

The Parish Church of All Saints, St Ives

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter



The Service of Light

The building being in darkness, the ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter candle.

All stand and face the Priest

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Dear 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 children scattered throughout the world, to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. If we remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his victory over death and living with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Make this new fire † holy and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

The Priest lights the Easter candle with the taper, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister bearing the candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers. They pause just inside the entrance.

The minister bearing the candle raises it and sings:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

As the members of the congregation enter the building their candles are lit by the tapers.

The procession moves into the centre of the building and then stops.

The minister bearing the candle raises it and sings:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The procession continues to the front of the nave and stops.

The minister bearing the candle raises it and sings:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet

The Easter (Paschal) candle is placed on its stand. The congregation remains standing while the Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth in glory, radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light, join me in asking God for mercy, that he may give his unworthy minister grace to sing his Easter praises.

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

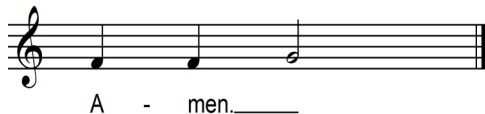
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Exsultet continues util its conclusion:

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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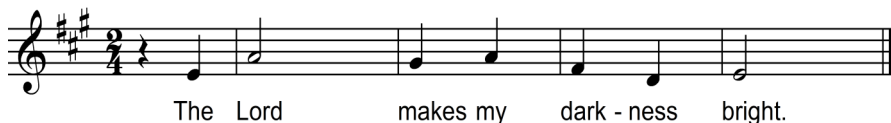
The Liturgy of the Word

The Vigil Readings

*The church remains in darkness throughout the readings. Each reading is followed by a Psalm or Canticle, after which there is a period of silence and finally a prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.***

Noah and the Flood (Genesis 7:1–5,11–18; 8: 6–19; 9: 8–13)

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 36: 1-6)



Sin speaks to sinners
in the depths of their hearts.

There is no fear of God before their eyes. (*Response*)

They so flatter themselves in their minds
that they know not their guilt.

In their mouths are mischief and deceit.

All wisdom is gone. (*Response*)

They plot the defeat of goodness
as they lie on their bed.

They have set their foot on evil ways,
they cling to what is evil. (*Response*)

Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven;
your truth to the skies.

Your justice is like God's mountain,
your judgements like the deep. (*Response*)

Silence is kept

In baptism we died to sin.

In Christ we are raised to life.

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptised into the death of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, may continually put to death our evil
desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and
gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his
merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14: 10–31; 15: 1a)

Canticle: *The Song of Moses and Miriam* (Exodus 15)



I will sing to the Lord, glo-rious his tri-umph!

I will sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!

Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea,

the Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.

This is my God and I extol him,

my father's God and I give him praise. (*Response*)

The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharoah he hurled into the sea,
the deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. (*Response*)



Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in its power,
your right hand, O Lord has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. (*Response*)

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. (*Response*)

Silence is kept.

The Lord is my strength and my might.

He has become my salvation.

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent
your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the
tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to
our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Come to the Water (Isaiah 55: 1–11)

Canticle (from Isaiah 12)



Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour. *(Response)*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name. *(Response)*

Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *(Response)*

Silence is kept.

Whoever comes to Christ will never be hungry.

All who believe in Christ will never thirst.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his
victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Stand for the **Gloria in Excelsis**

Priest: Glory to God in the highest

After the Priest has intoned the Gloria, bells are rung and the organ plays vigorously while lights and candles are lit to signify our passing from darkness to light. You should now extinguish your own candles. When this is complete we all sing the Gloria joyously and with great enthusiasm!



peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,
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Collect

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
Let us pray.

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.

New Testament Reading (Romans 6: 3–11)

At the end of the reading:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Solemn Alleluia

The First Alleluia of Easter is sung with great solemnity, using a very ancient chant reserved exclusively for use during the Easter Vigil.
The Priest first intones the Alleluia, which is then repeated by the choir and congregation. It is sung three times, each time higher than the last.



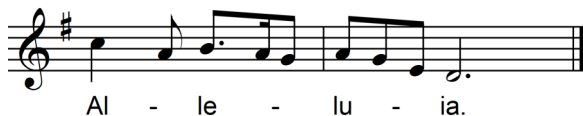
¶ All then join in singing the **Gospel Acclamation**



Cantor: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



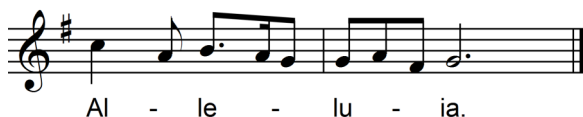
Cantor: He has defeated the powers of death.



