



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Easter Eve

The Great Easter Vigil and Sung First Eucharist of Easter
and Blessing of the Easter Garden

Saturday 3rd April 2021

7.30pm



Diocese of Leeds

Welcome to the Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since St Wilfrid founded the Cathedral in 672 AD. The Cathedral Crypt is the oldest part of any English Cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there for almost 1350 years.

Built on the firm foundation of that heritage, the Cathedral today continues to proclaim the Christian faith, with daily prayer and active service in Jesus' name.

If you would like to find out more about how the Cathedral community is seeking to grow God's Kingdom in this 21st century, please visit our website. Regular updates of all that we are involved in and our worship are posted on our Facebook page and we tweet regularly using "@riponcathedral".

Sitting, kneeling, standing

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers. This Order of service invites you to sit, kneel or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and adopt the posture you find most comfortable.

Singing at Ripon Cathedral

We are delighted that lay clerks will sing on our behalf. However, sadly congregational singing is not permitted.

Coronavirus

Ripon Cathedral continues to follow the guidance issued by the national church, which is regularly updated to take account of the most recent government advice. Consequently, it has been decided to continue to suspend the common cup (the chalice) at the administration of holy communion.

Following the Government's advice, the wearing of masks is compulsory unless you fall into an exempt category.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available. Please ask those who welcomed you if you would like one.

An induction loop system is also in operation for hearing aid users.



Please switch off your mobile phone before the service begins.

Photography and video/audio recording by members of the congregation is not permitted during the service.

Welcome to this service

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

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

The Easter Eucharist follows immediately on the Vigil. All the resources of the church - music, flowers, bells, colours, incense, water - are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

The President is the Rt. Rev'd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield.

The preacher is the Rev'd Canon Dr. Flora Winfield,
the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor for Reconciliation.

The service is sung by lay clerks of the Cathedral Choir.

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The Service of Light

The Marking of the Easter Candle

The service begins outside the West Front of the Cathedral.

The congregation are invited to remain in their places turning to face the west door.

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

The new fire is kindled.

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

All Amen.

After the blessing of the new fire the president marks the Easter candle by tracing the cross, then the Greek letters Alpha and Omega above and below the cross respectively, and the numerals 2021 between the arms of the cross.

President Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

All Amen.

5 incense grains are placed in the candle to represent the wounds of Christ.

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

All Amen.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault. Most blessed of all nights. Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

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

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. 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 the world! Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Vigil

Introduction

President 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.

Please sit.

Old Testament Readings

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the

Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground.’ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 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. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; so the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord.

Exodus 14.10 – 15.1

The lay clerks sing the song of the Israelites, taken from Exodus 15.

Choir

I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously:
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become
my salvation: this is my God and I will praise him; my father’s
God and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war: The Lord is
his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he has cast into the
sea: and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea. The
floods cover them: they went down into the depths like a
stone. Thy right hand O Lord is glorious in power: thy right
hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Thou wilt bring in thy people and plant them on thine own
mountain: the place O Lord which thou hast made for thine
abode; the sanctuary O Lord which thy hands have
established. The Lord will reign: for ever and ever.

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

President
All

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
therefore let us keep the feast.

President 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 your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

The Second Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

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

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Lay clerks Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks :
 so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself :
for I went with the multitude,
 and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving :
among such as keep holy-day.

O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me :
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God
 even unto the God of my joy and gladness :
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God my God.

Verses from Ps. 42,42

President Christ gives the living water
All Christ is the fountain of eternal life.

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

All Amen.

The Third Reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Lay clerks When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.
What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest:
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams:
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, thou earth at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
who turned the hard rock into a standing water:
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Ps. 114

President Christ is the resurrection and the Life
All Those who believe in Christ will never die.

President God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church,
By the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand.

The Easter Acclamation

President The time has come to turn now to the scriptures of the New
Covenant. To greet them, as the Easter Gospel draws closer,
let the organ sound, and the *Gloria* be sung!

All Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*A joyful fanfare is played and all the candles in the cathedral are lit, lights are
switched on.
The Gloria is sung.*

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir

*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.*

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.

*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.*

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

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria
Dei Patris. Amen.*

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

The Collect

President Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ:

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

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.3-11

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Easter Gospel

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Choir **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reader Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

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. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the

stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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.' 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.

Mark 16. 1-8

Gospel Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Procession to the Font

The president moves to the font, filling it with water as the following is sung.

Hymn

*Lay clerks The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 now is the victor's triumph won;
 O let the song of praise be sung.
 Alleluya!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!*

*On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!*

NEH 119

Words: Latin 17th Century tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: VICTORY, From the 'Gloria' of Palestrina's Magnificat Tertii Toni

Please stand

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

President As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the Paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him.
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:

All Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

President Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
All **I renounce them.**

President Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
All **I repent of them.**

President Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
All **I turn to Christ.**

President Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
All **I submit to Christ.**

President Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
All **I come to Christ.**

Prayer over the Water

The water in the font is blessed.

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **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 baptised 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.

President 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.
All **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.
All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

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

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

President Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

President Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Paschal candle is sprinkled with baptismal water.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President 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!

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

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory

President We celebrate the gifts and grace of God
**All We take this bread, we take this wine,
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and on this night of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Choir

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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.

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends, and
taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

All

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms,
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Peter, St Wilfrid and all the saints,
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

Giving of Communion

We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive a Blessing, please come up with this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed by sidespeople. If you require a Gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the minister when receiving Communion.

During communion the lay clerks sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis*

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

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem*

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

Motet

While Christ lay dead, the widowed world
Wore willow green for hope undone:
Till, when bright Easter dews impearled
The chilly burial earth,
All north and south, all east and west,
Flushed rosy in the arising sun;
Hope laughed, and Faith resumed her rest,
And Love remembered mirth.

*Words Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
Music Havelock Nelson (1917-1996)*

The blessed sacrament is taken to the chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

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

All **Amen.**

During the hymn the president and clergy move to the Easter Garden.

Hymn

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

*Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

NEH 120
Words: French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)
Music: MACCABEUS G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Blessing of the Easter Garden

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
to you be glory now and for ever.
In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By your blessing + may we who have prepared this Garden
in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

All **Blessed be God for ever. Alleluia!**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President 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.

All **Amen.**

The Easter Dismissal

President Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

Te Deum

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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