



Great Paschal Vigil
Saturday 19 April 2025
Lighting of Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows
& Choral Eucharist, 8pm
Mthr Dorothy Lee & Fr Luke Hopkins

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold***
and joining in the music.

OUTLINE

The early church began the practice of the Vigil on the night before Easter Day, based on the Jewish calendar where the day begins at sunset. We light the Easter (Paschal) Candle from a charcoal fire, recalling the risen Christ's appearance to his disciples on the beach. We process into the darkened church, lighting our tapers from the Candle and listen to the good news of the resurrection from Scripture, prefigured in our Old Testament readings. We hear the story of the resurrection from Matthew which tells of two disciples, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the first to meet the risen Christ, believe the resurrection and respond joyfully to their commission. We renew our baptismal vows, and include the baptism of two babies. We celebrate the holy Eucharist, the great remembrance of Jesus' continuing presence with us, offering us hope with the promise of final peace and justice in a world torn apart by violence, injustice, suffering and death.

We gather outside the church to begin our celebration.

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 its members throughout the world to gather in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord when we share in his victory over death. We hear

the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how God's people were saved in ages past, and how God sent the Son to be our Redeemer. We pray that through this Easter celebration God's saving work may be fulfilled in us.

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the fire of your love, and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The sign of the cross is made:

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 five wounds of Christ are marked:

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





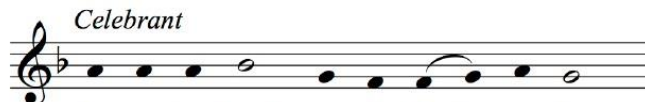

We process into the church, following the Paschal Candle, and light our tapers.

The light of Christ: **Thanks be to God.**

EXULTET (EASTER SONG OF PRAISE)

Rejoice, heavenly powers ...

Sursum Corda

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
The Lord be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right ...

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of 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 the trees 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, and I 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 God said 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 humans have become like one of us, knowing good and evil, and now they might reach out their hands and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever—therefore the LORD God sent them forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken. He drove out the humans, 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.**

PSALM 98

O sing to the Lord a new song:

for he has done marvellous 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.**

A reading from the Book of Exodus

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. Then 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 on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a 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)

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: SONG OF MIRIAM

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.

A reading from the Book of 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 around 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, O Lord GOD, you know. Then he said to me, Prophecy 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.

COLLECT

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is risen, alleluia! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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GLORIA

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

Choir/All



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you - we

give you thanks we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God in the high - est and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; You are

sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Go - ry to God in the

high - est and peace - to God's peo - ple on earth. A - men.

EPISTLE

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we were 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 also 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, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we 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

Al - le - lu -
- ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>1. The strife is past, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
now let the song of praise be sung:
<i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>2. Death's mightiest powers have done
their worst,
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;</p> | <p>let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
<i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>3. On the third day he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
let us take up the great refrain:
<i>Alleluia!</i></p> |
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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for

Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him. This is my message for you. So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, Greetings! And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me. (Matthew 28:1-10)

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn continues:

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| 4. He closed the frowning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals
fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
<i>Alleluia!</i> | 5. Now by your stripes, our wounded
King,
your servants free from death's dread
sting,
that we may live in you, and sing
<i>'Alleluia!'</i> |
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BAPTISM & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

As the clergy process to the font, the congregation is invited to gather around it.

We welcome those who come to renew their baptismal vows and those who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Sponsors: We present Jean to be baptised.

Sponsors: We present Noel to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing these children for baptism? **I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of these children? **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage these children in the life and faith of the Christian community? **I will with God's help.**

Praise and thanksgiving be to you ... the fountain of new birth.

The Paschal Candle is plunged into the font.

Send down upon the waters ... strength to the world.

The Paschal Candle is raised out of the water.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord ... world without end. **Amen.**

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 the sponsors of these children and all the baptised gathered here:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject all selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? **I reject them all.**

Do you reject Satan and all evil? **I renounce all that is evil.**

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

I come to Christ.

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as disciples of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

Almighty God, deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you all, with the sponsors of these children, to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in God's 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 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.**

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith:**

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jean/Noel Constant, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Jean/Noel, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

For both children:

God has called you into his Church:

**We therefore receive and welcome you as members with us of the
body of Christ, as children of the one heavenly Father and as
inheritors of the kingdom of God.**

RENEWAL

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised 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.

Amen.

The congregation is sprinkled with water.

