Church of St. John the Evangelist

EASTER DAY

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**MARCH 31, 2024**

**SUNDAYS 8:30 Low Mass 10:30 am High Mass**

**Weekday Mass Tuesday (en français), Thursday 5:45 pm Saturday 12 Noon**

**Wednesday 7:30 pm ZOOM Compline & Conversation**

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**SERVICES AT THE REDROOF**

**“*We desire to keep old traditions. We aim at Perfection”*** E. Wood 1899

**SUNDAYS 9:45 Matins 10:30 am**  **High Mass In church**

**Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Compline & Conversation ZOOM**

**Friday 7:00 p.m. sept à huit Bible Study ZOOM**

Permanent Zoom link:[**https://zoom.us/j/332912007**](https://zoom.us/j/332912007)

(or by phone **438-809-7799** Meeting ID: 332 912 007) password **070874**

**WEEKDAY MASSES. TUESDAY 5:45 pm (en français) THURSDAY 5:45 pm**

**SATURDAY 12 NOON In Church**

***Monday to Friday Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral 12:15***

**LITURGICAL ALERTS**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday of Easter Week**

**Mass 5:45 pm Saturday 12:00 Noon**

**Tuesday April 9**

**Annunciation of the BVM** *transferred*

**Mass 5:45 pm**

**Thursday April 25 - St Mark the Evangelist Mass 5:45 pm &**

**Meeting of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament**

**The Parish would like to acknowledge and thank an anonymous donor for a gift in memory of Professor Donald Mackey and his wife Helen Poole Mackey.  Donald Mackey was our Director of Music between 1981-87.  He and Helen led a campaign to revitalise our music programme leading to the installation of the Hellmuth Wolff organ in 1984. Donald taught at McGill for thirty years and he and Helen were very active in various choirs around the city. They influenced and inspired a generation of musicians and artists.  This donation will allow us to have a choir on our major Holy Days this year including Ascension, Pentecost, All Saints, and All Souls, amongst others.**

**AN ORDER OF SERVICE**

**THE VIDi AQUAM**, **PROCESSION & HIGH MASS**

**Sunday March 31, 2o24- 10:30 am**

**Organ Prelude.** Ciaccona by B. Storace (XVII century)

**The Introductory Rite Mass setting:** Mass setting: *Missa De Angelis*

*The people stand at the sound of the bell.*

**THE VIDI AQUAM**

I beheld water, \* which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia; and all they to whom that water came were healed every one, and they say, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth forever.  Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  Amen.  I beheld water….

Priest**:** O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, Alleluia

**People**:  **And grant us thy salvation.  Alleluia**

Priest:  O Lord, Hear my prayer**.**

**People:  And let my cry come unto thee**

Priest:  The Lord be with you.

**People:  And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.  Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy, Father Almighty, everlasting God:  and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven; to guard and to cherish, to protect and to visit, and to defend all who dwell in thy holy habitation.  Through Jesus Christ our Lord.   AMEN.

**THE PROCESSION**

V. Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia

R. **In the name of Christ. Alleluia**

**Hymn.** *Light’s glittering morn bedecks the sky (Lass uns erfreuen)*

**1. Light’s glittering morn  
bedecks the sky;  
Heav’n thunders forth its victor cry;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The glad earth shouts  
her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2. While He, the King,  
the mighty King,  
Despoiling death of all its sting,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And, trampling down  
the powers of night,  
Brings forth His ransomed  
saints to light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
  
3. His tomb of late  
the threefold guard  
Of watch and stone  
and seal had barred;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
But now, in pomp  
and triumph high,  
He comes from death to victory.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
  
4. The pains of hell are loosed at last;  
The days of mourning now are past;  
Alleluia!  
An angel robed in light hath said,  
“The Lord is risen from the dead.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
  
5. O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
from every weapon  
death can wield  
thine own redeemed  
forever shield.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
  
  
6. All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,  
From death to endless life restored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All praise to God the Father be  
And Holy Ghost eternally.  
Alleluia! Alleluia**

V. The Lord is risen from the Tomb

R. **Who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia**

Let us pray. O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the resurrection from the dead of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we who celebrate this Paschal feast may die daily unto sin, and live with him evermore in the glory of his endless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Hymn.** *Jesus Christ is Risen today. Alleluia (Easter Hymn)*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Introit.**

*Antiphon.* *I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia:* ***thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.***Psalm. *O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me:* ***thou knowest my downsitting, and mine uprising*.** *Gloria patri. Repeat antiphon.*

**Kyrie eleison.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

**Gloria in Excelsis.**

**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,** **we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lod God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art** **holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest.* Let us pray.

