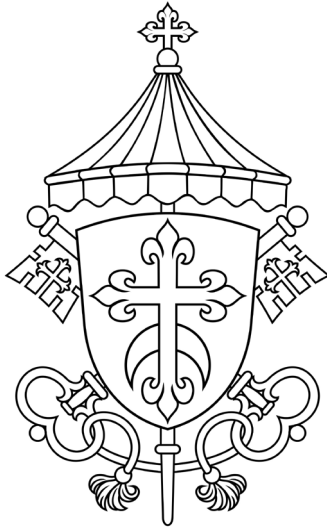


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

HOLY SATURDAY

4 April 2026  
7pm

# WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

## THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir was formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. However, from 2025, St Mary's began a girls' choir, and St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the boy and girl choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

## THE LITURGY

The Easter Vigil is the most splendid and solemn of the Church's liturgies, for we celebrate this night the Victory of Christ, our Light, over the darkness of sin and death. This victory is ours, too, for in Christ we are all born to eternal life. The Mass this evening contains four parts. The first is the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium: The Blessing of the Fire and the Preparation of the Paschal Candle, and the singing of the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet). The second is the Liturgy of the Word: literally, in the light of our salvation, we hear of God's plan for us worked out through the ages, we sing the Easter Gloria, and solemnly proclaim the Gospel of the Resurrection. In part three, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are given to those Catechumens who have been preparing to become Catholics during the last year. All present renew their baptismal promises. The final part is the Liturgy of the Eucharist: this Easter Communion unites the faithful with Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead.

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,  
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES  
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The clergy and Choir process to the Southern door of the Cathedral.*

## FIRST PART:

### THE LUCERNARIUM

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Archbishop says*

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

℟: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

### THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE

*The Archbishop says*

**D**EAR brethren (brothers and sisters), on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

*The Archbishop blesses the fire, saying*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify ✠ this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**



*The Deacon stops in the middle of the Nave, raises the candle, and sings a second time*

Lumen Christi. *The Light of Christ.*  
℟: **Deo gratias.** *Thanks be to God.*

*Light from the Paschal Candle is passed from the Procession to the people in the Nave.*

*The Deacon stops before the altar, raises the candle, and sings a third time*

Lumen Christi. *The Light of Christ.*  
℟: **Deo gratias.** *Thanks be to God.*


*The Deacon places the Paschal Candle on the candle stand.*


*All remain standing, holding lighted candles.*

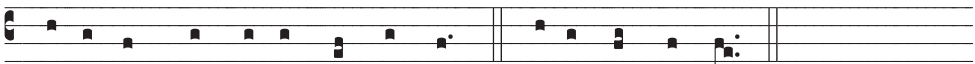
*The Deacon incenses the book and the Paschal Candle, and then proclaims*

### THE EXSULTET

**E**XULT, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples. Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

**T**   
HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**

  
Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness. These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers. This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin. This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones. This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld! This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honour, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious. O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit and extinguish their candles.*

SECOND PART:  
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Archbishop says*

**D**EAR brethren (brothers and sisters), now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

FIRST READING

*Genesis 1: 1-2:2*

*God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good.*

*The Choir sings*

THE FIRST CANTICLE

*Psalm 99:2-3*

Iubilate Domino, omnis terra, servite Domino in lætitia.

*Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop says*

Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty ever-living God, who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works, may those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvellous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

*All sing*

## THE SECOND CANTICLE

*Psalm 15:5,8-11* ℟: v.1



℟: **Preserve me, O God, I take re-fuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. ℟:

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. ℟:

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. ℟:

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop says*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal Mystery make your servant Abraham father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

*The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea.*

... It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

*All sing*

### THE THIRD CANTICLE

*Exodus 15:1-6.17-18* ℣. v.1



℣. **Let us sing to the Lord, he has covered himself in glo-ry.**

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God and I give him praise. ℣

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.  
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. ℣

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
has shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. ℣

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,  
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. ℣

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop says*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day, for what you once bestowed on a single people, freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of the nations through the waters of rebirth, grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

FOURTH READING

*Isaiah 54: 5-14*

*With everlasting love the Lord your redeemer has taken pity on you.*

*All sing*

## THE FOURTH CANTICLE

*Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13 ℟: v.2*



℟: **I will praise you, O Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. ℟

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. ℟

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. ℟

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop says*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY ever-living God, surpass, for the honour of your name, what you pledged to the Patriarchs by reason of their faith, and through sacred adoption increase the children of your promise, so that what the Saints of old never doubted would come to pass your Church may now see in great part fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

FIFTH READING

*Ezekiel 36: 16-17,18-28*

*I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart.*

*The Choir sings*

## THE FIFTH CANTICLE

*Psalm 41:2*

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.*

*Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)*

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop says*

Let us pray.

