Pontifical Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Sunday 5th April 2026 at 11:00

Sung by the Choir of Buckfast Abbey with Onyx Brass

WELCOME to Buckfast Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. For over one thousand years, this has been a monastic site. We hope you will fully participate in this celebration of Holy Mass, and that you will experience the presence of God in this sacred place.

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, or the Mass, to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again. The Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God for his saving work; it is a holy sacrifice, a sacred meal which nourishes us spiritually and anticipates the heavenly banquet, making present the one true sacrifice of Christ our Saviour.

Roman Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is truly present at the Mass; in the faithful gathered as the Body of Christ, through his Word made present in Scripture, but supremely under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Eucharist the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is wholly and entirely present. Strengthened by this sacred food, we go forth into the world to build up the Body of Christ, and to bring his salvation to all peoples.

Please switch off all mobile telephones. The use of photography, video or sound equipment is strictly prohibited in the Abbey during services. This service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Your presence indicates that you agree to the broadcasting of your contribution.

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Motet. If you would like to make a cashless donation, you are invited to use one of the digital machines at the rear of the church, or to scan the QR code. To donate via text message, text the word BUCKFAST followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70085. For example, if you would like to donate £5, text BUCKFAST 5. Texts cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

Order of Music

Organ Prelude *Mors et resurrectio (Trois paraphrases grégoriennes, Op. 9)* Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Processional Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today*
Easter Hymn from Lyra Davidica (1708), arr. Christopher Gower with further orchestration and fanfare by David Davies

Introitus *based on Psalm 139* Gregorian chant

Kyrie, Sanctus & Agnus Dei I Gregorian chant

Gloria *Messe solennelle en ut dièse mineur (Op. 16)*
Louis Vierne (1870–1937), arr. Scott McIntosh

Psalm 118 Gregorian tone arr. Matthew Searles (b.1991)

Sequentia & Credo III Gregorian chant

Alleluia *1 Corinthians 5: 7* Gregorian chant

Offertory Motet *O filii et filiæ*
Martin Baker (b.1967)

Communion Motet *Maria Magdalene et altera Maria*
Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

Post-Communion Hymn *Thine be the glory*
À toi la gloire Edmond Budry (1854–1932)
Maccabeus George Frideric Handel, arr. Malcolm Archer with further orchestration and fanfare by David Davies

