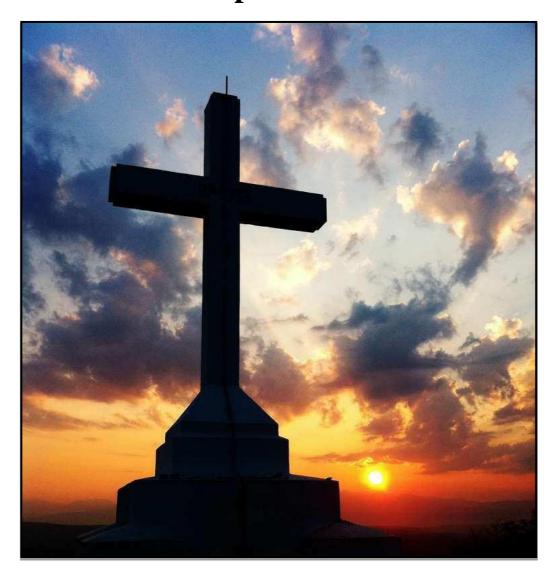


## Great Paschal Vigil 8th April 2023



The Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Choral Eucharist, 9pm.

**Presider:** Father Jan Joustra *German Mass – R. Proulx* 

## Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.

#### THE GREETING

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord in which, through word and sacrament, we share in his victory over death.

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 hehas begun.

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

As the Paschal Candle is lit, the President says:

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.

#### Amen.

The President marks the sign of the cross on the Paschal Candle and says:

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 forever.

#### Amen.

The President marks the five wounds of Christ and says: By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

#### Amen.

The Deacon now leading the procession, followed by the Crucifer, Acolytes, Clergy, Choir and People, enters the darkened church singing the following:

The Deacon sings: The light of Christ.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

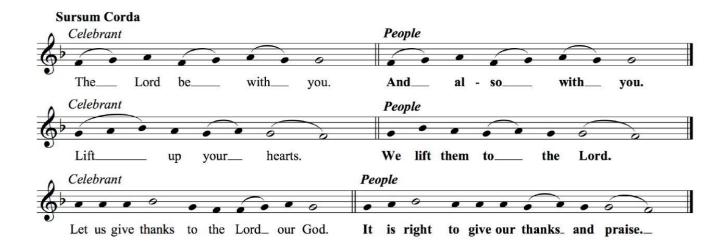
The Exultet (The Easter Song of Praise)

After the Paschal Candle has been placed in its stand, this ancient hymn of praise to God is sung.

Cantor: Andrew Murray

Cantor Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult all creation around God's throne! ...



Cantor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Cantor Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Cantor: It is truly right ...

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD FIRST LESSON

## A reading from the book Genesis.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among thetrees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; andI hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord Godsaid to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one ofus, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever' – therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the gardenof Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He droveout the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:8–13, 22–24

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: THE SONG OF MIRIAM – EXODUS 15.1B-3, 6, 10, 13,

I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

This is my God whom I will praise:

the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.

The Lord is a warrior: the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power: your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

## At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

In your unfailing love, O Lord:

you lead the people whom you have redeemed.

## And by your invincible strength:

## you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord: in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

#### **SECOND LESSON**

## A reading from the book Exodus.

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tellthe 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 drovethe sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the seainto dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites wentinto the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for themon their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and wentinto 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.'

Exodus 14:15–25

#### **PSALM 143**

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

in your faithfulness consider my petition, and in your righteousness give me answer.

Bring not your servant into judgement: for in your sight can no one living be justified.

For the enemy has pursued me, they have crushed my life to the ground:they have made me dwell in darkness, like those forever dead.

Therefore my spirit grows faint: and my heart is appalled within me.

I remember the days of old,

I think on all that you have done:

I consider the works of your hands.

I stretch out my hands toward you:

my soul yearns for you like a thirsty land.

Be swift to hear me, O Lord, for my spirit fails:hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

O let me hear of your merciful kindness in the morning, for my trust is in you: show me the way that I should go, for you are my hope.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord:

for I run to you for shelter.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God: let your kindly spirit lead me in an even path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life: and for the sake of your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

In your merciful goodness slay my enemies, and destroy all those that come against me: for truly I am your servant.

#### THIRD LESSON

## A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while heis near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and mythoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-9

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 98**

O sing to the Lord a new song:

for he has done marvelous things;

His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance

in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:break into singing and make melody.

Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.

With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it.

Let the rivers clap their hands: and let the mountains ring out together

before the Lord;

For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

#### **FOURTH LESSON**

## A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'OLord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

Ezekiel 37:1–6

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength:

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:

and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;

Though the waters rage and foam:

and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved:

God will help her, and at break of day.

The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:

but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

## the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### THE COLLECT

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.** 

#### THE GLORIA

During the singing of the Gloria, the lights of the Church are turned on.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to Gods people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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

receive our prayer.