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 388

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:
Staff 1: F4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4.
Staff 2: F4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4.
Staff 3: Dm4, F4, Bb4, C5, F4, G7, C5, C7.
Staff 4: F4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4.

1. Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die,
alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight,
alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.
2. See, the stone is rolled away,
alleluia,
from the tomb where once he lay,
alleluia;
he has risen as he said, alleluia,
glorious firstborn from the dead,
alleluia.
3. Mary, Mother, greet your Son,
alleluia,
radiant from his triumph won,
alleluia;
by his cross you shared his pain,
alleluia,
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.
4. Magd'len, wipe away your tears,
alleluia:
he has come who calms your fears,
alleluia;
hear the Master speak your name,
alleluia;
turn to him with heart aflame,
alleluia.
5. Seek not life within the tomb,
alleluia;
Christ stands in the upper room,
alleluia:
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.
6. Christ, the victor over death, alleluia,
breathes on us the Spirit's breath,
alleluia.
Paradise is our reward, alleluia,
endless Easter with our Lord,
alleluia!

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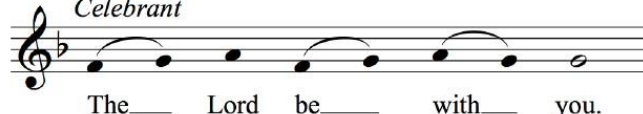




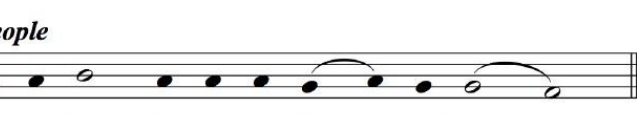
PREPARATIONS OF GIFTS

Blessed are you...

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>

All glory and honour be yours...

... for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Sanctus *f*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, comes in the
easing... f a tempo
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Merciful God, we thank you ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

1. Choir; 2. ALL

mf *f*



Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come a-gain.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded ...

... in songs of never-ending praise:

Doxology *f*

Bless-ing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are_

yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - - men._____

LORD'S PRAYER

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 who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Choir (SA)
mf warmly

Agnus Dei

 Lamb___ of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

ALL Choir (TB)
mf warmly

Lamb___ of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

ALL

Choir *mf warmly*

Lamb___ of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the world, grant us your_ peace, grant us your_ peace.

mp ALL *p poco rall.*

COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Others may wish to come forward and receive a blessing.

Anthem: 'Alleluia' by William Boyce arr M Schweizer.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Most loving God, you send us in to the world love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

FINAL HYMN TIS 387

UNISON

F Gm Dm Bb Gm
Gm C F C D Gm F
Bb Gm C C7 F

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring;
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
4. Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
5. Women and men, in age and youth
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and
praise.

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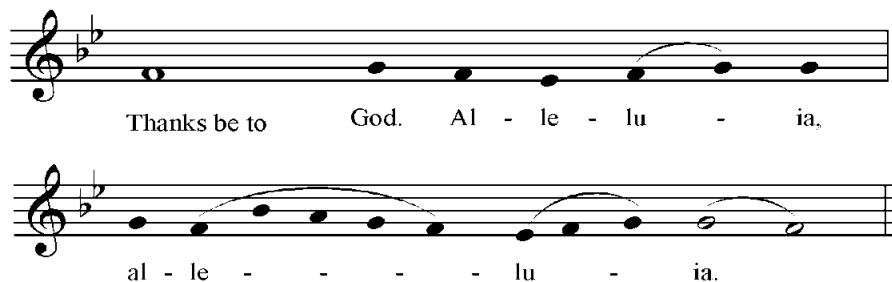
BLESSING

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

... the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



Postlude: *'Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn'* by J S Bach BWV 630.

<i>St Mary's Roster</i>		
	Sat 19 April 2025 Great Paschal Vigil	Sun 20 April 2025 Easter Sunday (10am Service only)
8:00am Reader	N/A	Andrew McKinley
10:00am Readers	Aurey Statham Katie Holmes Geoff Jenkins Sam Miller	Libby Brookes Steph C
Serving Team	Sam Miller Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue Alice Christofi	Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue Alice Christofi (C)
Welcome	Helen McCallum	Michael Golding
Introduction & Intercession	Clergy	Geoff Jenkins (no intercessions required)
Video/AV	Geoff Jenkins	Geoff Jenkins
Kids Corner & Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Morning Tea	Bring & share supper	Libby Brookes Susan Gribben

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