Almighty 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 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 Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson *Isaiah 12.1-6***

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall we draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

**Gradual.**

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:* ***we will be joyful and glad in it.*** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:* ***and his mercy endureth for ever.***

**The Epistle *Colossians 3.1-1***

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things; for you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, shall be made manifest, then shall you also be made manifest with him in glory. Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness which is idolatry; because of which cometh the wrath of God; in which you once walked your-selves when you lived in such things. But now you must put it all off: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy talk out of your mouth; lie not to one another; cast off the old self with its evil deeds, and put on the new, which is being refashioned unto knowledge according to the image of its creator; in whom there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian or Scythian, bond or free, but Christ is all in all.

**Alleluia.** *The people stand.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia****.*** *Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.*

**The Sequence:** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconcileth sinners to the Father;

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring:

‘The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesu’s Resurrection:

Bright angels attesting, that shroud and napkin resting.

Yea, Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you.’

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning, alleluia!

**The Gospel *St. John 20.1-10***

*Deacon.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Deacon****.***The Holy Gospel is written in the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John, beginning at the first verse.

*People.* **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 cloths lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen cloths lie; and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen cloths, 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.

*People.* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Sermon** *The Rector*

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Verse.**

*The earth trembled, yea, and was still:* ***when God arose to judgement****. Alleluia.*

**Offertory.**

**Hymn.** Come, you faithful, raise the strain (Ave Virgo Virginum)

**1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.**

**2 T’is the spring of souls today;**  
**Christ has burst his prison,**  
**and from three days' sleep in death**  
**as a Sun hath risen;**  
**all the winter of our sins,**  
**long and dark, is flying**  
**from his light, to whom we give**  
**laud and praise undying.**

**3 Now the queen of seasons, bright**  
**with the day of splendor,**  
**with the royal feast of feasts,**  
**comes its joy to render;**  
**comes to glad Jerusalem**  
**who with true affection**  
**welcomes in unwearied strains**  
**Jesus' resurrection!**

**4 Neither might the gates of death,**

**Nor the tombs dark portal**

**Nor the watchers, nor the seal,**

**Hold thee as a mortal;**

**But today amidst the twelve**

**Thou didst stand bestowing**

**That thy peace which evermore**

**Passeth human knowing**

**5 "Alleluia!" Now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal.  
Alleluia, with the Son**

**God the Father praising**

**Alleluia yet again**

**To the Spirit raising. Amen**

**Offertory.** "Alleluia" from *O qui coeli terraesque serenitas*, RV 631, by A. Vivaldi (1678-1741). Carole LeDez, soprano

*The people stand to receive the censing from the thurifer, bowing in response.*

*Priest.* Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*People.* **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, to our benefit, and to that of all his holy Church.**

**The BIDDINGS** Let us pray for ….

*The biddings are offered (See page 15.) After praying for the departed, the biddings conclude:*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen.** Gathering together all our intercessions we entrust them to the prayer of Our Lady, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People.***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon.* Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the 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.

*Priest and people together.* **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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.**

*Priest.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that 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.**

*Deacon.* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

*Matthew 11:28* Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*John 3:16* God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that allthat believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*Deacon.* Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

*1 Timothy 1:15* This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesuscame into the world to save sinners.

*Deacon.* Hear also what Saint John saith.

*1 John 2:1-2* If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;and he is the propitiation for our sins.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you;

*People.***And with thy spirit.**

*Priest.* Lift up your hearts;

*People.* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Priest.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

*People.***It is meet and right so to do.**

*Priest.* 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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

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 all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Sanctus and Benedictus.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Consecration**

*Priest.* BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thy almighty goodness vouchsafe to bless, hallow and sanctify, with thy word and Holy Spirit, these holy gifts, 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 Covenant, 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.”

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension at thy right hand whence he interceedeth perpetually for us, miserable sinners, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel, the Righteous, and the sacrifice of Abraham, our Patriarch: and the holy sacrifice of Melchisedech thy high priest as signs of the one and perfect sacrifice of Christ.

And we humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thine Angel to thine altar on high, in the sight of thy divine majesty: And we most humbly beseech 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; 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 unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Priest.* And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

*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 them that 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.**

*Priest.* The peace of the Lord be always with you; *People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest and people together.* **We do not presume 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 Communion**

**Agnus Dei.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*Priest*. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Communion Sentence.**

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia:* ***therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Communion.** Prelude-chorales on *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand,* BWV 626; *Christ lag in Todesbanden,*BWV 625; and *Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ,*BWV 628, by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Communion Hymn.** *Deck thyself, my soul with gladness (Schmücke dich)*

**1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;  
come into the daylight's splendour,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded:  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

**2 Now I sink before thee lowly,**  
**filled with joy most deep and holy,**  
**as with trembling awe and wonder**  
**on thy mighty works I ponder:**  
**how, by mystery surrounded,**  
**depths no man hath ever sounded,**  
**none may dare to pierce unbidden**  
**secrets that with thee are hidden.**

**3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten,  
light, who dost my soul enlighten,  
joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,  
fount, whence all my being floweth,  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.**

**4 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited:  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.**

**The Concluding Rite**

*Priest.*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

*Priest and people together.* **AND HERE** **we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, 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, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Priest****.*** Pour down upon us, O Lord, the Spirit of thy love: that those whom thou hast satisfied with the Paschal Sacraments may, of thy goodness, be made of one heart and one mind. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end.