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 EPISTLE

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised 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 bodyof 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.

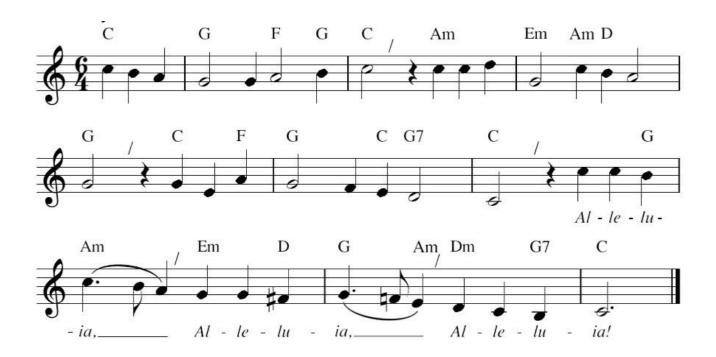
Romans 6:3–11

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

#### **TIS 367**



- 1. The strife is past, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won; now let the song of praise be sung: *Alleluia!*
- 2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus has his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst: *Alleluia!*
- 3. On the third day he rose againglorious in majesty to reign; let us take up the great refrain: *Alleluia!*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

# A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

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 stonefor 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 toldyou.' 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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn continued:

- 4. He closed the frowning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell; let hymns of praise his triumph tell: *Alleluia!*
- 5. Now by your stripes, our wounded King, your servants free from death's dread sting, that we may live in you, and sing 'Alleluia!'

Anon., Latin, in Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, Cologne, 1695 tr. Francis Pott 1832–1909 alt.

#### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As the Clergy process to the Font, the congregation is invited to come forward and gather around the Font. When all are gathered, the President says:

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, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of the Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

The president addresses the congregation as follows

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:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

## All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

#### All I renounce them.

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

## All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

#### All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

## All I submit to Christ.

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

## All I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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 president says

## Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### All Amen.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

#### THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

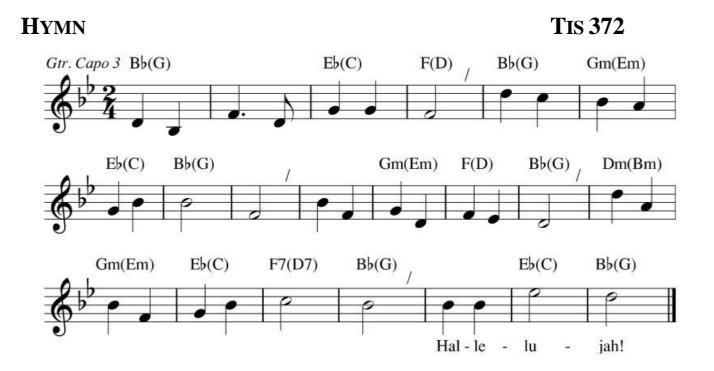
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.



1. Jesus lives! your terrors now can, O death, no more appal us; Jesus lives! by this we know now the grave cannot enthral us. *Hallelujah!* 

- 2. Jesus lives! for us he died; then may we, for Jesus living, pure in heart, in him abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Hallelujah!
- 3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well naught from us his love shall sever: fame, or hurt, or powers of hell tear us from his keeping never. *Hallelujah!*
- 4. Jesus lives! henceforth is death not for us a gloomy portal when we take our final breath, but the gate to life immortal. Hallelujah!
- 5. Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given; may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Hallelujah!

Christian Fürchtegott Gellert 1715–69 tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox 1812–97 and others

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

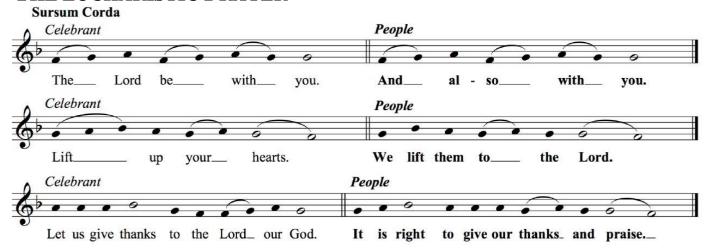
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the breadof life.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

## We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places, Lord, holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

