



PONTIFICAL MASS

Principal Celebrant
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

Sung by members of the
Choir of Westminster Cathedral

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

4 April 2021 12.00

ORDER OF MASS

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

As the Cardinal moves to the Sanctuary the Choir sings:

INTROIT

Resurréxi et adhuc tecum sum, allelúia: posuísti super me manum tuam, allelúia: mirábilis facta est sciéntia tua, allelúia, allelúia.

I am risen, and I am always with you, alleluia; you have placed your hand upon me, alleluia; Your wisdom has been shown to be most wonderful, alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 138, 18. 5. 6

Plainsong

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Cardinal: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Cardinal: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

All sit.

The Choir sings:

KYRIE

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Messa a tre voci
Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)*

All stand.

GLORIA

The Cardinal intones:

Glória

in excélsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

All sit as the Choir continues:

et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis; qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

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

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Antonio Lotti*

All stand.

COLLECT

Cardinal: Let us pray.
O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever:
Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hæc dies, quam fecit Dóminus: exsultémus, et lætémur in ea. ʒ: Confitémini Dómino, quóniam bonus: quóniam in sæculum misericórdia eius.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ʒ: Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand with the Cardinal.

ALLELUIA

I Corinthians 5:7

Allelúia. Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus.

Alleluia. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed.

SEQUENCE

Víctimæ pascháli laudes ímmolent Christiáni. Agnus redémit oves: Christus ínnocens Patri reconciliávit peccatóres. Mors et vita duéllo conflixére mirándo: dux vitæ mórtuus, regnat vivus. Dic nobis Maríá, quid vidísti in via? Sepúlchrum Christi vivéntis, et glóriam vidi resurgéntis: Angélicos testes, sudárium, et vestes. Surréxit Christus spes mea: præcédet suos in Galiléam. Scimus Christum surrexísse a mórtuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserére. Amen. Allelúia.

Christians to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary, say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you into Galilee. that Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show! Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL
John 20:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together; but the other disciple, running faster than Peter; reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

HOMILY
The Archbishop of Westminster

All stand.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

On this Paschal feast the Profession of Faith takes the form of the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Cardinal: 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 renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:
Do you renounce sin,
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?
I do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MOTET

Christo resurgenti, Christo triumphanti, applaudant sydera. Alleluia.
Fide vindicata, morte superata laetentur omnia. Alleluia.

*With Christ risen, with Christ triumphant, the stars clap their hands. Alleluia.
With faith vindicated, with death conquered, all things rejoice. Alleluia.*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Cardinal: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Cardinal: Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE I OF EASTER

The Paschal Mystery

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

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

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

SANCTUS

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

All kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Cardinal: The mystery of faith.
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

DOXOLOGY

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father; in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever:
Amen.

All sit.

COMMUNION RITE

Cardinal:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare 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 those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

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

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

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

All kneel.

Cardinal: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The Cardinal displays the Body and Blood of Christ to all gathered, prior to approaching Holy Communion.

Cardinal: The Body of Christ.
Amen.
The Blood of Christ.
Amen.

Please follow the instructions of the stewards for Holy Communion. Please remove your face covering before reaching the Priest, receive Holy Communion in front of the Priest and then replace your face covering before returning to your place via the side aisles.

Those who are not Roman Catholic or do not wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the Priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

During Holy Communion the Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI II

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Messa a tre voci
Antonio Lotti*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus, allelúia: ítaque epulémur
in ázymis sinceritátis et veritátis, allelúia, allelúia, allelúia.*

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us
keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and
truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cardinal: Let us pray.

*Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Cardinal:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude & Fugue in B major Op.7

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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