Introductory Rite

please stand for the Procession of Choir & Clergy

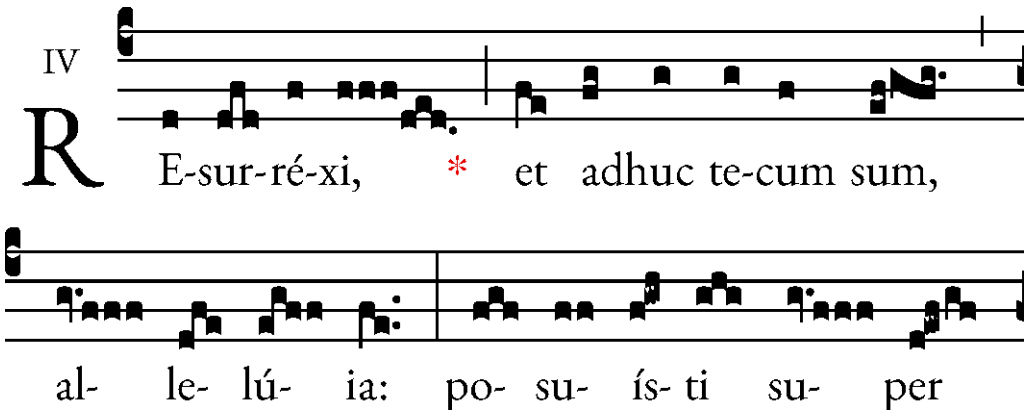
Processional Hymn

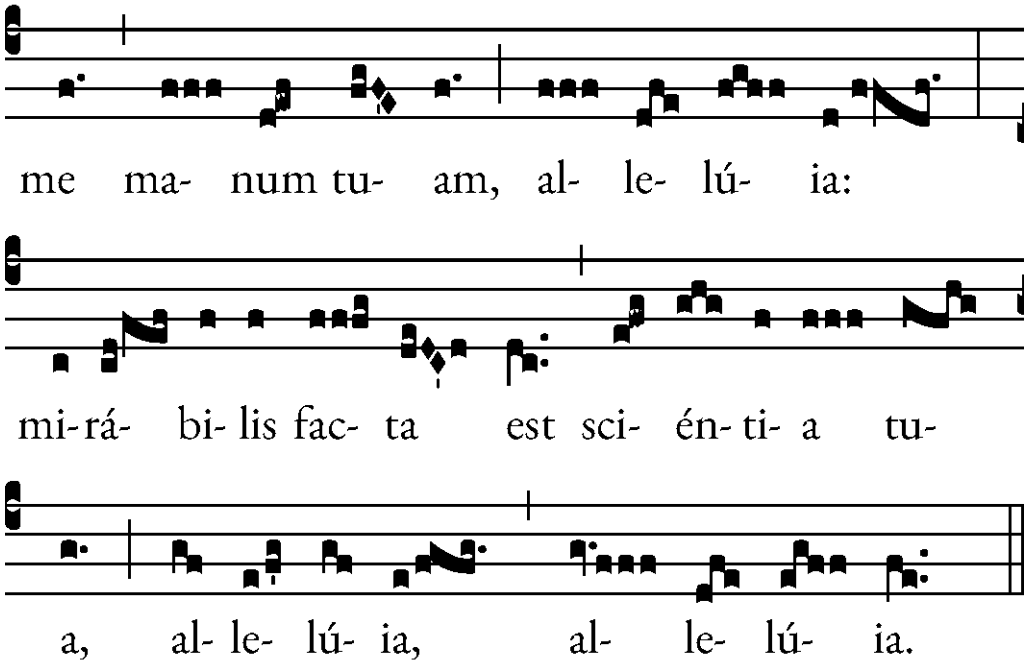
1 **Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!**
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once upon the Cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

2 **Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!**
Unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

3 **But the pains which he endured, alleluia!**
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

Introitus





I have risen: I am with you once more, alleluia;
you placed your hand on me to keep me safe, alleluia.
How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia.

GREETING

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

Peace be with you.
And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

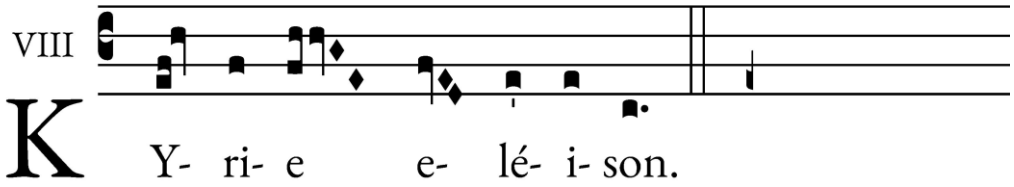
Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

KYRIE I

Choir

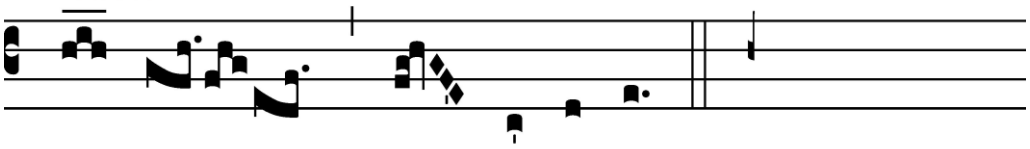
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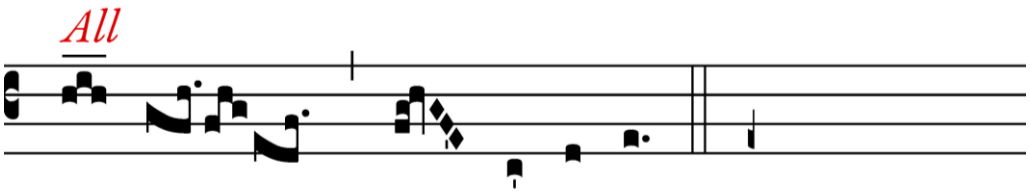
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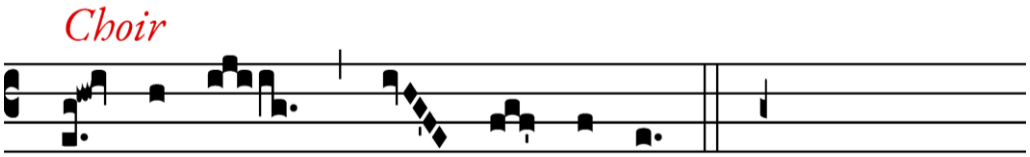
Choir



All



Choir



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GLORIA *please be seated as the Choir sings*

GLORIA in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem
nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people
of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins
of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.

