



# THE EASTER VIGIL

# EASTER DAY

6:00AM • 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

St Peter's Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurua people. We give thanks for their ancestors, and acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country. We are committed to work and pray towards a more just settlement for all Indigenous people and pay our respect to First Nations people with us.

**St Peter's Cathedral is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented faith community.**

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

*Reader*

Angela Evans

*Choir*

St Peter's Cathedral Choir

*Conductor*

Anthony Hunt

*Organist*

David Heah

*Hymns*

188, 209, 218

# THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*In the darkness, a fire is kindled. The Archbishop leads:*

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy morning when our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites believers throughout the world to gather in joyful expectation and celebration.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and celebrate his resurrection, confident that we shall share his victory and live with him forever in God.

*Blessing of the New Fire*

Holy God, you gave your name to Moses from the burning bush. By the blessing of this new fire, bring us to stand with awe on this holy ground, our eyes alight with the glory we have seen in Christ, and our hearts aflame with resurrection joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Blessing of the Paschal Candle*

*The Paschal Candle is marked with the Cross, the Alpha and Omega and the numerals of the current year. Nails, symbolising the wounds of Christ, are inserted into the Candle.*

Jesus 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 us and keep us. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire, blessed with holy water and then censed*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The Paschal Candle is processed through the Cathedral, the people's candles being lit during the procession. Three times the acclamation below is sung.*

The Light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

- Stops:*
- 1 – Middle of the Nave (Altar party candles are lit)*
  - 2 – Nave Platform Steps (Congregation candles are lit)*
  - 3 – High Altar (Choir and altar candles are lit)*

*While the High Altar and other candles are lit, The Paschal Candle is brought to its stand.*

## THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

*The Cantor sings the Exultet, an ancient hymn of praise to God, recalling the mystery and triumph of Easter.*

### THE EXULTET

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 shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has  
conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

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

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen  
God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has  
ransomed us with his blood and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the  
homes of all believers. This is the day when first you saved our fathers: you freed the  
people of Israel from their slavery, and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the day when Christians everywhere, washed clean from sin and freed from all  
defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the day when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the  
grave.

Most blessed of all days, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! The power of  
this holy day dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Day truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise, your  
Church's solemn offering. 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. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*As the Bells ring, an organ fanfare is played and the lights are put on, please extinguish  
your candles*

*Please remain standing to sing*

## GLORIA



1. Glory in the highest  
to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people  
through the earth be given:  
mighty God and Father,  
thanks and praise we bring,  
singing alleluias  
to our heavenly King.
2. Jesus Chris is risen,  
God the Father's Son:  
with the Holy Spirit,  
you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners,  
all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy,  
now receive our prayer.
3. Christ the world's true Saviour,  
high and holy one,  
seated now and reigning  
from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you;  
highest heaven adores:  
in the Father's glory,  
all the praise be yours!

## THE EASTER COLLECT

Eternal Giver of life and light, this day shines with the radiance of the risen Christ: Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE READING

ROMANS 6.3-11

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

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn*

**HYMN 188 – SING CHOIRS OF HEAVEN! LET SAINTS AND ANGELS SING (SCAMPSTON)**

*Please remain standing*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The choir sings the alleluia, which is repeated by the congregation*



Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

*After the verse, the alleluia is sung again by all*

**THE GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

MATTHEW 28.1-10

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; 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 to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



*Please sit on invitation*

## THE SERMON

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

*Silence may follow*

*The Easter Anthems are sung by the Cathedral Choir*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast;  
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:  
death hath no more dominion over him.*

*For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept.*

*For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection from the dead.*

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

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer arr. J. Scott

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Please stand as the organist plays as the procession moves to the Font where water is poured*

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

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

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph. **Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promise we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce all that is evil?

**I do.**

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God 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.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

**I will with God's help**

God our creator, Rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Spirit, and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. May God keep us faithful to our calling now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Water is sprinkled over the people as the procession returns to the Nave Altar. The organist plays.*

*Please remain standing for the Greeting of Peace*

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please remain stand to sing the Offertory Hymn*

**HYMN 209 – LOVE'S REDEEMING WORK IS DONE (SAVANNAH)**

*Please remain standing*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



*Priest* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

*Priest*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour, be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant, and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

Therefore 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

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

David Briggs (b.1962) *Truro Mass*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus*

*Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

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 you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'




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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come a - gain.

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:




Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

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

*The following may be said or sung*

*People*



Our Fath - er in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast.  
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Alleluia!**

*Please sit/ kneel. The choir sings*

## AGNUS DEI

David Briggs (b.1962) Truro Mass

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of  
the world, grant us thy peace.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

## MOTET

Bob Chilcott (b.1955) Now the Green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

*Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).*

*Please kneel/ sit*

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

Living God, **make us apostles of the risen Christ. Give us joyful hearts, words of hope, and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus when he meets us, wherever we are on the road.**

*Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn*

## **HYMN 218 –THINE BE THE GLORY (MACCABAEUS)**

*Please remain standing*

### **THE BLESSING**

Almighty God,  
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,  
who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,  
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,  
give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

*Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart. After this, you are invited to sit to listen to the organ postlude.*

Henri Mulet (1878-1967) *Carillon-Sortie*



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**St Peter's**  
nurturing spirit and mind  
**CATHEDRAL**

# THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

For some services, the West Doors of the Cathedral are not opened. Please make your way to the northern (carpark) side of the Cathedral and enter through the St Barnabas Porch.

<b>MON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
<b>TUES 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	12:00pm	Midday Prayer Liturgies
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>WED 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7:30am	Eucharist (Nave)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:00am	Eucharist (Nave)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>THURS 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	11:00am	Public Cathedral Tours
	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	12:00pm	Midday Prayer Liturgies
<b>FRI 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
	7:30am	Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
	8:45am	Morning Prayer (Dean's Chapel)
	10:30am-3:30pm	Open for visiting and private prayer
<b>SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>		Closed
<b>SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8:00am	Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer
	10:30am	Sung Eucharist Preacher – The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod
	6:00pm	Choral Evensong Preacher – The Rev'd Joan Claring-Bould

## CATHEDRAL STAFF

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