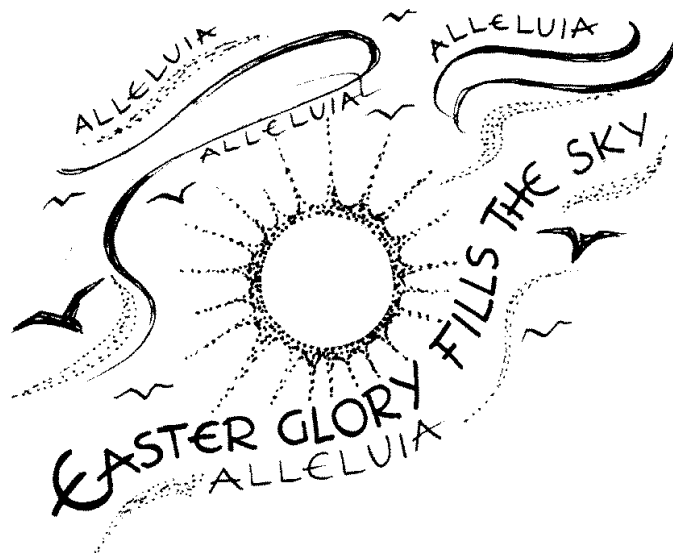


Diocese of Lincoln



**Easter Vigil and
First Eucharist of Easter
with Baptisms and
Confirmations**



**Saturday 19th April 2025
8pm**

Welcome to Lincoln Cathedral

Any indications for sitting, kneeling or standing are given for guidance. If you need to sit at any point during the service, please feel free to do so.

All baptised Christians who usually receive communion are invited to do so. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the priest.

Please hold in your prayers those who are to be baptised and/or confirmed in the course of tonight's service:

Name	Parish
Jean Howard	Louth/Louthesk
Nicholas Simon Hanson	Louth/Louthesk
Samuel Alfred Motley	Louth/Louthesk
Caroline Penny Shaw (Penny)	Louth/Louthesk
Rebekah Susannah Stubbs	Louth/Louthesk
Rosemary Adaeze Todd	Louth/Louthesk
Matthew Armstrong	Alford
John Finch	Claypole
Rosie Ann Jackson	Claypole
Megan Petra Innocent	Barrow
Craig Lee Ross	Barrow
Stephanie Octavia West	Hykeham
Paul Cragg	Stow Group
Susan Simpson	Burgh and Wainfleet Groups
Janet Webster	St John Ermine
Amos Howard	Cathedral (Minster School)
Savanna Cox	Cathedral (Minster School)
Grace Hodgkinson	Cathedral (Minster School)
Caitlyn Williams	Cathedral (Minster School)
George Surphlis	Cathedral (Minster School)
Mysie Schokker*	Cathedral (Minster School)
Rachel Goalby*	Cathedral
Jennifer Rose Petterson*	Cathedral
Diana Moshari	Cathedral
Tate Nova Scanlon	Cathedral
Gordon Everett Allison	Cathedral
Patricia Rosemary Allison (Rosie)	Cathedral
Paul Tattersfield	Cathedral
Sharon McMaster	Cathedral
Omokorede Abigail Wadsworth	Cathedral
Georgina Mary Serapi Goodall	Cathedral
Clara Hope Fielden	Cathedral
Amy Tina Lawlor	Cathedral
Reuben Eales	Cathedral

The Service of Light

The choir and ministers gather at the west end of the cathedral. Please stand to face the fire which is kindled at the West Doors.

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

All **Amen.**

Bishop Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The bishop introduces the service and, after a period of silent prayer, blesses the new fire. All respond to the prayer of blessing
...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The bishop marks the candle with a cross, the Greek letters A and Ω and the numerals of the current year, saying

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

All **Amen.**

The bishop fixes five studs in the candle, representing the wounds of Christ

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

All **Amen.**

The bishop lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying

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

The gospeller, bearing the Candle, raises it and sings

The light of Christ!