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. Amen.

please stand for the

COLLECT

Let us pray.
O God, who on this day,
through your Only-Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

please be seated

Liturgy of the Word

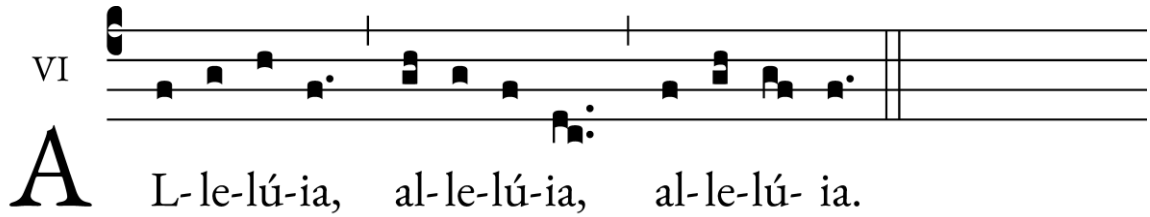
First Scripture Reading

from the Acts of the Apostles (10: 34, 37–43)

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118 *all join in singing the Antiphon after the Choir*



Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' *Antiphon*

The LORD'S right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD. *Antiphon*

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. *Antiphon*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3: 1–4)

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENTIA *please remain seated as the Choir sings*

VICTIMÆ paschali laudes
immolent Christiani.

Christians, to the Paschal victim
offer a sacrifice of praise.

Agnus redemit oves;
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.

The Lamb has ransomed his sheep;
the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners
with the Father.

Mors et vita duello
conflixere mirando:
dux vitæ mortuus
regnat vivus.

Death and life confronted each
other in a prodigious battle;
the Prince of life who died
now lives and reigns.

Dic nobis, Maria,
quid vidisti in via?

'Tell us, Mary: say
what you saw on the way.'

Sepulcrum Christi viventis
et gloriam vidi resurgentis.

'The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose.

Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.

'The angels there attesting,
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Surrexit Christus, spes mea:
præcedet suos in Galilæam.

'Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.'

Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere;

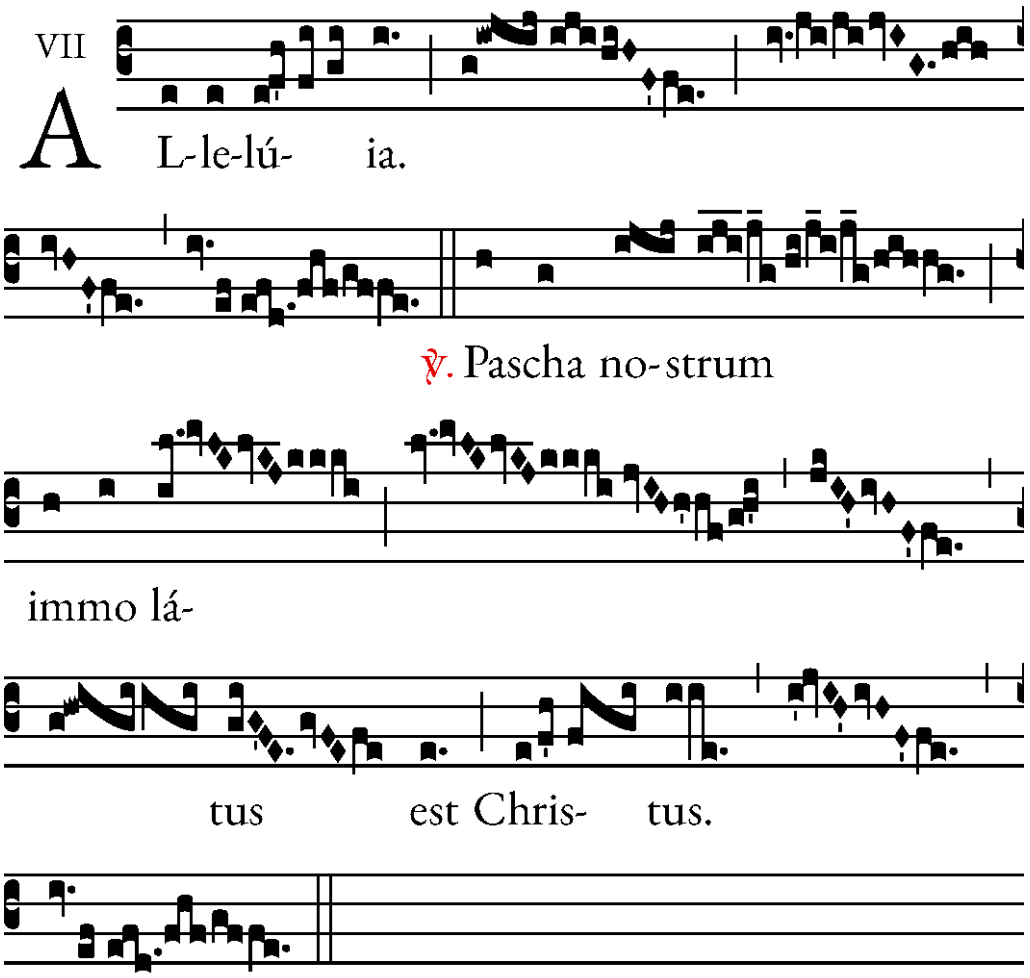
We know that Christ is truly
risen from the dead;

tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
Amen. Alleluia.

O victorious King, have mercy on us.
Amen. Alleluia.

please stand as the Cantor sings

ALLELUIA



Alleluia. Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. *(20: 1–9)*
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

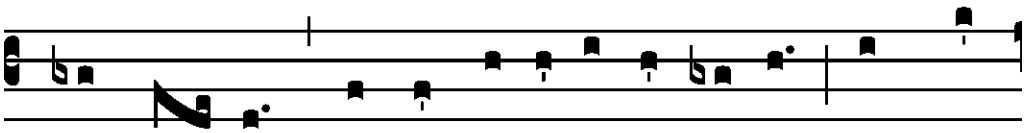
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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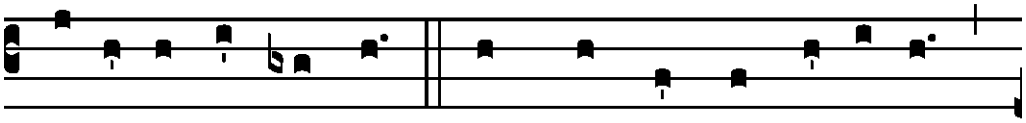
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Credo III

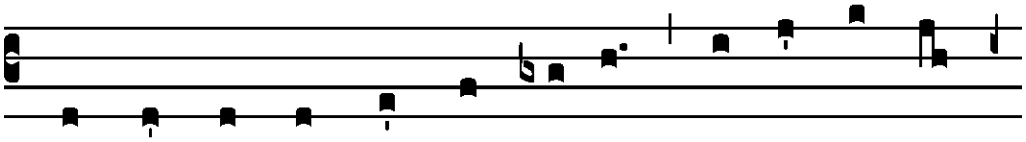

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Redo in unum De- um, Patrem omnipot-
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
éntem, factó- rem cæ- li et ter-ræ, vi- si- bí- li-um
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
óm- ni-um, et in- vi- si- bí- li- um. Et in u-
and invisible. I believe
num Dóminum Ie-sum Christum, Fí- lium De-i
in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
u- ni-gé-nitum. Et ex Patre na- tum an-te óm-
Son of God, born of the Father
ni- a sæ- cu-la. Deum de De-o, lumen de lú-
before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,
mi-ne, Deum verum de De-o ve-ro. Génitum,
true God from true God, begotten



non fac- tum, consubstanti- á-lem Pa-tri: per quem
not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him



ómni- a fac- ta sunt. **Qui propter nos hómines,**
all things were made. For us men



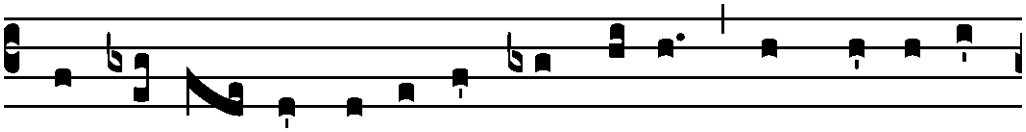
et propter nostram sa- lútem descéndit de
and for our salvation he came down from



cæ-lis. Et incarnátus est de Spí-ri- tu Sancto
heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate



ex Ma-rí- a Vírgi- ne: Et homo factus est.
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.



