

All Saints Margaret Street

THE SOLEMN VIGIL and FIRST MASS of EASTER

16th April 2022

This liturgy is live streamed on [YouTube](#).

SETTING:

Missa Sancti Nicolai

Haydn (1732-1809)

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Congregation gathers in the darkened Church.

Dear 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 Celebrant blesses the New Fire.

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.**

He then marks on the Paschal Candle: the Cross; the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega; and the numerals of the year, saying:

Christ yesterday and today,
the Beginning and the End,
the Alpha and the Omega.
All time belongs to him,
and all ages.
To him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.
Amen.

After this the Celebrant inserts the five grains of incense into the Paschal Candle, saying:

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

The Celebrant then lights the Paschal Candle, saying:
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

At the Church entrance the Deacon lifts the Paschal Candle and sings:

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God. (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

The Choir and Congregation's candles are now lit.

The Deacon carries the Candle to the nave crossing and sings:

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God. (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

The Deacon carries the Candle to the Chancel gates and sings:

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God. (*genuflect towards the Candle*)

The Paschal Candle is then placed on the stand by the pulpit.

Incense is blessed and the Deacon receives a blessing from the Celebrant and then censes the book and the Candle.

EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Please remain standing

Exult, 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.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Dear 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.

THE FIRST READING:

Please sit

Genesis 1.1 - 2.4a The account of creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed,

and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth,

everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

No response is made at the end of the Vigil readings

PSALM 104.1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment : and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

He laid the foundations of the earth : that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment : the waters stand in the hills.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers : which run among the hills.

All beasts of the field drink thereof : and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation : and sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from above : the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle : and green herb for the service of men;

O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

Please remain seated until the Celebrant rises, then stand for the COLLECT.

THE SECOND READING:

Please sit

Genesis 22: 1-18 The sacrifice of Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

PSALM 16.6, 9-12

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :
thou shalt maintain my lot.

I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand,
therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also
shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou
suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of
joy : and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Please remain seated until the Celebrant rises, then stand for the COLLECT.

THE THIRD READING:

Please sit

Exodus 14.15-15.1 Israel's deliverance

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 I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. 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. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 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. He clogged their chariot wheels so

that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 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; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

The canticle follows immediately:

The Cantic of Moses: Exodus 15.1b-6, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted : the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge : the Lord has become my Saviour.

This is my God and I will praise him : the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior : Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea : the finest of those who bear armour have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them : they sank into the depths like a stone.

You will bring them in and plant them : on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord : the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign : for ever and for ever.

Please remain seated until the Celebrant rises, then stand for the COLLECT.

THE FOURTH READING:*Please sit***Isaiah 54: 5-14** *On the new Jerusalem*

Thus says the Lord: Now your creator will be your husband, his name, the Lord of Hosts; your redeemer will be the Holy One of Israel, he is called the God of the whole earth. Yes, like a forsaken wife, distressed in spirit, the Lord calls you back. Does a man cast off the wife of his youth? says your God. I did forsake you for a brief moment, but with great love will I take you back. In excess of anger, for a moment I hid my face from you. But with everlasting love I have taken pity on you, says the Lord, your redeemer. I am now as I was in the days of Noah when I swore that Noah's waters should never flood the world again. So now I swear concerning my anger with you and the threats I made against you; for the mountains may depart, the hills be shaken, but my love for you will never leave you and my covenant of peace with you will never be shaken, says the Lord who takes pity on you. Unhappy creature, storm-tossed, disconsolate, see, I will set your stones on carbuncles and your foundations on sapphires. I will make rubies your battlements, your gates crystal, and your entire wall precious stones. Your sons will all be taught by the Lord. The prosperity of your sons will be great. You will be founded on integrity; remote from oppression, you will have nothing to fear; remote from terror, it will not approach you.

PSALM 30.1, 3-5, 11-12

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Please remain seated until the Celebrant rises, then stand for the COLLECT.

THE FIFTH READING:

Please sit

Ezekiel 36: 24-28 A new heart and a new Spirit

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.

PSALM 42.1-5, 43.3-4

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?

My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy 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.

*Please remain seated until the Celebrant rises, then stand for the **COLLECT***

Bells are rung - the Congregation may join in by ringing of hand bells.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is sung by the choir.*

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, Jesu Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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.

During the Gloria the altar candles are lit, the Church lights are put on and the congregation's candles are extinguished.