Cantor: Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.



Cantor: He has the words of eternal life.



The complete Alleluia, as sung at the start of the acclamation, is repeated.

Gospel (Luke 24: 1–12)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spiritual Reading

¶ All join in the **Procession to the Font**
During the Procession the Litany of the Saints is sung

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

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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

Pray for us
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Saint John
Saint Mary Magdalene
Saint Stephen
Saint Gregory
Saint Augustine
Saint Ivo and Saint Neot
All holy men and women

Pray for us
Lord, save your people
Lord, save your people

Lord, be merciful
From all evil
From every sin
From everlasting death
By your coming as man
By your death and rising to new life

By your gift of the Holy Spirit
Be merciful to us sinners
By your grace, bless this font where your children will be reborn

Lord, save your people
Lord, hear our prayer

Jesus, Son of the living God
Christ, hear us
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Renewal of Baptismal promises

¶ *Stand for the* **Prayer over the Water**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Decision

The priest addresses all present:

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject Satan? **I do.**

And all his works? **I do.**

And all his empty promises? **I do.**

Declaration of Faith

If your faith makes you ready to accept the responsibility of Christian living, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which we were all baptised.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

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?

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 also with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with the words
Christ is risen and giving the response He is risen indeed.

Offertory Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King;
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side.
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
How thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

Words: *Ad regias Agni dapes*, translated by Robert Campbell (1814–1868)

Tune *Salzburg*: Melody attributed to Jakob Hinze (1622–1702),
harmonised by Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my 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.**

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 Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

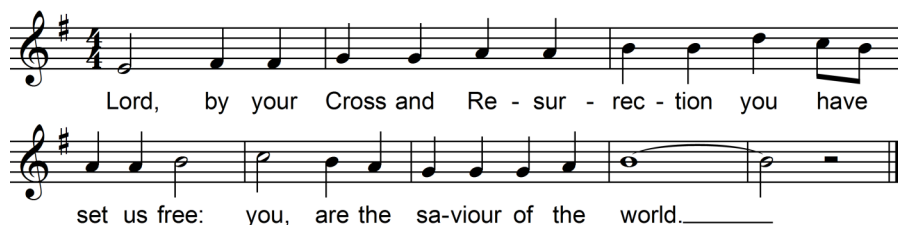
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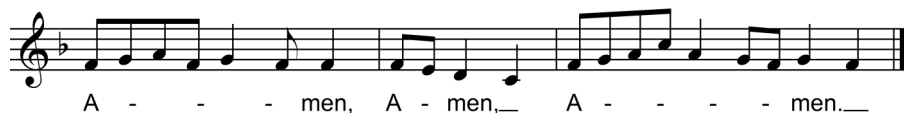
The priest praises God for his mighty acts, concluding:
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest recalls the Last Supper; the Deacon then sings:
Jesus Christ is Lord:.*



*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which concludes:
almighty Father, for ever and ever.*



The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, ...

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

¶ *Kneel or sit for the* **Lamb of God**

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

¶ *Remain kneeling or seated for the* **Communion Hymn**

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

(continued overleaf)

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Tune *Savannah (Herrnhut)*: from John Wesley's Foundery Collection (1742)

¶ *Stand for the* **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

O God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Solemn Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Now is eternal life,
 If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
 And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.

Man long in bondage lay,
 Brooding o'er life's brief span;
Was it, O God, for naught,
 For naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath,
Shall hope undying end in death?

For God, the living God,
 Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
 Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
 Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
 Nor life nor death can part;
My life is hid in God with thee,
Now and through all eternity.

(continued overleaf)

Thee will I love and serve
 Now in time's passing day;
 Thy hand shall hold me fast
 When time is done away,
 In God's unknown eternal spheres
 To serve him through eternal years.

Words: George Wallace Biggs (1875–1959)

Tune *Christchurch*: Charles Steggall (1826–1905)

Dismissal



Go in the peace of Christ, Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.____
 Thanks be to God, Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.____

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on the Easter Sequence

Victimae Paschali laudes (Praise to the Easter Victim)