Cru- ci- fí- xus ét- i-am pro nobis: sub Pónti- o
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

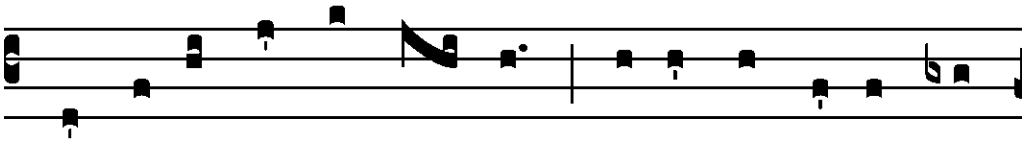


Pi-lá- to passus, et sepúl- tus est. Et resur-
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again



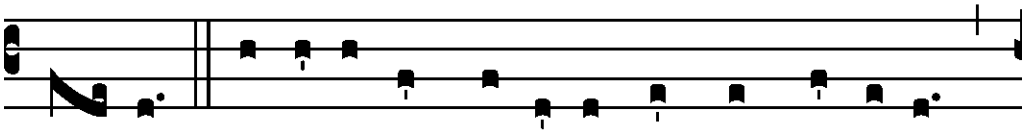
ré-xit tér-ti- a di- e, secúndum Scriptú-ras.

on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.



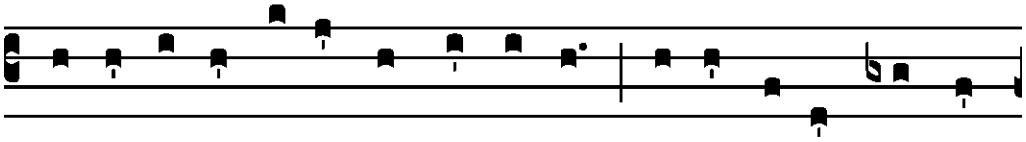
Et ascéndit in cæ- lum: sedet ad déxte- ram

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand



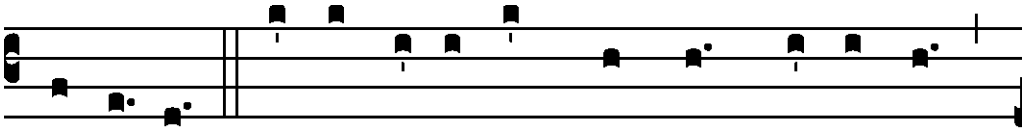
Pa- tris. Et í- terum ventúrus est cum gló-ri- a,

of the Father. He will come again in glory



iu-di-cá-re vivos et mórtu-os: cuius regni non e-

to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will



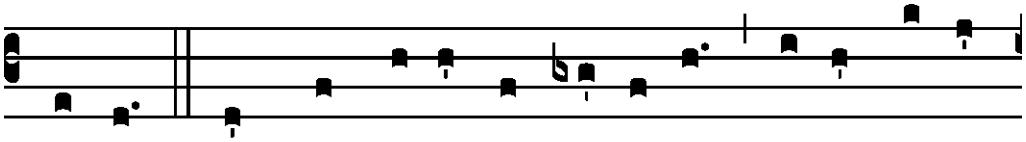
rit fi- nis. **Et in Spíritum Sanctum, Dóminum,**

