



NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL



Sung Eucharist
The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th April 2026, 10.00am
President and Preacher: The Very Revd Lee Batson

Welcome

A warm welcome to worship at Newcastle Cathedral. If you are new, or a visitor today, please make yourself known to one of the clergy after the service – it is a joy to have you with us today.

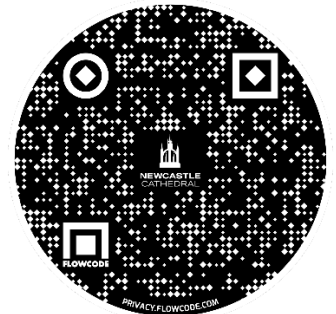
A large print copy of this service sheet is available; please ask one of our welcome team at the door.

Please refrain from taking photographs during the service. Toilets are available at the far end of the Cathedral; please ask one of our welcomers if you need directions, and take care to move quietly when passing the organ loft.

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Music

Director of Music:

Assistant Director of Music:

Organ Scholar:

Ian Roberts
Kris Thomsett
James Watson

The Cantor for this service is Laura Watson.

Before the service, the organist plays:

Offertoire sur les Grand Jeux

François Couperin (1668 - 1733)

The Mass Setting is:

Coventry Gloria

Plainsong Missa de Angelis

Angus Dei

Peter Jones (1951 - 2016)

arr. Ian Roberts (b.1979)

Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830 - 1914)

Order of Service

The Gathering

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to sing the opening hymn during which the procession enters



Alleluia! Alleluia!

**hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.**

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807 - 1885)
NEH 103 Arthur Sullivan (1842 - 1900)

The president says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

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

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

The Junior Church members are prayed for before they leave for their group. New members are always welcome!

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer is said.

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The president says this form of Absolution.

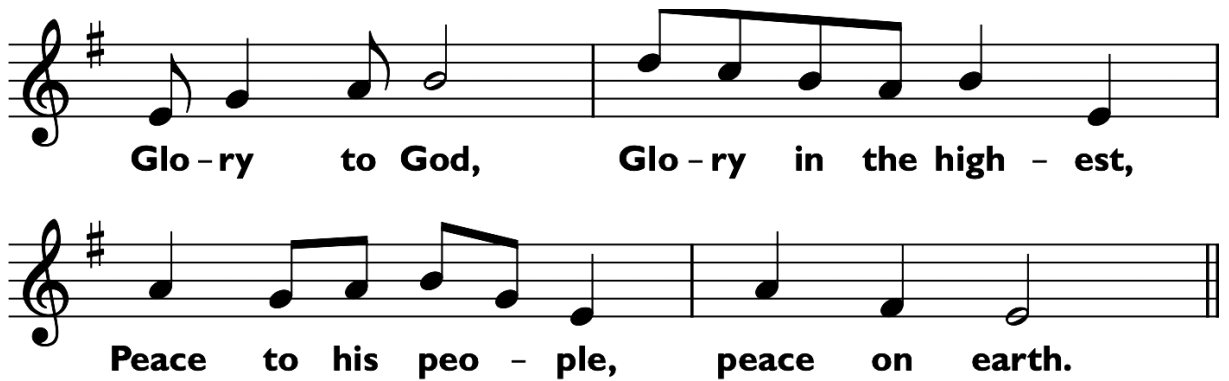
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

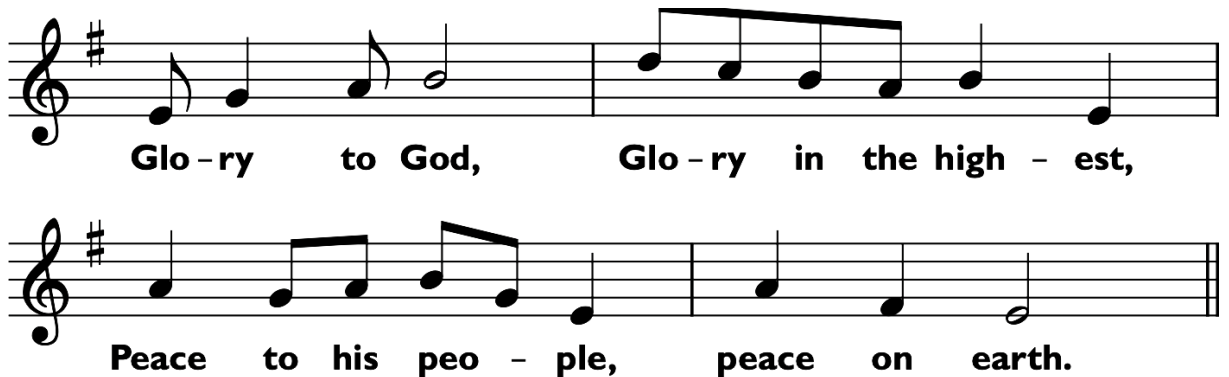
The Gloria is sung. All sing the bold type after the cantor.

Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.



Musical notation for the first cantor part, consisting of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for "Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry in the high - est," and the second staff contains the melody for "Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth." The lyrics are printed below the notes, with the words "Glo-ry", "to God", "Glo-ry", "in the high - est", "Peace", "to his peo - ple", "peace", and "on earth." in bold type.

Cantor Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,



Musical notation for the second cantor part, consisting of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for "Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry in the high - est," and the second staff contains the melody for "Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth." The lyrics are printed below the notes, with the words "Glo-ry", "to God", "Glo-ry", "in the high - est", "Peace", "to his peo - ple", "peace", and "on earth." in bold type.

Cantor We worship you,



Musical notation for the third cantor part, consisting of a single staff. The melody is for "Glo-ry in the high-est". The lyrics are printed below the notes in bold type.

Cantor Give you thanks,



Musical notation for the fourth cantor part, consisting of a single staff. The melody is for "Glo-ry in the high-est". The lyrics are printed below the notes in bold type.

Cantor Praise you for your glory.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est,
Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;



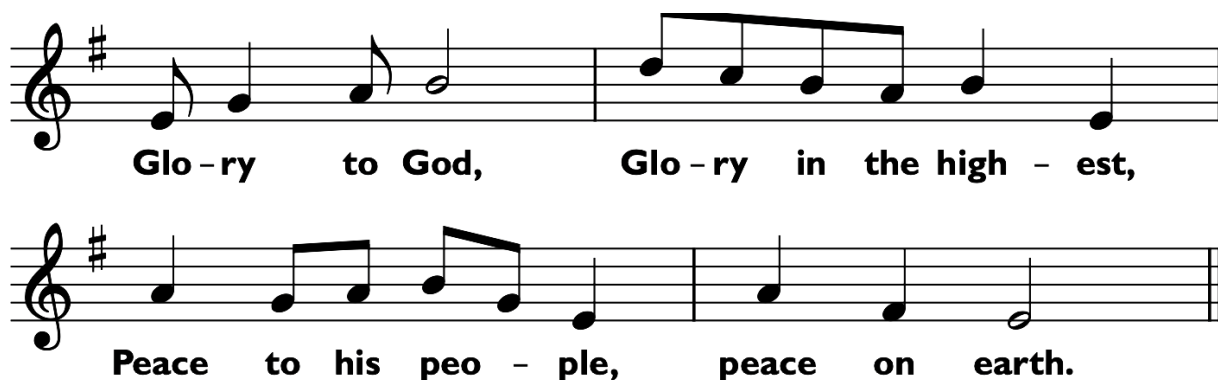
Have mer-cy on us

Cantor You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer



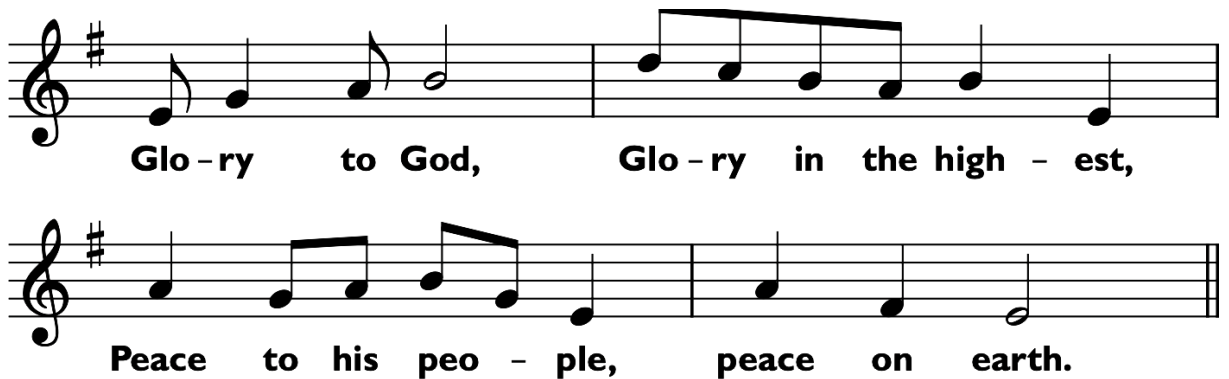
Re-ceive our prayer

Cantor Glory to God, glory in the highest,
peace to his people, peace on earth.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est,
Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Cantor 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.



Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est,
Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

Cantor Amen.



A - men.

The Collect

The president introduces the Collect.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Please stand, as you are comfortable, to face the Gospel.

This acclamation is sung.

First time: Cantor; Second time: All; After sentence: All.



*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **R***

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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



All

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19-end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

A sermon is preached.

The Creed

Please stand, as comfortable, to say The Nicene Creed.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers.

Kneel or sit to pray.

One of these responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy. (or) Lord hear us.
hear our prayer. *All* **Lord graciously hear us.**

The prayers may end with

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand, as you are comfortable.

The president introduces 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.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

The deacon invites all to exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

