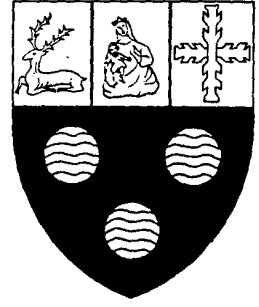


Southwell
Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



THE EASTER LITURGY

Saturday 4 April 2026
8.00pm

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Canon Dr Neil Evans, *Interim Dean of Southwell*.

The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Amanda Lees, *Acting Canon Missioner*.

The Preacher is the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

As part of our service today, we are invited to share the Peace in a way that we, and those around us, feel comfortable with.

Support the Mission and Ministry of the Cathedral. No collection will be taken at this meditation, but donations as you leave in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral are very welcome. Cash donations may be placed in the donation box near each



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The Easter Liturgy

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshipper, a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful.

The Easter Liturgy marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The singing of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing, links this night of our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. Christian baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, a dying to sin in order to be reborn in him, and the Easter Liturgy was from early Christian times a preferred occasion for baptism. It is fittingly a time when those who are already Christians may repeat with renewed commitment the promises of their own baptism, and strengthen their sense of incorporation into the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all the joy and splendour that the church can find, and the Eucharist is celebrated in the glorious light of the Resurrection.

All the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colours – are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render.

John of Damascus

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available — please speak to a Churchwarden or vergier before the service (if possible) to request one.

Music at this service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Messe Solennelle* by Louis Vierne (1870-1937).

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The congregation gathers quietly outside the North Porch before the service. Each receives an unlit candle. A fire is lit in a brazier in the Porch.

At 8.00pm the ministers arrive in silence, the Deacon carrying the unlit Easter Candle.

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

GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The President says

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The President, turning to the kindled fire, prays

Eternal God, who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
make this new fire holy, inflame us with your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President traces on the Easter Candle the sign of the cross, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the numbers 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.

Amen.

The President then places five grains of incense into the Easter Candle, saying

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

Amen.

The President lights the Easter Candle with the taper, saying

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

The Deacon, bearing the Easter Candle, enters the Minster followed by the other ministers and congregation. They pause just inside the entrance, and the deacon raises the candle.

Deacon The light of Christ.



All Thanks be to God.

The President's candle is lit from the Easter Candle. The procession then moves into the building and pauses again.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The candles of the ministers and servers are lit, and the light is passed back to light the candles of the congregation; the Deacon then moves to the front of the Nave and pauses a third time.

Deacon The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The procession continues into the Nave sanctuary. The Easter Candle is placed in its stand and the ministers and congregation move to their seats.

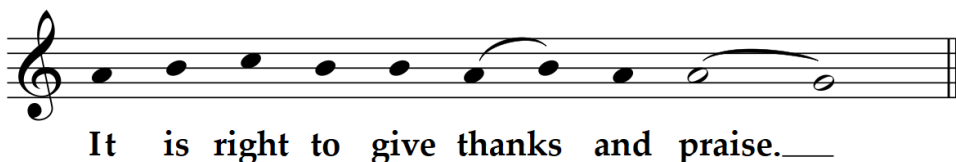
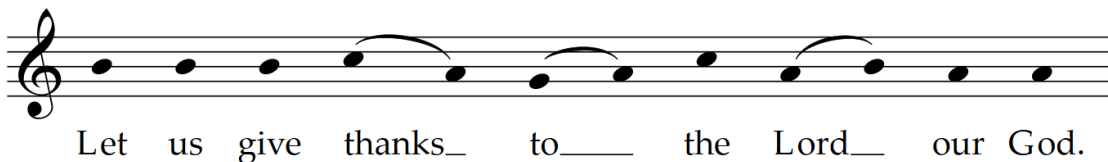
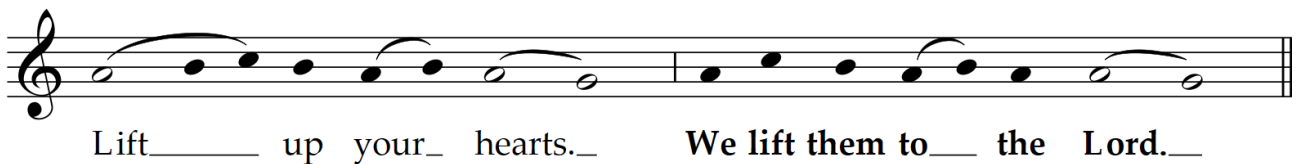
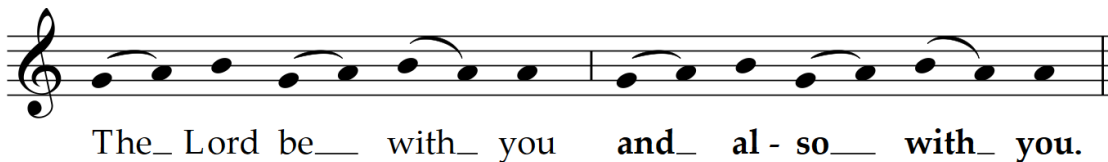
Please remain standing as the Deacon sings the Easter Proclamation.

