



The Resurrection: Andrea di Bartolo (c.1360–1428) Walters Art Museum

EASTER DAY 2021

SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2021 at 11.00 am

Sung Eucharist

Prayer before the Service

O LOVING Lord, be near us in this time of worship. Open our ears to hear thy voice; open our eyes to behold thy glory; open our hearts to receive thy grace; open our lips to show forth thy praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

¶ Please Stand

WELCOME - Fr Stephen

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The service ordinarily begins in silence with the lighting of the Easter (or Paschal) Candle. The Easter Candle is marked with the sign of the cross and the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, using these words:

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**.

¶ Incense studs are then inserted into the Candle, marking the five wounds of Christ (hands, feet, side) using these words:

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

This is the day when Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world, Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear the word and proclaim all that God has done, We can be confident that we share his victory over death, And live with him for ever.

¶ The Easter Candle is lit and raised high with these words:

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

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God**.

All of the candles are now lit

THE EASTER ANTHEMS



EASTER DAY.

At Morning Prayer, instead of the Psalm, O come, let us sing, etc., these Anthems shall be sung or said.

- 1 CHRIST our passover is 'sacrificed' for us : therefore'let us'keep the 'feast;
- 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of 'malice and 'wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sin'ceri'ty and 'truth. 1 Cor. v. 7.
- 3 Christ being raised from the dead' dieth no'more : death hath no 'more do'minion' over him.
- 4 For in that he died, he died unto 'sin' once : but in that he liveth, he 'liveth' unto 'God.
- 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed 'unto' sin : but alive unto God through 'Jesus' Christ our 'Lord. Rom. vi. 9.
- 6 Christ is 'risen from the 'dead : and become the 'first-fruits of 'them that ' slept.
- 7 For since by 'man came 'death : by man came also the resur'rection 'of the 'dead.
- 8 For as in Adam'all'die : even so in Christ shall'all be'made a'live. 1 Cor. xv. 20.

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'A'men.

HYMN NEH 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

JESUS Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya! Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya! Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!
- 3 But the pains that he endured Alleluya! Our salvation have procured; Alleluya! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!



¶ Please kneel or sit

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A LMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires; so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

¶ Please sit

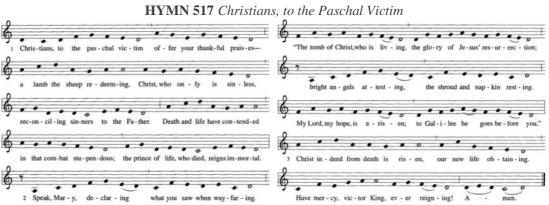
THE EPISTLE (read by CQE)

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, beginning at the first verse.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRADUAL HYMN



¶ Please stand

THE GOSPEL READING

The holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the first verse.

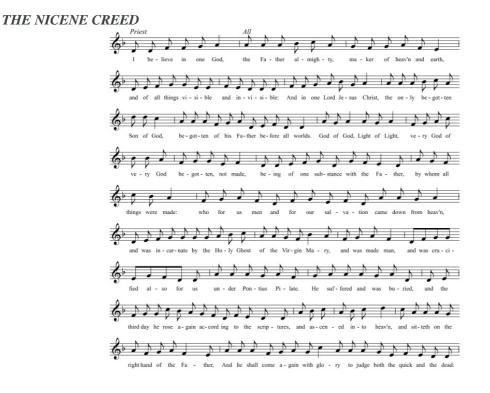
Glory be to thee, O Lord

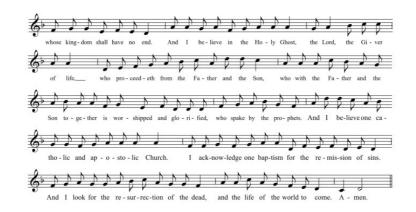
THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

Praise be to thee, O Christ





¶ Please sit

SERMON – Professor Emerita Morna Hooker

Fellow of Robinson College and sometime Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge

¶ Please stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMN NEH 104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
- 2 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.
- 3 Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie; death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.



