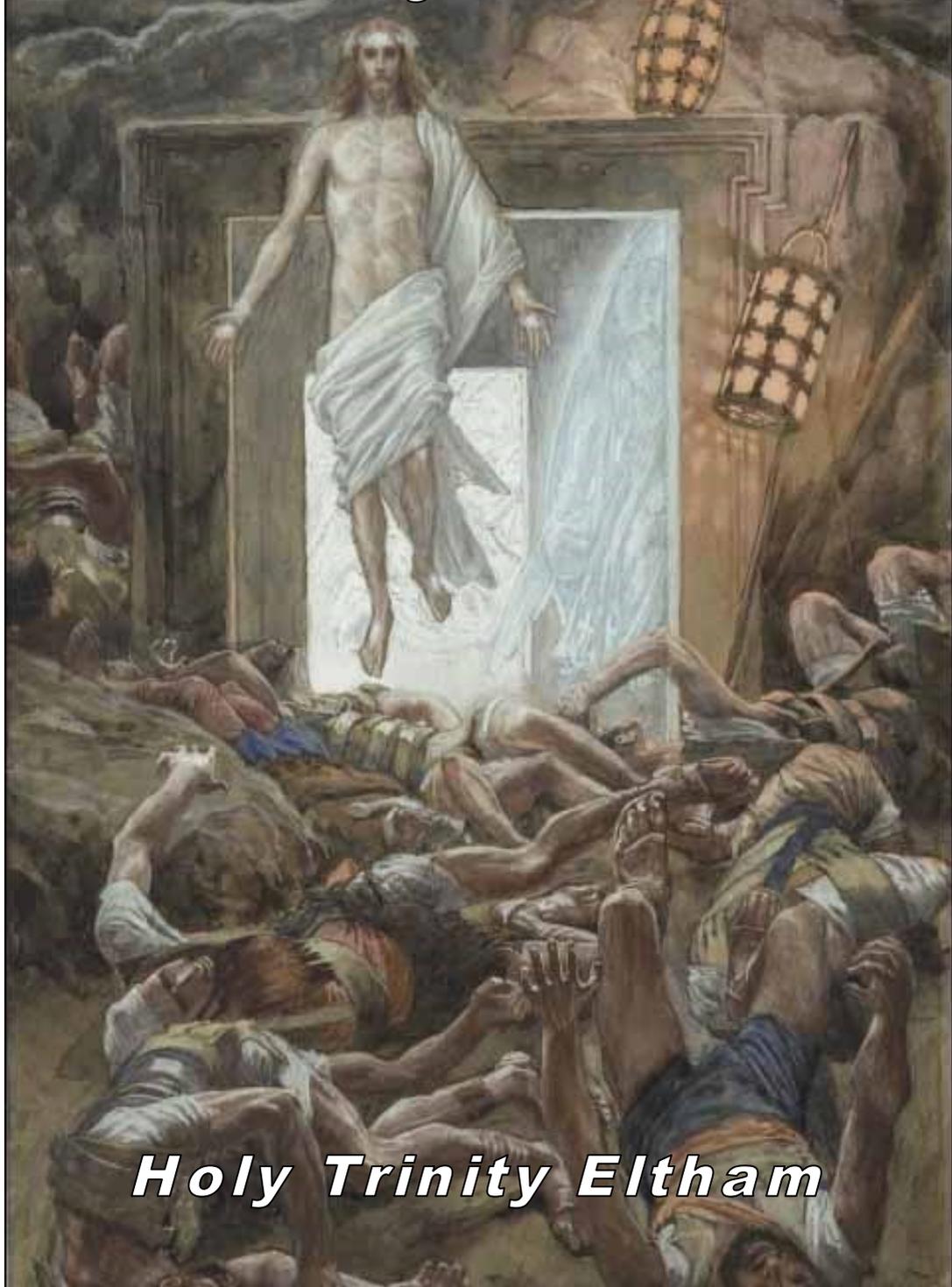


The Great Vigil of Easter 2021



Holy Trinity Eltham

THE EASTER VIGIL

All the lights in the church are extinguished. A fire is prepared and the people gather outside for the Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle and procession into church.

As the candle is brought into church, the bearer pauses three times, intoning:

All The light of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Stand **The Exsultet**

This is sung when the paschal candle has been put in its stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The celebrant introduces the liturgy.

Sit **First Reading**
Genesis 1:1, 26-31

Psalm 136

Collect

Second Reading
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

The Song of Moses

Collect

Third Reading

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Psalm 63

Collect

A period of silence is kept, after which the organ introduces the Gloria. Bells are rung, the church lights come on, and the congregation extinguishes individual candles.