*The Offertory hymn is sung as the altar is prepared.
During the hymn a collection is taken.*



**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 whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake 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,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy 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.***

*John MacLeod Campbell (1872 - 1958)
NEH 115 Traditional French Melody*

The president says this offertory prayer.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

∩ 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Cantor Holy



All **Holy**

Cantor Holy



All **Holy**

Cantor Holy



All **Holy**

Cantor Lord God of power
and might.



All **Lord God of power
and might**

Cantor Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.



All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Cantor Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



All **Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

The deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Nicholas and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to communion.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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

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

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

All who normally receive the bread and wine in any church are welcome to take Holy Communion here today. Please follow the directions of the Wardens and stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please make this known to the Wardens or stewards.

*Gluten free wafers are available; please ask if you require one.
When receiving the wine, please drink from the cup.*

During the distribution, the cantor sings the following, otherwise, silence is kept.

If God be for us, who can be against us?
Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God
that justifieth
Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather,
that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes
intercession for us.

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion prayer is said.

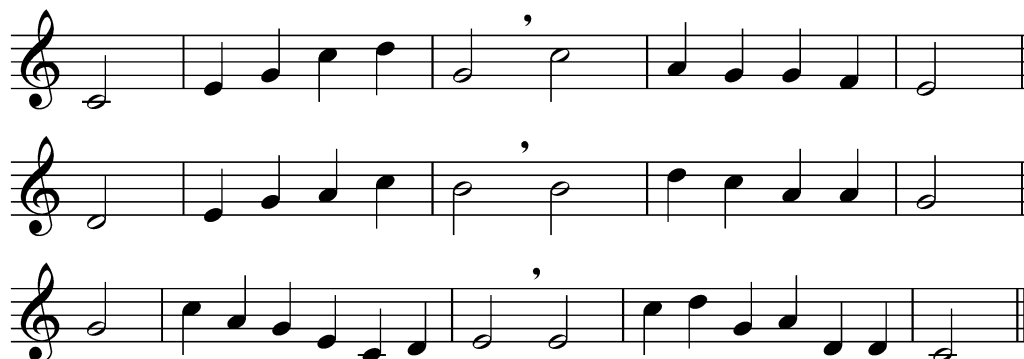
Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand, as comfortable, to sing



**Now is eternal life,
if ris'n 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.**

**For God, the living God,
stooped down to share our state;
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;
our life is hid with God in thee,
now and through all eternity.**

*George Wallace Briggs (1875 - 1959)
NEH 114 Charles Steggall (1826 - 1905)*

The president says

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The president uses this blessing.

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.

All **Amen.**

The deacon says

Go in the Peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers depart.

You are then invited to sit for the duration of the organ voluntary.

Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali"

Charles Tournemire (1870 - 1939)

Thank you for joining us in worship today.
If you are able, please join us now for refreshments.

If you are new, or a visitor,
we hope that we will see you again soon.

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