COLLECT

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,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE EPISTLE: *Romans 6.3-11*

Please sit

A reading from St Paul's letter 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ALLELUIAS

Please stand

Alleluia, **alleluia, alleluia.**

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious : and that his mercy endureth for ever.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.

The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24.1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rt Revd Rowan Williams

BAPTISMAL LITURGY: THE BLESSING OF THE FONT

Dearly 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.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Saint Michael,

Holy Angels of God,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

Saint Peter and Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint John,

Saint Mary Magdalene,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius of Antioch,

Saint Laurence,

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,

Saint Agnes,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Augustine,

Saint Athanasius,

Saint Basil,

Saint Martin,

Saint Benedict,

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,

Saint Francis Xavier,

Saint John Vianney,

Saint Catherine of Sienna,

Saint Teresa of Jesus,

All holy men and women Saints of God,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

pray for us

pray for us *etc*

Lord be merciful, **Lord deliver us we pray.**
From all evil
From every sin,
From everlasting death,
By your Incarnation,
By your Death and Resurrection,
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Be merciful to us sinners, **Lord, we ask you hear our prayer.**
Make this font holy by your
grace for the new birth
of your children, **Lord, we ask you hear our prayer.**
Jesus, Son of the living God, **Lord, we ask you hear our prayer.**

Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**
Christ, graciously hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

The Celebrant says:

Almighty ever-living God,
be present by the mysteries of your great love
and send forth the spirit of adoption
to create the new peoples
brought to birth for you I the font of Baptism,
so that what is to be carried out by our humble service
may be brought to fulfilment by your mighty power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Celebrant then blesses the baptismal water:

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.

And, lowering the paschal candle into the water three times, he continues:
May the power of the Holy Spirit,
O Lord, we pray, come down through your Son
into the fullness of this font,

and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:
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.

Amen.

The choir sings:

Springs of water, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The Celebrant addresses the congregation and candidates for baptism and confirmation; the congregation hold their lighted candles.

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.

Presentation of the Candidates

The Bishop asks the candidate for baptism

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptized

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

The Bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop addresses the candidates for baptism and confirmation.

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

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

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

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

I come to Christ.

Anointing of the baptism candidate with the Oil of Catechumens

The Bishop says

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

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.

Baptism

The Bishop pours water on the candidate, saying

N, I baptize you

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

Amen.

The Bishop says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,

pour upon you the riches of his grace,

that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people

you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,

and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear 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 all 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 all: 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.

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 people are then sprinkled with the blessed water, while the Choir
sings:*

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right
side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came
were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya, Alleluya.

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy
endureth forever.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:
Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name
N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying
Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands
have been laid*
**Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

And with thy spirit. Alleluia!

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 103 *Alleluya! Alleluya!*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this, our sacrifice,
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy 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:

Accept, 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

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *are sung by the choir:*

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.

Please kneel

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

... O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dail - y bread,
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
For thine is the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry; for e-ver and e - ver. A-men.

AGNUS DEI *is sung by the choir.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy

that thou shouldest come under my roof,

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The choir sings the communion antiphon.

*Please use either of the **two** communion stations.*

Gluten-free hosts are available at the Lady Altar station.

COMMUNION HYMN: 113 *Love's redeeming work is done*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour 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 BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata from Symphonie no.5* Widor (1844-1937)

*Retiring collection: please make donations in the collection plate or tap
your debit or credit card on the machine.*

Lent Appeal 2022

Our whole Lent Appeal this year will support the Diocese of Europe
and USPG's appeal to relieve the situation in Ukraine.

For more information, and to make a donation, visit [**asms.uk/Lent**](https://www.asms.uk/Lent)

EASTER DAY

Guest preacher Bishop Rowan Williams

Sunday 17th April

Easter Day

Parish and People

11.00 am High Mass with sermon

5.15 pm Mass

6.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

You can contact the clergy through the Parish Office:
020 7636 1788 or **office@asms.uk**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1st May 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher at the 11.00 am High Mass: The Revd Steve Rice, Rector, St Timothy's, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

Monday 2nd May – National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 15th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher at the 11.00 am High Mass: The Revd Carol Barret Ford, Vicar, St Martin's, Gospel Oak.

Sunday 5th June - 3.30pm: Organ recital – Jeremiah Stephenson

22nd-25th July - Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 14th August - 3.30pm: Organ recital – William Forrest

Sunday 14th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Guest Preacher at the 6.00 pm Evensong and Solemn Benediction: The Revd Graeme Rowlands, Vicar, St Silas', Kentish Town.