THE EUCHARIST

Stand

Gloria in Excelsis

Mass of All Saints

Alan Wilson

Collect

Sit

New Testament Reading

Romans 6.3-11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 114

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The earth trembles at the presence of the Lord.

1 Alleluia!

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion. **R**

3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep. **R**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep? **R**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. **R**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Stand

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16.1-8

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

✠ Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

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

At the end of the reading

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

The Sermon

THE RE-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The paschal candle is carried in procession to the font.

The congregation remains in their seats and candles are re-lit.

Stand

The Blessing of the Water

Priest My brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which we shall use to recall our baptism. May he renew us and keep us faithful to the Spirit we have all received.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues with the Blessing of the Water.

At the conclusion of the blessing,

those re-affirming their baptismal promises hold lighted candles.

The Re-Affirmation

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask :

Do you reject the devil
and all rebellion against God?

Answer I reject them.

Do you renounce
the deceit and corruption of evil?

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Answer I submit to Christ.

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

Answer I come to Christ.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

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

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.

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.

Priest Will you then, by God's grace, strive to live as disciples of Christ, loving God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

All **I will, with God's help.**

You have heard one another respond to Christ's call. Will you support each other in this high calling?

All **We will do so.**

God the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The priest then sprinkles the people with the waters of the font. The people may make the sign of the cross as they are aspersed (sprinkled) to remember the sign made in baptism.

At the conclusion of the sprinkling, the priest says

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name.

Help us to live in obedience to the promises made in our baptism, and hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

All Let us shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Greeting of Peace

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

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

All And also with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand **The Preparation of the Altar**

Jesus Christ is risen today

*When the altar is prepared,
the priest introduces the prayer over the gifts*

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **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 Church.**

Stand **The Eucharistic Prayer**

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Preface follows, concluding with

. . . sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus

Mass of All Saints

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The Institution Narrative follows, in which we re-encounter our Lord's words and actions at the Last Supper.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The third part of the Eucharistic Prayer concludes

. . . for ever and ever

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Fraction

The celebrant breaks the Host.

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.**

Stand

Agnus Dei

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Invitation

The priest holds the consecrated Host before the people

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Sit

Holy Communion

*Before he receives, the priest will hold up the
Blessed Sacrament and say*

The Body of Christ.
The Blood of Christ.

All who intend to receive respond

Amen.

Stand

Music during Holy Communion

This joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

*Please remain in your seat until a steward invites you to move to
receive the Blessed Sacrament, which will be administered in one
kind.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this sheet as a
signal to the priest of that desire.*

Stand

Prayer after Communion

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Deacon The Mass is ended.
Go in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The organ plays a fanfare as ministers move into place.

Regina Cæli

Regina cœli, lætare, alleluia, Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia, Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.	Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia, He whom thou wast pleased to bear, alleluia, As he promised has arisen, alleluia, Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.
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Priest Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
All **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Priest Let us pray.
O God, who by the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ has brought gladness to the whole world: grant, we humbly pray, that aided by the intercession of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Chorale Fantasia on the Easter Alleluias

Wilson

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The Psalms of Holy Week

This week's sermons find their starting point and theme in the Psalms set for use at each day's liturgy. The idea arises from some evocative poetry by Malcolm Guite. His most recent book *David's Crown* is a series of poetic meditations on each of the 150 Psalms. The poem relating to each Psalm in Holy Week will be printed in these liturgy sheets as an additional resource for our prayer and meditation from palms to empty tomb.

We frequently skim over the Psalms, but they contain a magnificent wealth of prayerful poetry that embraces—often with stark honesty—the gamut of human emotion. We're invited to take the Response to each Psalm as a meditation point which might filter into our minds and hearts as we move from one day to the next.

This year therefore, we won't be singing the Holy Week Song as we have in recent years, but instead focus on the Psalm response for give a musical and textual theme for each day's liturgy. For this reason the Psalm is also printed for you to take away and reflect on. When this is only a portion, you might like to look up the whole Psalm and read it together with the poem (see p15).

The Psalms do not foretell Jesus, but when we read them through Christian eyes, we discover many powerful echoes which deepen our insight into the Christ-event and indeed into our own life of faith.

Psalm 114: CXIV *In exitu Israel*

That I might bear the fruit of his good seed
I hear again the tale of his redemption:
The one true Exodus, the mighty deed

That set his people free, the liberation
Not just of Israel out of Egypt's bond
But of all people out of condemnation,

Out of the slavery of sin. His hand
Has overthrown the devil's tyranny
And now he leads us to our promised land.

For Christ, like Moses, comes to part the sea,
The dark red sea of death, and by his blood
He has redeemed us. All humanity

Was gathered in him on the cross, the flood
That might have drowned us has been driven back,
He brought us through forever and for good.

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