All **Thanks be to God.**

*The procession advances up the nave, led by the Paschal Candle.
The gospeller sings a second time*

The light of Christ!

All Thanks be to God.

The people's candles are lit with a flame from the Paschal Candle and the procession continues up the nave.

At the front of the nave the gospeller sings a third time

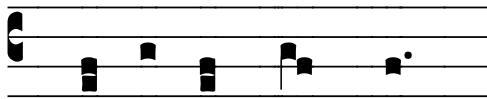
The light of Christ!

All Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The gospeller greets the candle with incense and sings the Exultet, which includes the following dialogue

The Lord be with you



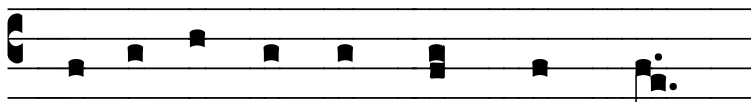
All and al- so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



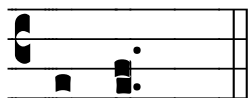
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Choir It is right to give thanks and praise.

The gospeller continues singing the Exultet, which concludes
...who lives and reigns for ever and ever!



All **A - men.**

Sit

The Vigil

The bishop introduces the Vigil.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1.1-2.4a

The Creation

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Psalm 104

The congregational response is

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Silence is kept for a time, after which we stand with the bishop.

Bishop Christ is the image of the unseen God;
All **through him all things were made.**

The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

Sit

SECOND READING

Exodus 14.10-end, 15.20-21

The Crossing of the Red Sea

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

From Exodus 15

The congregational response is

I will sing, I will sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!

Silence is kept for a time, after which we stand with the bishop.

Bishop The Lord is my strength and my might.
All **He has become my salvation.**

The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

Sit

THIRD READING

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The dry bones live through the breath of the Spirit

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

From Isaiah 12

The congregational response is

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Silence is kept for a time, after which we stand with the bishop.

Bishop Christ is the resurrection and the life.

All **All who believe in Christ will never die.**

The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

Sit

FOURTH READING

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Jerusalem praises God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Psalms 42 and 43

The congregational response is

**As the running deer seeks the flowing brook,
even so my soul, longs for you, my God.**

Silence is kept for a time, after which we stand with the bishop.

Bishop Where, O death, is your victory?

All **Where, O grave, is your sting?**

The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which all respond

All **Amen.**

*The precentor sings **Gloria in excelsis deo**. The organist plays a fanfare and the lights are switched on. Please join in with the fanfare with bells, whistles or whatever you have brought to make a joyful noise!*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *sung by the choir*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.*

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;*

*qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram;
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,
in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for
thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Messe Solennelle Vierge

COLLECT

*The bishop introduces a time of silent prayer and then prays the Collect, to which
all respond*

*All **Amen.***

Sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6.3-11

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Choir 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!**

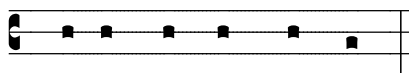
THE GOSPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

Luke 24.1-12

Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.



All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The choir sing an extended setting of the Alleluias, and the people's candles are extinguished.

Sit

HOMILY

The Right Rev'd Stephen Conway, The Bishop

The Liturgy of Initiation

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates are presented to the congregation by their sponsors.

The bishop asks those who are candidates for baptism

Do you wish to be baptised?

Candidates **I do.**

The bishop asks all the candidates who have been baptised

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

Candidates **I have.**

The bishop asks all the candidates

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

Candidates **I am.**

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom
he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

THE DECISION

The bishop addresses all the candidates

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.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says to them

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

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

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

All **Amen.**

HYMN

During which the choir, ministers and candidates for baptism, together with candidates for confirmation, gather at the baptismal font together with their sponsors and guests:



The strife is o'er, the battle done;(NEH 119)
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!

Words: Latin, tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: G. P. Palestrina, arranged by William Monk (1823-89)

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

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.