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.**

*Deacon.*Christ is risen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People.* **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia**.

**Hymn.** *The strife is o’er Victory (Victory)*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.  
Alleluia!  
  
2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluia!  
  
3. On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.  
Alleluia!**

**4. He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.  
Alleluia!  
  
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee.  
Alleluia!**

*(The sanctuary party proceeds to the shrine of Our Lady)*

***REGINA CAELI***

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven**, alleluia**

He whom thou wast meet to bear, **alleluia**

As he promised hath arisen, **alleluia**

Pour for us to God thy prayer**, alleluia.**

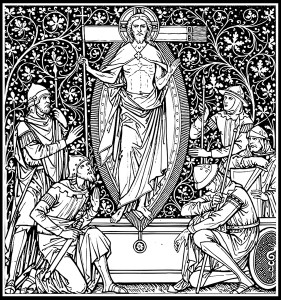
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia

**For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

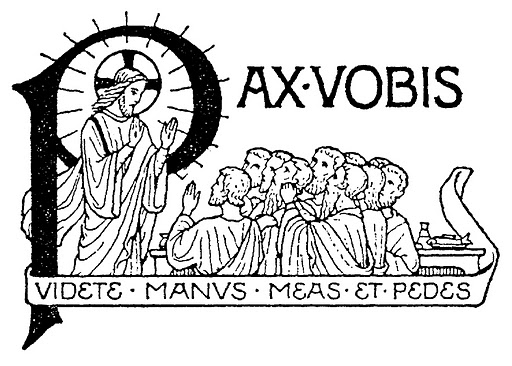
Let us Pray

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world; grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Postlude.*** "Final" from Symphony No.1 Op. 14 in D minor by L. Vierne (1870-1937)



**Easter Day**



This is the earliest festival celebrated by the Church, and it is mentioned by St. Polycarp of Smyrna, a disciple of St. John. The name Easter probably comes from the O.E. oster (to rise), but the Venerable Bede held that it came from Eostre, the Saxon goddess of dawn (dayspring) and spring. Other names for the feast include the Pasch, the Uprising of Our Lord, and the Again-rising.

Its date remains a bone of contention among Christians to this day, despite the fact that the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 tried to give an unequivocal rule to calculate the date and the Vatican Council made a plea to all Christians to come to a common understanding on this point. In early times, the date was computed and announced by the Patriarch of Alexandria on Epiphany each year. When Augustine of Canterbury came to Britain in the early 7th c., he found there Celtic and Anglo -Saxon Churches which celebrated Ester on a different day (cycle of Sulpicius Severus) from Roman use (cycle of Victorius Aquitanus), and this led to much discussion and confrontation, which was finally resolved at the Synod of Whitby in 664. In the Middle Ages the actual date of the first Easter was reckoned to have been March 27th and the date is marked as such in the Celtic Tallaght Martyrology.

In our First Prayer Book (1549), there ws a special service to be said before Mattins, consisting of Sentences, a Versicle, and a Collect. This apparently was meant to replace an ancient English custom of going to the Easter Sepulchre where the crucifix and a consecrated host had been enclosed on Good Friday. Three clerks representing the three Marys and two deacons representing the angels reinacted the scene at the tomb. They carried the Sacrament back to the Altar while singing “Christ rising again from the dead” and the Sacrament was put into the pyx, which was usually in the form of a dove and hung over the High Altar. In the Second Prayer Book (1552), the sentences (with the Alleluyas removed) were incorporated in Mattins, replacing the Venite, and this remains our present practice.

In the Early Church, the Easter service was that of the Vigil, and the morning Mass was added only in the 5th or 6th c. And most of its present texts are from the 8th c. The Collect is from the Gelasian Sacramentary, but the ending was altered after the Pelagian heresy (5th c.) to stress the necessity of grace which the Pelagians denied. The Epistle is that of the Vigil and the Gospel was originally prescribed for Easter Saturday. Our first service was the second in the 1549 Prayer Book.

In the evening, the English Medieval Church had a procession to the font, commemorating the baptism of the eve. A similar practice was held in Rose at St. John Lateran, which holds Rome’s main baptistery.

Paschal time lasts until the eve of Trinity Sunday, 56 days. In the new calendars, it ends on Pentecost Day which no longer has an octave, so the “Sacred Fifty Days” are restored. White vestments are used, the Gradual is replaced by an Alleluia, verse, and alleluias are added to all antiphons and verses. It was an early practice to pray standing instead of kneeling during this time, as prescribed by the Council of Nicaea (325).

