

# THE EASTER LITURGY 2017

*"Dark Woods" - The Seasonal*

*"Not the Empty Tomb" - R. S. Thomas*

## INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens  
and your faithfulness never ceases.  
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom  
and strengthen our lives with your word,  
for you are the fountain of life;  
in your light we see true light.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

The Creation: Genesis 1.1–2.4a

### COLLECT

*"Woodstock" - Joni Mitchell*

The Fall: Genesis 3

### COLLECT

*"Tempted" - Squeeze*

Moses and the Burning Bush: Exodus 3: 1-6

### COLLECT

*"Through Your Hands" - John Hiatt*

The Passover: Exodus 12.1-24

### COLLECT

*"Passover" - Joy Division*

Crossing the Red Sea: Exodus 14.10-end

COLLECT

*"Red Sea Road" - Ellie Holcomb*

I Will Save You from All Your Afflictions: Isaiah 54.5-15

COLLECT

*"Trade Winds" - Maggie Bell*

The River of Life: Ezekiel 47.1-12

COLLECT

*"There's a River" - Steve Winwood*

Jerusalem Praises God: Zephaniah 3.14-end

COLLECT

*"The Victory Is Ours" - Geron Davis*

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Therefore I ask:

Do we reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**We reject them.**

Do we renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**We renounce them.**

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

**We repent of them.**

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

*"Kyrie" from "Mass No. 2 in G Major" by Franz Schubert  
- Hugo Distler Chor and Wiener Akademie*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore I ask:

Do we turn to Christ as Saviour?

**We turn to Christ.**

Do we submit to Christ as Lord?

**We submit to Christ.**

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

**We come to Christ.**

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

## ABSOLUTION

*"Exsultet" by John Repulski - John Strege and Karl Blume*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*"Gloria" from "Mass No. 2 in G Major" by Franz Schubert  
- Hugo Distler Chor and Wiener Akademie*

## COLLECT

*"Christ Is Risen" - Village Singers*

READING Romans 6:3-11

*"I'm Alive" - Don Fardon*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*"And Death Shall Have No Dominion" - Cerys Matthews*

*"Sentinel" - Davide Martello*

## INTERCESSIONS AND THE PEACE

*"Hallelujah" - Inner City*

*"Phoenix" - Dyodho*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us lift up our 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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God...  
... for ever praising you and singing:

*“Sanctus” and “Benedictus” from “Mass No. 2 in G Major” by Franz Schubert*  
- Hugo Distler Chor and Wiener Akademie

Father, on the night before he died...  
... Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine...  
... Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine...  
... one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*“Lord’s Prayer” - Samanta Balzani*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*“Agnes Dei” from “Mass No. 2 in G Major” by Franz Schubert*  
- Hugo Distler Chor and Wiener Akademie

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** We eat the bread.

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** We drink the wine.

*Halleluja” - Ebba Forsberg*

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

*“Oh Death” - Randy Travis*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

BLESSING

My sisters and brothers, with the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*"Resurrection Shuffle" - Ashton, Gardner and Dyke*

## **CREDITS**

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