



# SOLEMN EVENSONG

*on Easter Day*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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 (b.1971)

§ 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 Song of Solomon, beginning in the third chapter.

'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not. The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?' Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

*Song of Solomon 3. 2-5; 8. 6-7*

Here ends the First Reading.

## *Magnificat*

§ *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 D  
George Dyson (1883-1964)

§ *Please sit.*

## *The Second Lesson*

The second reading is taken from the first chapter of the book of Revelation, beginning at the twelfth verse;

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

*Revelation 1. 12-18*

Here ends the Second Lesson.

## *Nunc Dimittis*

§ *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.*

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

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

O Lord, save the King;  
*And give his counsellors wisdom.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*And evermore mightily defend us.*

Make clean our hearts, O God;  
*And renew a right spirit within 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* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which according to his abundant mercy  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,  
that fadeth not away,  
reserved in heaven for you,  
Who are kept by the power of God  
through faith unto salvation  
ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,  
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.  
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.  
See that ye love one another.  
Love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again,  
not of corruptible seed,  
but of incorruptible,  
by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass,  
and all the glory of man  
as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth,  
and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Words: 1 Peter 1.3–5,15,17b,22b,23a,24,25a  
(Authorized Version, slightly altered), plus "Amen"

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

§ *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.**

## *Prayers Of Intercession*

# The Offertory Hymn

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

Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya!

...al - le - lu - ya!

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.*

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