THE EXSULTET

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.



It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,
this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.

As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame
fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee,
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!



THE VIGIL

The President says

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

Please sit

A reading from the book Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind,

with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Send forth your Spi - rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

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

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

Choir Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 You are clothed with majesty and honour,
 wrapped in light as in a garment.
 You spread out the heavens like a curtain
 and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

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

Choir You make the clouds your chariot
 and ride on the wings of the wind.
 You make the winds your messengers
 and flames of fire your servants.

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

Choir You laid the foundations of the earth,
 that it never should move at any time.
 You covered it with the deep like a garment;
 the waters stood high above the hills.

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 you have created the heavens and the earth
 and made us in your own image:
 teach us to discern your hand in all your works
 and your likeness in all your children;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

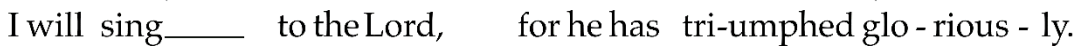
A reading from the book Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.

Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

Exodus 15



I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
and has become my salvation.

This is my God whom I will praise;
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.



I will sing_____ to the Lord, for he has tri-umphed glo - rious - ly.

All **I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.**

In your unfailing love, O Lord;
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength;
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord;
In the sanctuary which your hands have established.

All **I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.**

COLLECT

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

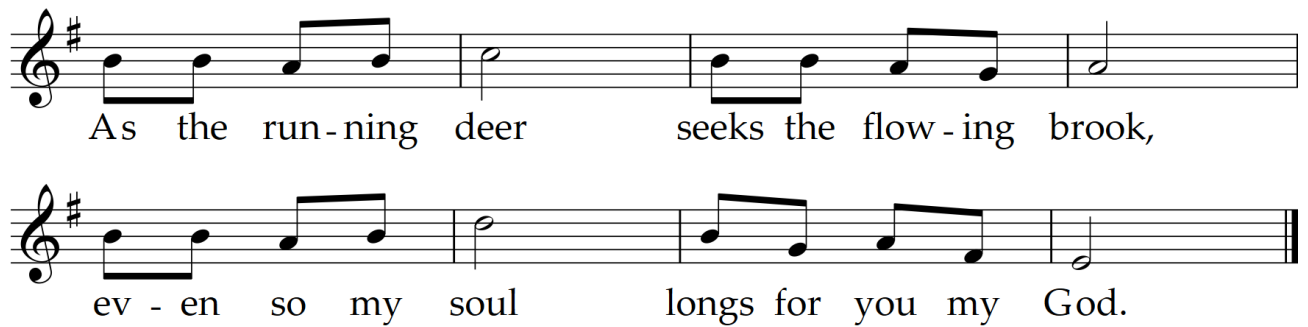
THIRD READING *read by Martin Burge*

Ezekiel 36: 24–28

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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

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

As the deer longs for the water brooks,
 so longs my soul for you, O God.
 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;
 when shall I come before the presence of God?
 My tears have been my bread day and night,
 while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'

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

Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:
 how I went with the multitude
 and led the procession to the house of God,
 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
 among those who kept holy day.
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
 O put your trust in God;
 for I will yet give him thanks,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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

Response: Dom Gregory Murray (1905-92)

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Deacon Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Glory be to God on high,

The building is filled with light, the organ resounds a joyful fanfare and bells are rung.

Choir Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*And peace
to his people on earth.*

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

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite, Jesu 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.

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus
Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in
gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone
are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING *read by the Sub-Deacon*

Romans 6: 3–11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

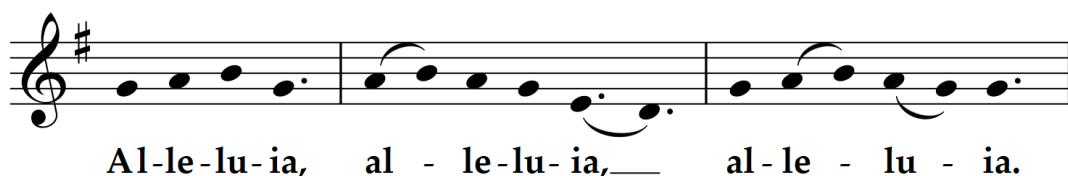
Thanks be to God.

