



EASTER DAY

FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 31st March 2024

11.15a.m.

Musical Setting

Missa brevis - Zoltán Kodály (1882 - 1967)

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand as the choir sings

THE INTROIT *in the Ambulatory*

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea, alleluya.

*This is the day that the Lord has made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!*

William Byrd (1540-1623)

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

Jesus Christ is risen to-day! Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!

Lyra Davidica (1708)

THE GREETING

The Bishop says
Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

The Bishop sings

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE READING

Acts 10: 34-43

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

are sung by the choir.

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more;
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying, he died to sin once for all;
in living, he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin;
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:
the firstfruits of those who sleep.

Since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

THE GOSPEL READING

All stand to face the reader

Mark 16: 1-18

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark,
chapter sixteen, beginning at verse one.

All sing

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of Christ

All sing

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sit for

THE SERMON

The Bishop

All stand and say
THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In joy and hope we pray.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy
of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may encourage us to provide for those
who lack food, work, or shelter, especially in this city and beyond,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand for
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 Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
and all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Greek, St John of Damascus (c. 750)
Tr J. M. Neale (1816-1866)*

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord of life, with unbounded joy
we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven,
may we know your resurrection power;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast. *1 Cor. 5. 7, 8*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised your Son gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb
who was sacrificed for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising again
he has restored to us everlasting life.

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings **SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them saying,
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation, we are bold to say
Our Father, who art in heaven ...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

THE COMMUNION

Bread and wine:
the gifts of God for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

*All communicant members of other Christian traditions
are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

During Communion the choir sings

AGNUS DEI

THE COMMUNION MOTET

Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via?
Sepulcrum Christi viventis, et gloriam vidi resurgentis:
Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes.
Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet vos in Galilaeam.
Alleluia.

*Tell us, Mary, what did you see on your way?
The tomb of Christ, who is alive, and I saw the glory of his rising;
Angels standing as witnesses, the shroud and linen cloth.
Christ my hope has risen: he has gone to Galilee before you.
Alleluia.*

Giovanni Bassano (c. 1558-1617)

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for reflection and thanksgiving.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028);
Tr Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Litanies – *Jehan Alain* (1911 - 1940)