**O** GOD of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟: **Amen.**

*All remain standing.*

*The Archbishop intones*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Glory to God in the highest.*

*Bells are rung and the organ sounds. The Cathedral is illuminated.*

*The Choir continues the GLORIA*

*from Missa Brevis*

*Zoltán Kodály (1882–1967)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
    propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu 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.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
    tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
    for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    have mercy on us.  
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.*

*The Archbishop says*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

℟. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

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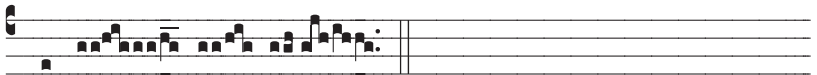
*Romans 6: 3-11*

*A Deacon comes before the Archbishop and announces*

Most Reverend Father, I bring you a message of great joy, the message of Alleluia.

*All stand and sing*

## THE ALLELUIA



L- le-      lú-      ia.

℣. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:1-10*

## THE HOMILY

*is given by*

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP  
*Archbishop of Sydney*

THIRD PART:  
BAPTISMAL LITURGY

*The Deacon says*

Let those to be baptized come forward with their godparents.

*The catechumens who are to be baptized come forward with their godparents and are presented to the Archbishop.*

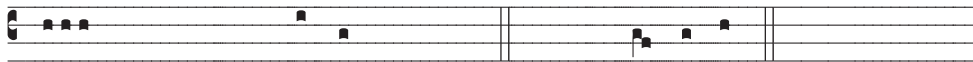
*The Archbishop says*

**D**EARLY beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers come to the aid of these our brothers in their blessed hope, so that, as they approach the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on them all his merciful help.

*All stand.*

THE LITANY







## BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

*The Archbishop blesses the baptismal water, saying*

**O** GOD, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism; O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify; O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue; O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized; O God, whose Son, baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples: 'Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,' look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism. May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image, and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

*The Paschal Candle is lowered into the water.*

*The Archbishop continues*

May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son into the fullness of this font, so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again to life with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

*The Paschal Candle is lifted out of the water, as all sing*



**R.** **Spirits of water, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ev-er.**

*All Sit.*

*Those who are to be baptized remain standing with their godparents.*

## THE RITE OF BAPTISM

*Those who are to be baptized now renounce sin and profess their faith.*

*The Archbishop questions the catechumens, saying*

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

*The catechumens respond*

℟: I do.

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

℟: I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

℟: I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

℟: I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

℟: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

℟: I do.

*The Archbishop baptizes each catechumen, saying*

N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Neophytes (newly baptized) are clothed with a Baptismal Garment as the Archbishop says*

N. and N., you have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgement seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life.

℟: Amen.

*The Archbishop touches the Paschal Candle, saying*

Godparents, please come forward to give to the newly baptized the light of Christ.

*The Neophytes are given candles lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*The Archbishop addresses the Neophytes, saying*

You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the Saints in the heavenly Kingdom.

℟: Amen.

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*Candles are lit.*

*All stand.*

*Candidates for reception into full communion join the rest of the community in the renunciation of sin and profession of faith.*

*The Archbishop says*

**D**EAR brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

℟: **I do.**

And all his works?

℟: **I do.**

And all his empty show?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

℟: **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

℟: **I do.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

℟: **Amen.**

*The Archbishop sprinkles the congregation with the blessed water.*

*All sing*

## THE ANTIPHON

*Ezekiel 47: 1,9*

**V** I- di a- quam \* egre- di- én-tem de tem- plo, a lá- te-re dex- tro,  
*I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side,*

al-le- lú- ia; et omnes, ad quos per-vé-nit a- qua i- sta,  
*alleluia; and all to whom this water came*

sal- vi fa- cti sunt, et di- cent: Al-le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.  
*were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Choir sings the verse*

*Psalm 117: 1*

☩ Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

*All repeat the antiphon.*

*All sit and extinguish their candles.*

## THE RITE OF RECEPTION

*The candidates to be received come forward.*

*The Archbishop invites the candidates to make the following profession of faith:*

*The candidates make their profession, saying*

**I** BELIEVE and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.

*The Archbishop receives each candidate.*

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*The Archbishop addresses those who are to receive Confirmation.*

**M**Y dear candidates for Confirmation, born again in Christ by Baptism, you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his Apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized. The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, Death and Resurrection. It will strengthen you to be active members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

*All stand.*

*The Archbishop addresses the congregation.*

**D**EARLY beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*The Archbishop holds his hands outstretched over those to be confirmed and says*

**A**Lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

*All sit.*

*The Archbishop signs each candidate upon the forehead with Chrism and says*

N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The newly-confirmed respond*

℟: Amen.

