



CHRIST CHURCH
THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
with the lighting of the paschal candle,
the liturgy of the Word, the renewal of baptismal vows,
and the first Eucharist of Easter

3 APRIL 2021

Assemble in the church garden.

BLESSING THE FIRE AND LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The priest greets the congregation.

Dear friends 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:

If we honour the memory of his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
then we may be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live
with him forever in God.

The fire is blessed.

Let us pray. Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the
light of the world. Make this new fire holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify
our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal
light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Alpha and Omega, Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
all time belongs to him, and all ages;

to him be glory and power,
through every age forever.

Amen.

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

Amen.

The priest lights the candle from the new fire, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and
minds.

The candle is carried into the church as the minister sings:

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*There are two further stations: one in the middle of the nave and the other at
the sanctuary steps.*

The Exsultet is recited.

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 forever!

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.

The Lord be with you

and also 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 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.
Glory to you forever.

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

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

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

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.
Glory to you forever.

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

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.
Glory to you forever.

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.
Glory to you forever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
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 forever and ever!
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Dear friends, as we await the risen 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.

The vigil readings follow.

1. THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH THE LOVING KINDNESS OF THE LORD.

Genesis 1:1-5, 1:26-2:2 (The Creation)

^{1:1} In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light';
and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated
the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he
called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶ 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.’²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ 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.’²⁹ 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.’³⁰ 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.³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.² 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.

Psalm 33:1–9

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the Lord with the lyre;
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song;
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 **For the word of the Lord is true
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin
and lays up the deep in his treasury.

8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord;
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.**

9 For he spoke, and it was done;
he commanded, and it stood fast.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

2. *WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY.*

Genesis 3:8-13, 22-24 (The Fall)

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ ¹⁰ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ¹¹ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ ¹² The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’

²² Then the LORD God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever’ — ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove

out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning,
more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

3. *SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS WON A GLORIOUS VICTORY.*

Exodus 14:10–15:1a (The Crossing of the Red Sea)

^{14:10}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. ¹¹They 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? ¹²Is 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.’ ¹³But 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. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’ ¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’ ¹⁹The 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. ²⁰It 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. ²¹Then 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. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At 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. ²⁵He 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.’ ²⁶Then 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.'²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.^{15:1} Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

Canticle: The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15:1b–3, 6, 10, 13, 17)

- 1 I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- 2 **The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.**
- 3 This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
- 4 **The Lord is a warrior,
the Lord is his name.**
- 5 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- 6 **At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.**
- 7 In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
- 8 **And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.**

- 9 You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

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 Saviour.
Amen.

After the last reading with its responsory and prayer the celebrant says:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A joyful organ fanfare is played, bells rung, cymbals clashed, lights lit concluding the saying of the Gloria.

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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

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 to 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.

LESSON

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the letter to the Romans:

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ 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.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the

tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.' ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

MUSIC

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Litany of Redemption

O give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

for his mercy endures forever.

Who has loved us from all eternity:

for his mercy endures forever.

Who only does great wonders:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who has made great lights:

For his mercy endures forever.

The sun to rule the day:

for his mercy endures forever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night:

for his mercy endures forever.

Who gives food to all flesh:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who called Abraham from Haran:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who brought out Israel from Egypt:
for his mercy endures forever.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who divided the Red Sea in two parts:
for his mercy endures forever.

And made Israel to go through the midst of it:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who led his people through the wilderness:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who remembered us when we were in trouble:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven:
for his mercy endures forever.

And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who by his cross and passion has redeemed the world:
for his mercy endures forever.

And has washed us from our sins in his own blood:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who on the third day rose from the dead:
for his mercy endures forever.

And has given us the victory:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who ascended upon high:
for his mercy endures forever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:
for his mercy endures forever.

Who sits on the right hand of God:
for his mercy endures forever.

And lives to make intercession for us:
for his mercy endures forever.

For the Lord our God is a merciful God:
for his mercy endures forever.

**And to him is due all glory honour and worship:
to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
now and forever world without end. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God, the Almighty Father, to bless the water of this font that those reborn in it may be made one with his adopted children in Christ.

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.
Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.
Saving God, give us life.

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

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.
Saving God, give us life.

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.
Saving God, give us life.

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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

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

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

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

I come to Christ.

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
Give you the strength to continue in the way.

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia.

It brought God's life and his salvation,

and the people sang in joyful praise:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

*The celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water to remind them of
their baptism into Christ that they are a new creation in God.*

The peace follows.

THE PEACE

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

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace with the following greeting:

Alleluia. The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

or

Christos anesti!

Alithos anesti!

MUSIC

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you

and also 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 in these days of Easter
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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As God's children, and heirs with Christ
we cry in the Spirit, 'Abba', Father:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The celebrant distributes communion.

MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

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

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A JOYFUL EASTERTIDE TO YOU AND YOURS!

And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

—*St Augustine of Hippo*

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined¹ thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

—*from The Temple, 1633;
Easter, George Herbert*

¹ Reduced to lime or other substance. In this case reduced to our lowest commonest denominator, dust, of which we all are made.

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