The decoration of Easter (Pasch or Paste) eggs is an ancient practice, and Edward I is said to have distributed some in 1307. Eggs were forbidden during Lent, so during Lent, so their return to the table was an occasion of rejoicing. Also, eggs are symbols of the grave and resurrection. The eating of ham on this day is also a sing of rejoicing, as the pig is a symbol of good fortune. The Pope traditionally eats Lamb. Ester-ale was customary brewed and drunk in Medieval Britain. Rabbits and hares were associated with Eostre, they spring goddess , probably as symbols of fertility; they thus also became related to Easter.

It is a universal custom in the Church for the faithful to greet one another on this day by the salution “Christ is risen; He is risen indeed”.

The Easter solemnity was celebrated all week (Code of Emperor Theodosius), but was reduced to 3 days in the Middle Ages, and our Prayer Book provides spherical services for Monday and Tuesday which are expanded from the Sarum services.

On Wednesday, it is customary for the Pope (on every 7th year of his pontificate) to bless “Agnus Dei’s, which are wax from the previous year’s Paschal Candle and from candles left from Candlemass. They are sent to various churches and given to the newly baptized as memorials. Their importation into England was forbidden by Elizabeth I.

On Saturday (Pascha annotina) a special commemoration was made of those who had been baptized the previous year and they were invited to renew their baptismal vows.

*Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord by many people in memory of Family, Friends and Faithful Parishioners. The flower ball was given by David Delderfield in memory of his grandmothers Annie Delderfield & Rubina Barnes and his mother Pearl Delderfield. Flowers at the shrine of Our Lady were given by Ivan Smith.*



***Marie Cole wishes everyone at St John’s a very Blessed Easter.***

**Prayers of the People**

**In Faith, Hope and Charity let us pray for the good estate of the Catholic church.** *We give thanks for our collective health and resilience at this time. We continue to pray for all medical staff; hospitals and clinics.*  **We remember** *St. Michael and all Angels, Winnipeg; Our Diocesan prayer partners, The Territory of the People and the Diocese of Masasi; and the community of St. Michael’s Mission. For those who suffer injustice and those who work for justice and peace. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, the end of the conflict between Ukraine & Russia,**For all the peoples of the world contending with extremism, violence and polarization. Let us pray for Canada’s Indigenous peoples; for our Earth and its living systems, and those suffering from natural and human caused disasters.* ***We also pray for our parish that we may continue as a community of faith.***

***[Anglican Cycle of Prayer (March 31-April 6)](https://anglicancommunion.org/media/422641/acp_from-aba-to-zululand-2021-to-2023_web.pdf)***

**Sun** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; The Church in the Province of the West Indies

**Mon** The Diocese of Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria

**Tues** The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Wed** The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**Thu** The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales

**Fri** The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church

**Sat** The Diocese of Delhi – The Church of North India (United)

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tues**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**For those in special need:** Mildred Fletcher, Patricia Cerundolo, Loretta, Marleny Loaiza, Lois Bydwell, Maureen Callum, Anya Nonnenman, Cynthia Wiltshire, Charlie, Archdeacon Peter Hannen

**For continuing support:**Jim Best, Fr Richard Cawley, Garrfield, Tony Whitehead, Juanita Docherty-McFarlane, Ian MacLean, Vessella, Glenn Cartwright, Geraldine Doran, Desmond Murphy, Tom Byford, Frances Kemp, Sandra Guillaume, RoseMary, Louise Driver, BB Gaylord, Hannah Brockow, Anny Guillemette, Tania, Katherine B, Scott Wood, Connie Dennis, Mike

***Commemorations (March 31-April 6)***

**Sun** *For Charles & Beatrice Cardno in whose memory the Pascal candle has been given &*

*Claire Bélanger* (Fr Vincent’s aunt); Harvey Wiltshire (brother of Cynthia) *recently departed*

**Mon** Joseph Webb, Frank Carpenter, Elizabeth Tipp, Mabel Gocking, Edna Adams, Wilton Adams

**Tues**  Frederick Thatcher, Edward Stilwell, Winifred Jones, Gordon Philips (*Priest*), Gypsy Langlais

**Wed** Philip Lyman, Ethel Creighton, Mary Rosamond, Theodore L’Estrange (Priest), Edith Wilson

**Thur** Sr Mary Virginia CHN, Manana Fermanian, Claire Maine, Leslie Hobbs

**Fri** Fannie Blake, George Guest, Florence Baggott, Ryan Countney, David Jones Sr.

**Sat**  Annie Miller, John Walker, Andrew Buchanan, Albert Stocker

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**LAST DAY!**

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