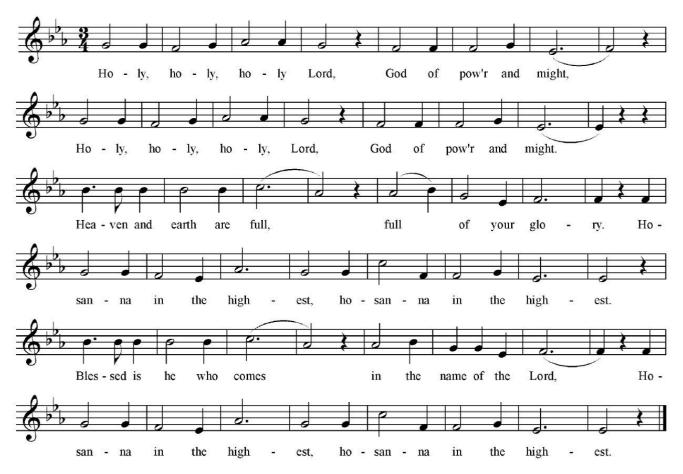
In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice, and died upon the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raised from death and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, for every praising you and singing:



Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

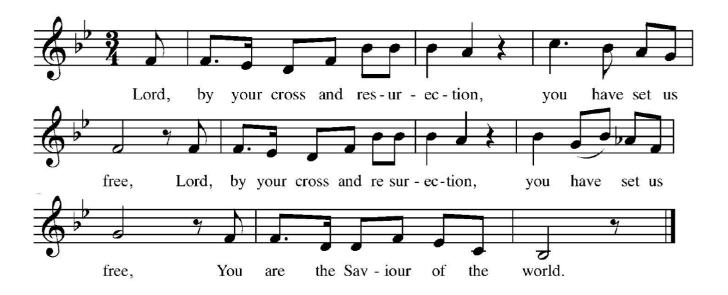
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for youand for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

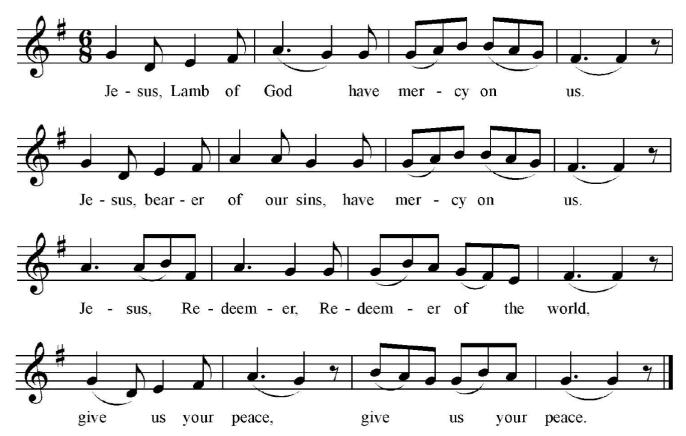
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### THE INVITATION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

#### **ANTHEM**

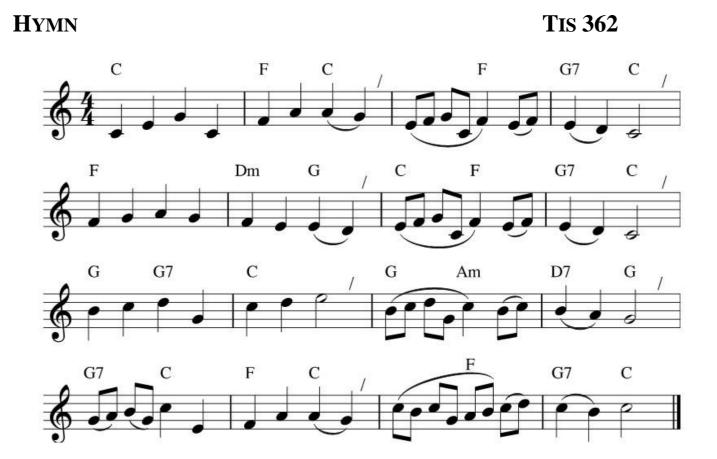
"Alleluia" J S Bach (from BWV 230)

#### **POST-COMMUNION 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. **Amen.** 

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.



1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who so lately on the cross alleluia!

suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia!

- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ, our heavenly king, who endured the cross and grave sinners to redeem and save.
- 3. But the pain that he endured our salvation has procured; now exalted he is king, and the angels ever sing:

Anon., Lyra Davidica 1708 alt. based on a 14th-cent. ms.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia! **Amen.** We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

Erstanden ist der Heilge Christ. BWV 628. Risen is the holy Christ

Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn. BWV 630 Today the Son of God triumphs. JS Bach

Applause is not appropriate.

Please pray for those in need: including Neil and Tricia, Father Rob, Bishop John (Parkes), Bianca and family, Gerard, Annie and Ben, Colette and John, Karina and Anna.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Myrtle Hodgson.

If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

The Roster		
	April 8th (Easter Vigil)	April 9th (Easter Sunday)
Readers	Geoff Jenkins Susan Gribben Samuel Miller Robert Gribben TBC	Audrey Statham Lewis Gurr-Stephen
Serving Team	Anne, Alice, Peter	Andrew, Peter
Welcome	Samuel Miller	Michael Golding
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	N/A	Harriet Jenkins
Hospitality	Supper?	
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