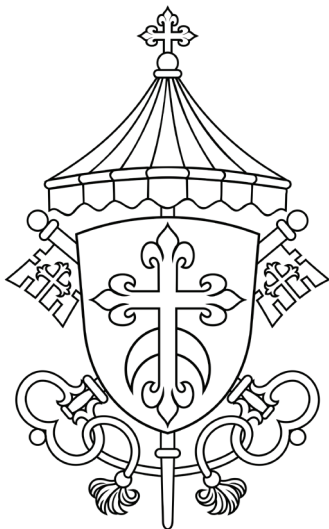


ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



The Easter Vigil

HOLY SATURDAY

11 April 2020
6.30pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says

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

℟: **Amen.**

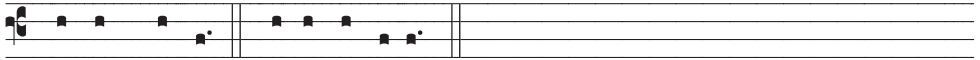
Peace be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

The Archbishop lights the Paschal Candle, saying

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

The Deacon sings



Lumen Chris-ti. ℟: **De-o gra-ti-as.**

The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed on the candle stand.

The Deacon incenses the book and the Paschal Candle, and then proclaims

THE EXSULTET

EXULT, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples. Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

T HE Lord be with you. **℟. And with your spi-rit.**

Lift up your hearts. **℟. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness. These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers. This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones. This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld! This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honour, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious. O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. **℟. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Archbishop says

DEAR brethren (brothers and sisters), now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

GOD put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' Rising early next morning Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He chopped wood for the burnt offering and started on his journey to the place God had pointed out to him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to his servants, 'Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there; we will worship and come back to you.' Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, loaded it on Isaac, and carried in his own hands the fire and the knife. Then the two of them set out together. Isaac spoke to his father Abraham, 'Father' he said. 'Yes, my son' he replied. 'Look,' he said 'here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'My son, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.' Then the two of them went on together. When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. Abraham called this place 'The Lord Provides', and hence the saying today: On the mountain the Lord provides. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

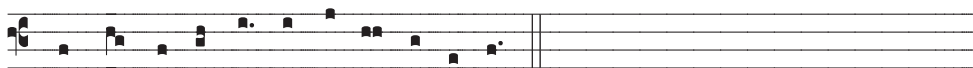
The word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

All sing

THE FIRST CANTICLE

Psalm 15:5,8-11 ℣. *v.1*



℣. **Preserve me, O God, I take re-fuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. ℣.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. ℣.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. ℣.

The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

O GOD, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal Mystery make your servant Abraham father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them. Through Christ our Lord.

℣. **Amen.**

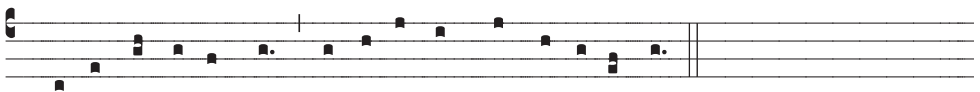
A reading from the book of Exodus

THE Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.' Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

All sing

THE SECOND CANTICLE

Exodus 15:1-6.17-18 *R. v.1*



R. **Let us sing to the Lord, he has covered himself in glo-ry.**

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise. ℟

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. ℟

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. ℟

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. ℟

The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day,
for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharaoh's
persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of
the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may
become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright. Through
Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

THUS says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

℟️ **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings

THE THIRD CANTICLE

Psalm 41:2

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

Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

The Archbishop says

Let us pray.

ALmighty ever-living God, sole hope of the world, who by the preaching of your Prophets unveiled the mysteries of this present age, graciously increase the longing of your people, for only at the prompting of your grace do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue. Through Christ our Lord.

℟️ **Amen.**

The Archbishop intones



Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o.
Glory to God in the highest.

Bells are rung and the organ sounds. The Cathedral is illuminated.

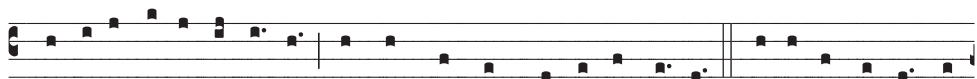
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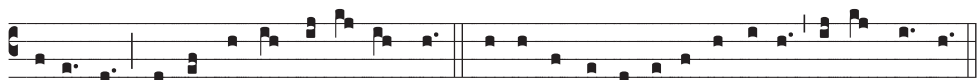
Et in terra pax ho-mí-ni-bus bonæ vo-lun-tá-tis.
And on earth peace to people of good will.



Laudá- mus te. Be-ne-dí-ci-mus te. Ado-rá- mus te. Glo-ri- fi-cá-mus te.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,



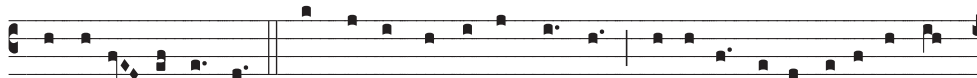
Grá-ti-as á-gimus ti- bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dómi-ne De-us, Rex
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly



cælé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dómi-ne Fi- li u-ni-gé-ni-te Ie-su Christe.
King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,



Dómi-ne De-us, Agnus De- i, Fí-li- us Pa- tris. Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,



mi-se-ré- re no-bis. Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di, susci-pe depre-ca-ti- ó-nem
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;



no-stram. Qui se-des ad déxte-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quo-ni-am tu
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you



so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Al-tís-simus, Ie-su Chri-ste.
alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,



Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A- men.
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

The Archbishop says

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

O GOD, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

WHEN we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

All sing

THE ALLELUIA



L- le- lú- ia.