When Israel came out of Egypt:
 and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
 Judah was his sanctuary:
 and Israel his dominion.
 The sea saw that, and fled:
 Jordan was driven back.
 The mountains skipped like rams:
 and the little hills like young sheep.
 What aileth 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 a standing water:
 and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Please 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.**

Music: Mode vi and Paul Provost (b. 1985)

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

HOMILY given by the Canon Theologian

The following response is repeated three times

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

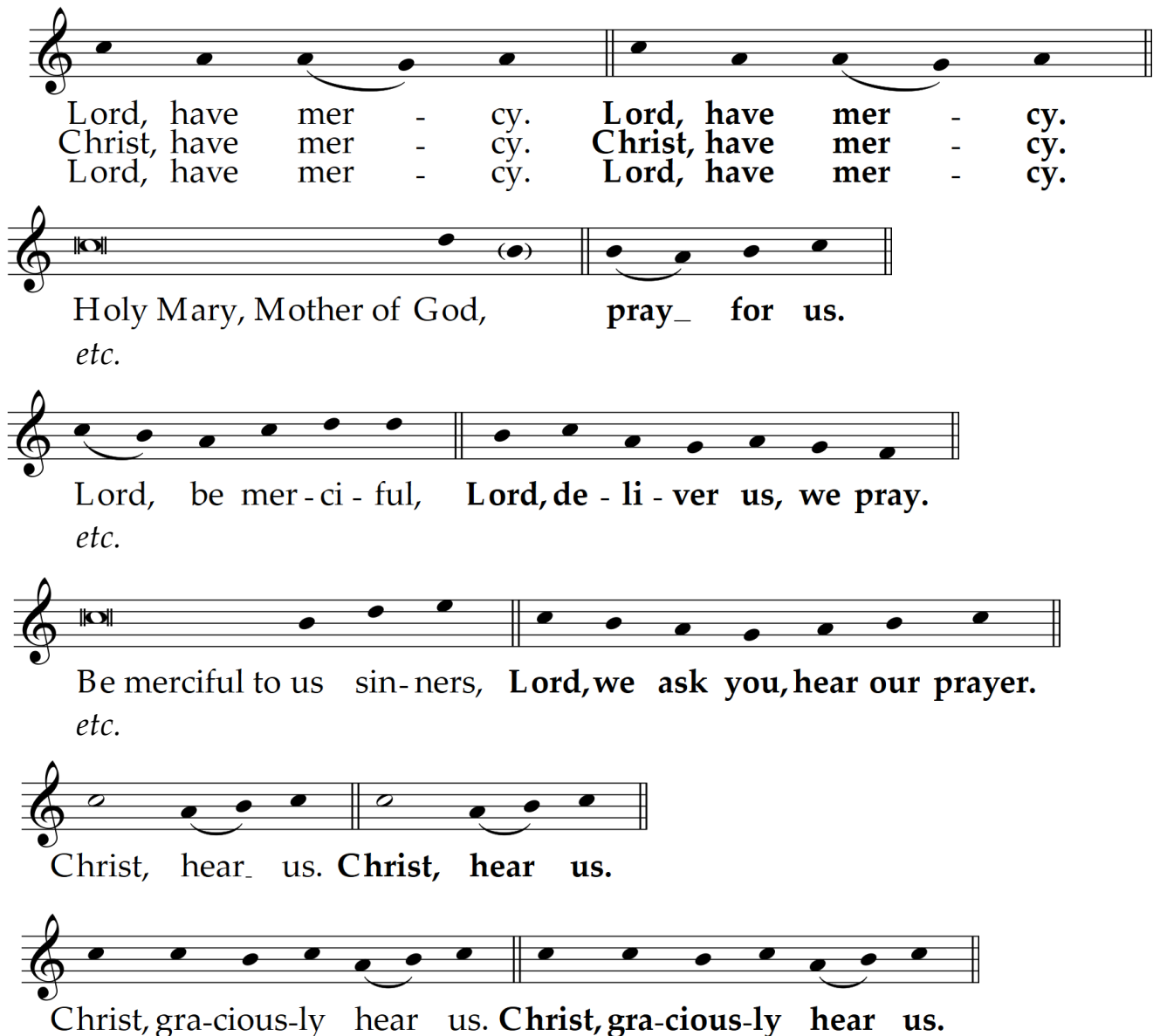
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

President Dear friends in Christ,
as our brother Maxwell approaches the waters of rebirth,
let us help him with our prayers
and ask God, our almighty Father,
to support him with his mercy and love.