All

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop

All

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.**

Bishop

All

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.**

BAPTISM

The bishop addresses each candidate for baptism by name, saying

N, is this your faith?

and candidates answer in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The bishop pours water on each candidate, saying

**N, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

All **Amen.**

The choir sings the anthem, 'Vidi aquam' by Tomás Luis de Victoria. During the singing of the anthem, the candidates for confirmation who have previously been baptised come forward to the font and the bishop sprinkles them with water from the font.

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,
a latere dextro, alleluja:
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,
salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluja.
Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus:
quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.
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

Words: cf Ezekiel 41.1 and John 19.34

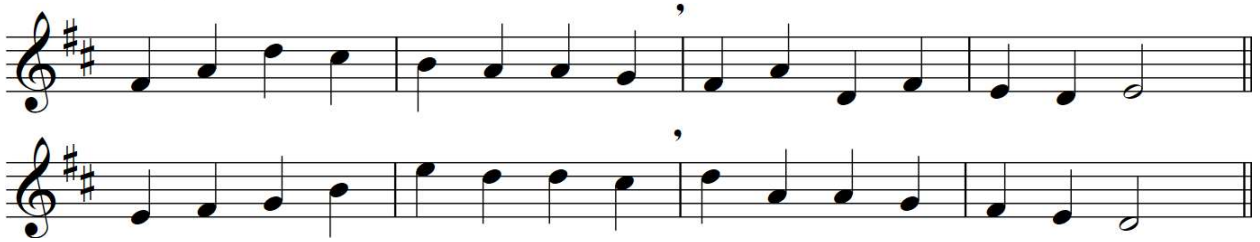
The bishop says

**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.**

HYMN

During which the choir, ministers and candidates (with their sponsors) return to the front of the nave



**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.**

(NEH 140)

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
Loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

*Words: Brian Foley (1919-2000)
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

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.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

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

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

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

All **Amen.**

The bishop invites the congregation to join in praying for all those baptised and confirmed, saying

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.**

COMMISSION

The bishop continues, saying

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

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

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

The bishop addresses the newly baptised

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Mysie, Rachel and Jennifer, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All

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

The congregation greets the newly baptised and confirmed.

THE PEACE

The bishop introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you

All

and also with you. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY HYMN



**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

(NEH 271)

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

Music: Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-87)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bishop prays the prayer of preparation, at the end of which all respond

All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The bishop praises God for his mighty acts,
and the choir sing the **Sanctus & Benedictus***

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Messe Solennelle Vierge

The bishop recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said

Jesus Christ is Lord;

All **Lord, by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free:
you are the Saviour of the world.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, which ends
...for ever and ever.*

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
Sit

ORGAN MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625 *J.S. Bach*

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand BWV 626 *J.S. Bach*

AGNUS DEI

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

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.

Setting: Messe Solennelle Vierge

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION Surrexit a mortuis *Charles Marie Widor*

*Surrexit a mortuis, Christus Dei Filius,
Pastor bonus, Pastor qui animam
Pro grege suo posuit.
Pascha nostrum immolatus est
Christus. Surrexit a mortuis.
Alleluia.*

He rose from the dead, Christ, the Son of
God, the good shepherd, the shepherd
who for his flock laid down his life.
Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed for us. He rose from the dead.
Alleluia.

Words: Anonymous Latin Easter Hymn

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After a time of silence, all stand, and the bishop prays the post-communion prayer
after which all respond*

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

All sing the following during which the clergy and representatives of the parish of the city light their paschal candles. Meanwhile the Blessed Sacrament is restored to the place of reservation.



Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

(NEH 107)

Now is the triumph of our King:

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:

Bring flowers of song to strew his way;

Let all the world rejoice and say:

Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory

That Love, that Life, which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high

Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Words: Cyril Alington (1872-1955) alt.

Music: Melody from Vulpius's Gesangbuch Jena (1609)

BLESSING

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Bishop God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The bishop gives each of the newly baptised and confirmed a lighted candle.

When all have received a candle, and says to all those carrying paschal candles

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.**

DISMISSAL

Gospeller With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Incantation pour un jour Saint *Jean Langlais*

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