



# SOLEMN EVENSONG

*on Easter Day*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
4.00pm

Order of Service



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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§ Please stand as the Procession enters.

## *The Introit*

Choir    Victimae paschali laudes  
          immolent Christiani.

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!*

Agnus redemit oves:  
Christus innocens Patri  
reconciliavit peccatores.

*A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconcileth sinners to the Father;*

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

*Death and life have contended  
In that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of Life, who died,  
reigns immortal.*

Dic nobis Maria,  
quid vidisti in via?

*Speak Mary, declaring  
What thou sawest wayfaring:*

Sepulcrum Christi viventis,  
et gloriam vidi resurgentis

*"The Tomb of Christ, who is living.  
The glory of Jesu's Resurrection;*

Angelicos testes,  
sudarium, et vestes.

*Bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.*

Surrexit Christus spes mea:  
praecedet suos in Galilaeam.

*Yea, Christ my hope is arisen:  
To Galilee he goes before you."*

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

*Christ indeed from death is risen,  
our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*

Words: Sequence for Easter Day  
Roman Missal of the Tridentine Mass (1570)

Music: Andrew Reid

§ Please remain standing. The cantor and choir sing:

## *The Preces*

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us;  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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

Praise ye the Lord;  
*The Lord's name be praised.*

Music: Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)

§ Please remain standing to sing:

## *The Office Hymn*



All Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won:  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like him, like him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: SAVANNAH  
Melody as given in *The Foundary Collection* (1742)  
John Wesley (1703-91)

§ Please sit as the choir sings the psalmody appointed for the evening:

Choir Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once:  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ is risen from the dead:  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death:  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Easter Anthems

Stephen Moore (b. 1985)

When Israel came out of Egypt:  
and the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue,

Judah became his sanctuary:  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld and fled:  
and Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams:  
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed thee O thou sea that thou fleddest:  
and thou Jordan that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains that ye skipped like rams:  
and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble thou earth at the presence of the Lord:  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into pools of water:  
and the flintstone into a springing well.

§ Please stand.

Glory be 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.

§ Please sit.

## *The First Lesson*

The first reading is taken from the forty-third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse;

But now thus says the Lord,  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
    and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.'

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
    who are deaf, yet have ears!  
Let all the nations gather together,  
    and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them declared this,  
    and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'  
You are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.  
I, I am the Lord,  
and besides me there is no saviour.  
I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.  
I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
For your sake I will send to Babylon  
and break down all the bars,  
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.  
I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.  
Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

*Isaiah 43. 1-21*

Here ends the First Reading.



§ Please stand:

*Choir* My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: Evening Service in A  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

§ Please sit.

## The Second Lesson

*Reader* The second reading is taken from the fifteenth chapter of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse;

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Here ends the Second Lesson.

§ Please stand.

*Choir* Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2. 29

*The Apostles' Creed*

§ Please remain standing and face the High Altar:

*All* I believe in God  
**the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and 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, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**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.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

*The Lord be with you:  
And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*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. Amen.*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the King;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts, within us;  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

*Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death,  
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: strengthen and increase our faith, that  
we may know him and the power of his resurrection, and live to thy glory for ever;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy  
Spirit, God for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

Almighty God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Anthem

*Choir* Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion burst his chains, crushing the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.  
Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King, his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee, while endless ages run.  
Alleluia. Amen.

Words: *Chorus novae Jerusalem*  
Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028),  
John Mason Neale (1818-1866),  
Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

§ Please sit or kneel.

## Prayers Of Intercession

§ The prayers conclude with The Grace:

*All* **The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

# The Offertory Hymn

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
over death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'  
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat, and spake unto the three,  
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee."  
Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise,  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

Words: *O filii et filiae*  
Jean Tisserand (d.1494)  
translated John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Music: O FILII ET FILIAE  
Meoldy in Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, Paris (1623)  
Solemn version E. W. Goldsmith (1860-1934)

§ Please remain standing.

## *The Blessing*

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

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

All **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog,  
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a  
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda  
chwi yn wastad.

**Amen.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

The Lord be with you:  
*And with your spirit.*

Let us bless the Lord:  
*Thanks be to God.*

Music: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

§ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

## *The Closing Voluntary*

Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali laudes"  
Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) transcribed Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

*'Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.'*

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship. Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*



The Dean and Chapter and all the Cathedral staff  
wish you a very Blesséd Easter.



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