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℟: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

AFTER the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY

is given by

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP

Archbishop of Sydney

THE BLESSING OF WATER

The Archbishop says

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled upon us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

The Archbishop blesses the water, saying

LORD our God, in your mercy be present to your people who keep vigil on this most sacred night, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people

from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration. Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters, who at Easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Archbishop says

DEAR brethren (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.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

℟: **I do.**

And all his works?

℟: **I do.**

And all his empty show?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

℟: **I do.**

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 Archbishop sprinkles the clergy, ministers, and faithful with the blessed water.

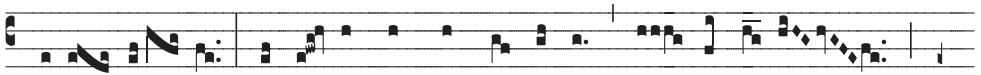
All sing

THE ANTIPHON

Ezekiel 47:1,9



V I- di a- quam * egre- di- én-tem de tem- plo, a lá- te-re dex- tro,
I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side,



al-le- lú- ia; et omnes, ad quos per-vé-nit a- qua i- sta,
alleluia; and all to whom this water came



sal- vi fa- cti sunt, et di- cent: Al-le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.
were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

SURREXIT pastor bonus, qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo mori dignatus est. Alleluia.

The good Shepherd has arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and deigned to die for his flock. Alleluia.

The Archbishop says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

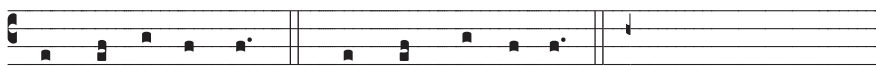
℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**


THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

ACCCEPT, we ask, O Lord, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal mysteries may, by the working of your power, bring us to the healing of eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**


THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**


 Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**


THE PREFACE




S An- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi-nus De- us Sá-
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.



ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán- na in excél-
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.



sis. Be- ne- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sán- na in
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in




ex- cél- sis.
 the highest.

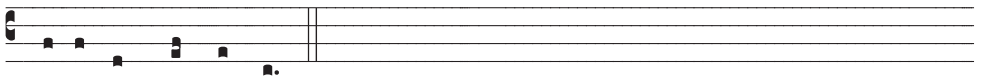
When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing



W E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rectio-
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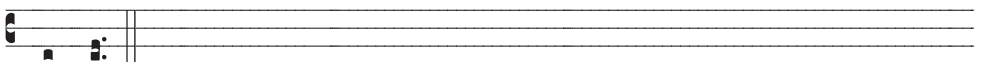


until you come a- gain.

When the Archbishop sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond

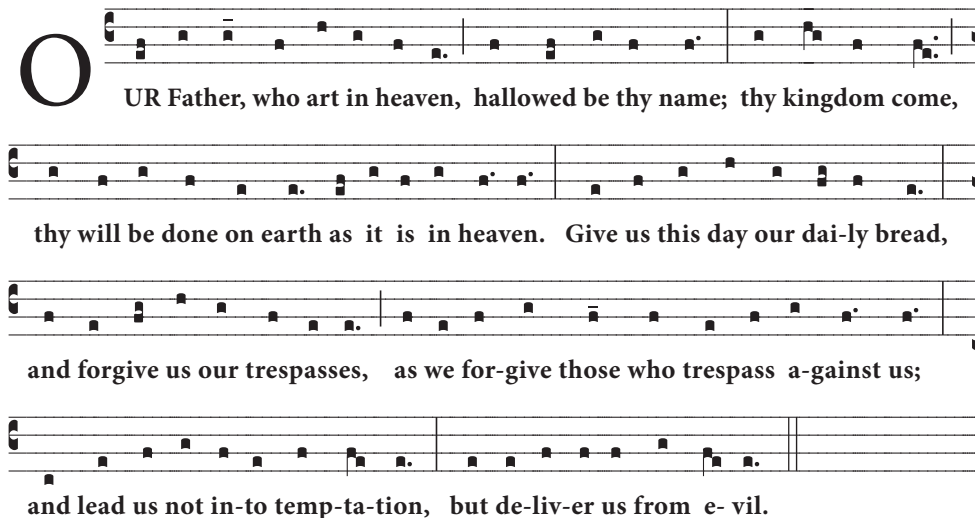


A- men.

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing



O UR 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 dai-ly bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.


℟: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

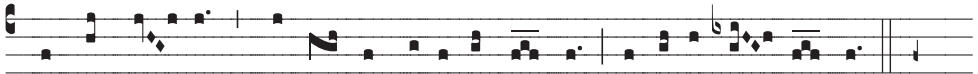
℟: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.


℟: **And with your spirit.**



A - gnus De- i, * **qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



A- gnus De- i, * **qui tol- lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.



A- gnus De- i, * **qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: do-na no- bis pa- cem.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Archbishop shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.


℟: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All those viewing this Mass are invited to make an act of Spiritual Communion, praying:

MY Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already here, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

All sing

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON



℟: **Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.**

The Archbishop says

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

POUR out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

℟: **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

℟: **Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

℟: **Amen.**

Through the intercession of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

G  O in peace, al-le-lú- ia, al-le- lú- ia.



℟: **Thanks be to God, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.**

All sing

THE HYMN

Through the_ Red Sea brought at last, al - le - lu - ia,
E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, al - le - lu - ia,
Deep and wide Flows the tide Sev-ering us_ from bond-age past,
al - le - lu - ia.

**Like the cloud, that overhead, alleluia,
Through the billows Israel led, alleluia,
By his tomb
Christ makes room,
Souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.**

**Then, deceitful world, adieu, alleluia,
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia!
Christ our love
Draws above,
Dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia.**

*Straf mich nicht
Hundert Arien, Dresden (1694)*

Ronald Arbuthnott Knox (1888–1957)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Incantation pour un Jour Saint

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

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