Please stand

LITANY OF THE SAINTS *during which the ministers move to the font, the Deacon carrying the Easter Candle, with the congregation following*



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray_ for us.
etc.

Lord, be mer - ci - ful, Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
etc.

Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
etc.

Christ, hear_ us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The President introduces the candidate for baptism.

The President asks Maxwell

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do.

The President says to 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 Maxwell

and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

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

THE DECISION

The President asks the whole congregation:

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 turn to Christ?

All **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

All **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

All **I renounce evil.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The President makes the sign of the cross on Maxwell's forehead with the oil of baptism, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

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.**

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.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with Maxwell
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

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.**

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 President asks:

Maxwell, is this your faith?

This is my faith.

The President pours water onto Maxwell, saying:

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

All **Amen.**

The President anoints each candidate with the oil of chrism, saying:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

The President sprinkles the congregation with the waters of baptism, while all sing.

Cantor I saw water

All

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

flo-wing from the right side of the tem - ple, — al - le - lu - ia: —

it brought God's — life and his sal - va - tion, and the peo-ple sang in joy-ful praise,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

President 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.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Maxwell, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the congregation follows the ministers into the Quire, and the table is prepared for Communion. Please extinguish your candle as you process.*



Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
To-day the grave hath lost its sting.
Alleluya!

On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.
Alleluya!

An Angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.'
Alleluya!

That night th' Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!'
Alleluya!

When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluya!

**'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me.'**

Alleluya!

**No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.**

Alleluya!

**Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign.**

Alleluya!

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

Alleluya!

**And we with Holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light.**

Alleluya!

*Words: Latin, Jean Tisserand (d. 1419)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE NEH 125
French traditional, 17th century
arr. Edmund William Goldsmith (1860-1934)*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

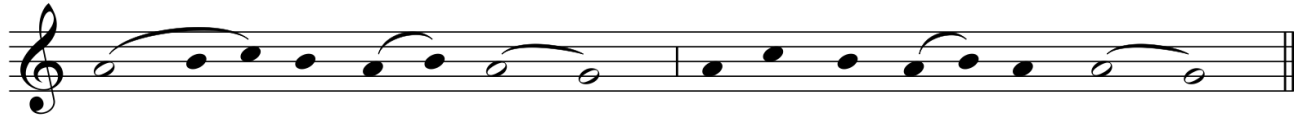
President Let us pray.

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The_ Lord be__ with_ you and_ al - so__ with_ you.



Lift_____ up your_ hearts._ We lift them to__ the Lord._



Let us give thanks_ to____ the Lord__ our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.___

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this night of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by the choir*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,	<i>God of power and might,</i>
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come__ a-gain.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All



A - men.__

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir whilst the altar party receive communion

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>of the world; grant us peace.</i>

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The ministrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

COMMUNION MOTET *sung by the choir during the distribution of Communion*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes,
Laudate eum omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est misericordia ejus,
Et veritas Domini
manet in aeternum.

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations,
Praise the Lord, all ye people.
For his mercy is upon us,
And the truth of the Lord
shall endure for ever.*

Words: Psalm 117

Music: Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Maxwell is given a lighted candle.

President 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.
**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.



RECESSIONAL HYMN



**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

Thine be the glory...

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

Thine be the glory...

Words: French, Edmund Budry (1854-1932)
trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Tune: MACCABAEUS NEH 120
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Easter Sunday Services at Southwell Minster

Sunday 5 April

EASTER DAY

	<i>No Litany</i>		
8.00am	Holy Communion with Hymns	BCP	<i>Quire</i>
10.00am	Cathedral Eucharist	CW	<i>Nave (and live-streamed)</i>
3.30pm	Festal Evensong and Procession	BCP	<i>Quire (and live-streamed)</i>

Please note that, after Easter Sunday, the Cathedral Choir will be taking their Easter break. For the next two weekends our services will be sung by visiting choirs, on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April by the Ramsey Singers, and Evensong on Saturday 18 April and the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 19 April by Cantus. The Cathedral Choir will return to sing at the Installation Service for the new Dean on the afternoon of Sunday 19 April, and will resume singing our weekday Evensong services on Monday 20 April.

Available this weekend is our printed **Minster News** for **April**, which summarises all the information and events taking place this month – please take a copy. Alternatively, the full version of this week's version of Pew News, covering in detail everything happening over the next week is available online at <https://www.southwellminster.org/worship/pew-news/>.

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