let us pray that God will feed and sustain his people
through the journeys of this life.

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please remain standing. The Choir sings:

ANTHEM

Victimae paschali • arr. Andrew Reid (b. 1971)

Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.

Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis
Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.

Surrexit Christus spes
mea:
praecedet suos in
Galilaeam.

Scimus Christum
surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex,
miserere.

Let Christians offer sacrificial
praises to the passover victim.

The lamb has redeemed the
sheep: The Innocent Christ has
reconciled the sinners to the
Father.

Death and life contended
in a spectacular battle:
the dead leader of life
reigns alive.

Tell us, Mary, what did
you see on the way?

"I saw the tomb of the living Christ
and the glory of his rising,
The angelic witnesses, the
shroud, and the clothes."

"Christ my hope is arisen;
he will go before his own into
Galilee."

We know Christ is truly
risen from the dead!
On us, you conqueror, King, have
mercy!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Please sit when the Bishop sits.

Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus bonae
voluntátis.

Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
adorámus te, glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter
magnam glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis,
Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu
Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius
Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére
nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe
deprecatióem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu
solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu:
in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.

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

THE COLLECT

Please stand.

Bishop 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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE FOURTH READING

Romans 6.3-11

Read by A candidate for confirmation

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SOLEMN ALLELUIA

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All 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.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28.1-10

Dean The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Dean A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Dean This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The handheld candles are extinguished. Please sit.

HOMILY

The Bishop of Southwark

The Liturgy of Initiation

Please remain seated.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Sub Dean presents the candidates to the Bishop.

When they have been presented, the Bishop asks the candidates:

Bishop Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates **I have.**

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I am.**

Please stand as the Bishop addresses the whole congregation.

Bishop 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 these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses all of the candidates.

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
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?

Candidates **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

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

Candidates **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates **I submit to Christ.**

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

Candidates **I come to Christ.**

Bishop May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you also strength to continue in the Way.

All Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All 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?

**All 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.**

Please sit.

SPRINKLING WITH WATER

The candidates for confirmation and the people are sprinkled in remembrance of their baptism. As the people are sprinkled, the Choir sings:

VIDI AQUAM

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,
a latere dextro, alleluia:
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,
salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluia.

Confitemini Domino, quoniam
bonus:
quoniam in saeculum misericordia
eius.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

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

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

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

Then, the Bishop says:

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptised into 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.

All Amen.

CONFIRMATION

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

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

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

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

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

All Amen.

Each candidate kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses each candidate by name:

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

The Bishop then lays hands on the head of each candidate, saying:

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

All Amen.

When the final candidate has been confirmed, the bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those who have been confirmed.

**All Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Bishop 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 Lord be always with you.

All And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing. During the Hymn, an offertory collection will be received. Stewards with a contactless terminal will follow the offertory baskets if you would prefer to use a card rather than cash for your offering.

OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 112

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluya!


Tune: St Albinus

H. J. Gauntlett
(1805-1876)

Text:

Christian Gellert (1715-1769)
Tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

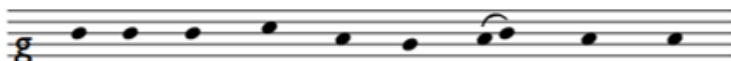
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be__ with you **R** and al - so_ with you.



Lift___ up your hearts__ **R** 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 on this night of our redemption
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 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:

Sáncetus, sáncetus, sáncetus
Dóminus Déus Sábaoth.
Pléni sunt cáeli et térra
glória túa.
Hosánna in excélsis.

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

The President continues:

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
 give us this bread always.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head.

During the distribution, the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis
peccáta múndi:
Miserére nóbis.

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis
peccáta múndi:
Miserére nóbis.

Ágnus Déi, qui tóllis
peccáta múndi:
Dóna nóbis pácem.

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.

Followed by:

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Salutaris Hostia *from* **Quatre Motets Op. 9 • Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)**

O salutáris hóstia
quae cáeli pándis óstium,
bélla práemunt hostília:
da róbur, fer auxílium

O saving victim,
who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile wars press on us:
give strength, bring aid.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All 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.

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 among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Please remain standing. During the Hymn, those who have been confirmed are given a candle lit from the flame of the paschal candle. The congregational candles are also relit.

NEH 119

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!

Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt sei Gott)

From Vulpius' *Gesangbuch* 1609
Harmony by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

Text:

Latin, 17th century
Tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

PRAYER

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.

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

THE DISMISSAL

The Dean sings the dismissal with the Choir.

Dean Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Incantation pour un Jour Saint • Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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SOUTHWARK

◆ CATHEDRAL ◆

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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