Peace be with you.

℟: And with your spirit.

*The newly confirmed and their godparents and sponsors are led to their place among the faithful.*

## FOURTH PART:

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Choir sings the OFFERTORY MOTET*

*Peter Philips (1560–1628)*

**E**CCE vicit Leo de tribu Iuda, radix David aperire librum et solvere septem signacula eius. Alleluia. Dignus est Agnus qui occisus est accipere virtutem, et divinitatem, et sapientiam, et fortitudinem, et honorem, et gloriam, et benedictionem. Alleluia.

*Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals. Alleluia. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. Alleluia.*

*The Archbishop says*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.


℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**


## THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**A**CCEPT, we ask, O Lord, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that what has begun in the paschal mysteries may, by the working of your power, bring us to the healing of eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**T**  
HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**

  
Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this night above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

All sing the SANCTUS

Mass I



**S** Anctus, \* Sanctus, Sanctus Dómi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple- ni sunt  
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven*

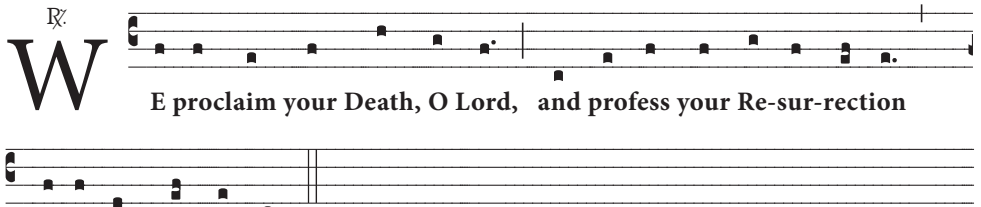
cae- li et ter-ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in ex- cél- sis. Be- ne- díctus qui  
*and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he*

ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.  
*who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

When the Archbishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing



**W** E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rection  
until you come a-gain.



Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

All sing the AGNUS DEI

Mass I

**A** - gnus De-i, \* **qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.**  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus De- i \* **qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.**  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus De- i \* **qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mun-di: do-na no- bis pa- cem.**  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*The Archbishop shows the host to the congregation, saying*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

✠ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

***Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.***

*The Choir sings the AGNUS DEI*

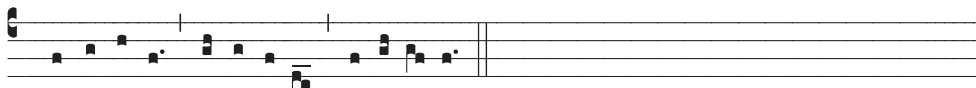
*from Missa Brevis*

*Zoltán Kodály*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

All sing the COMMUNION ANTIPHON



℞ **Al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.**

THE HYMN

All repeat the antiphon after each time it is sung by the Choir.



℞ **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!**

**Y**E sons and daughters of the King, Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

℞ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

℞ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

℞ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

℞ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

℞ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Archbishop says*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P**OUR out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

℟: **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Deacon announces the Apostolic Blessing.*

The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

℟: **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

℟: **Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

℟: **Amen.**

Through the intercession of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟: **Amen.**

**G**  O in peace, al-le-lú- ia, al-le- lú- ia.



℟: **Thanks be to God, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.**

All sing

## THE HYMN

Through the\_ Red Sea brought at last, al - le - lu - ia,  
E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, al - le - lu - ia,  
Deep and wide Flows the tide Sev-ering us\_ from bond-age past,  
al - le - lu - ia.

**Like the cloud, that overhead, alleluia,  
Through the billows Israel led, alleluia,  
By his tomb  
Christ makes room,  
Souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.**

**In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia,  
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia,  
Earthly night  
Brought us light  
Shall be ours eternally, alleluia.**

**Then, deceitful world, adieu, alleluia,  
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia!  
Christ our love  
Draws above,  
Dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia.**

*Straf mich nicht  
Hundert Arien, Dresden (1694)*

*Ronald Arbuthnott Knox (1888-1957)*

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