¶ Please kneel or sit

THE INTENTIONS

... and so let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

THE PRAYERS

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

/E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, **Y** and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all A LMIGHTY God, our neavenity ratifier, who of this great hierory have produced by the period with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

TEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, All ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

¶ *Please stand*]

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (to the setting by Charles Wood, in the Phrygian mode)

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Please kneel or sit

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

X J E do not presume

VV to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.*

THE AGNUS DEI (to the setting by Charles Wood, in the Phrygian mode)

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee and the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ dies for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

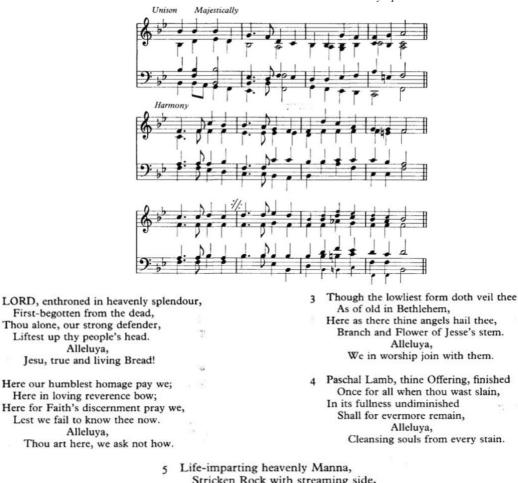
THE ANTHEM CV Stanford *When Mary through the garden went*

When Mary thro' the garden went, There was no sound of any bird, And yet, because the night was spent, The little grasses lightly stirred, The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went, The dew lay still on flower and grass, The waving palms above her sent Their fragrance out as she did pass. No light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went, Her eyes, for weeping long, were dim. The grass beneath her footsteps bent, The solemn lilies, white and slim, These also stood and wept for him.

When Mary thro' the garden went, She sought within the garden ground, One for Whom her heart was rent, One Who for her sake was bound, One Who sought, and she was found.



HYMN NEH 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UR Father,

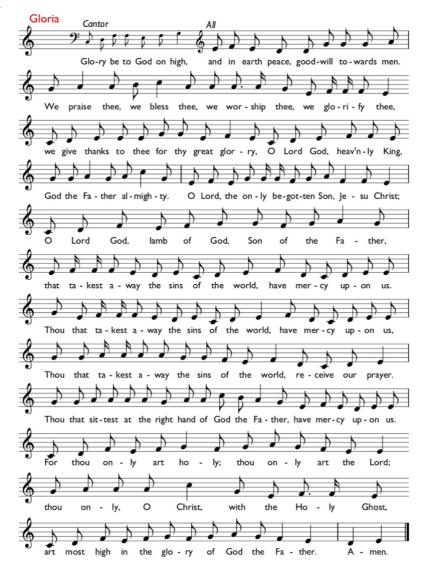
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Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and + heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA



THE BLESSING

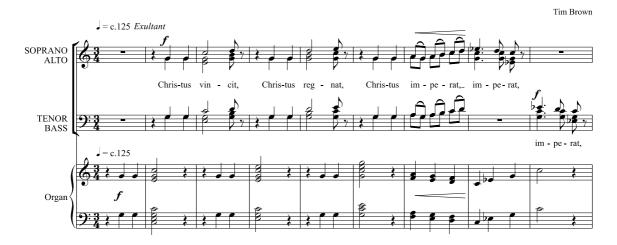
THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE ACCLAMATION

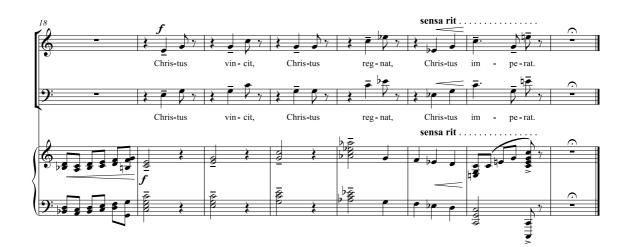
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus, Christus imperat Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme



for the choir of St Botolph's, Cambridge, Easter 2021, in celebration of Easter Acclamations







THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN NEH 120 Thine be the glory



Organ Voluntary JS Bach *Prelude and Fugue in C*

Prayer after the service

Most loving God we heartily thank thee that in the holy mystery of this blessed sacrament. Thou dost refresh and strengthen us with the Body and Blood of thy dear Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. For the beauty of this worship, for the presence of Christ, for the memorial of his passion, for communion with thy saints, for this heavenly food, for Christ in us the hope of glory, we praise and bless thy holy name; beseeching thee that we may so reverently treasure and so diligently use the grace of each communion that we may grow in the knowledge and love of thee and of thy son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

For further listening JS Bach Easter Oratorio Kommt, eilet und laufet, BWV 249 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62fawgUUpg8

Cover Image

The depiction of Christ's tomb as a cave appears repeatedly in Italian art of the 14th and early 15th centuries. Here, a glimpse into the cave reveals Christ's marble sarcophagus, now empty. Framed by the shadowy void of the tomb's entrance, the resurrected Christ, emitting rays of light, emerges triumphantly from the darkness. This scene was the last in a series of five predella panels (paintings on the base of an altarpiece) illustrating episodes from the Passion of Christ. The sequence, which can be reconstructed from surviving panels now in other collections, included the Betrayal of Judas, the Way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and the Lamentation, and concluded with this panel of the Resurrection.