have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,



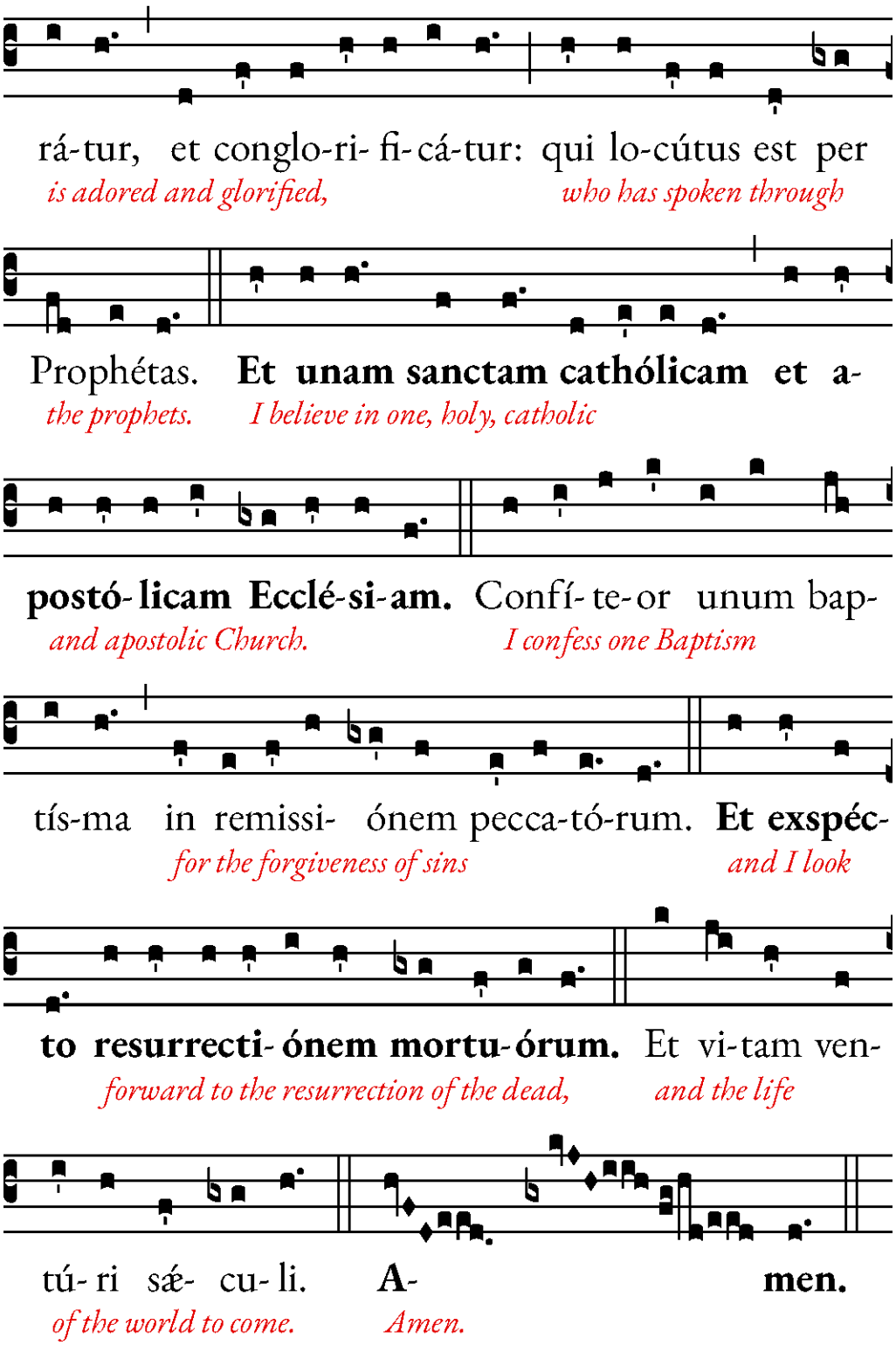
et vi-vi- ficántem: qui ex Patre Fi- li- óque pro-

the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,



cé-dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí- li- o simul ad- o-

who with the Father and the Son


rá-tur, et conglo-ri- fi-cá-tur: qui lo-cútus est per
is adored and glorified, who has spoken through
Prophétas. Et unam sanctam cathólicam et a-
the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic
postó-licam Ecclé-si-am. Confí-te-or unum bap-
and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
tís-ma in remissi- ónem pecca-tó-rum. Et exspéc-
for the forgiveness of sins and I look
to resurrecti-ónem mortu-órum. Et vi-tam ven-
forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life
tú-ri sæ- cu-li. A- men.
of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL *ends*

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MOTET *please be seated and join in singing the Antiphon each time after the choir*



Ye sons and daughters of the King,
whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
today the grave hath lost its sting, Alleluia! *Antiphon*

On that first morning of the week,
before the day began to break,
the Marys went their Lord to seek, Alleluia! *Antiphon*

An angel bade their sorrow flee,
for thus he spake unto the three,
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.' Alleluia! *Antiphon*

On this most holy day of days,
to God our hearts and voices raise
in laud, jubilee and praise. *Antiphon*

And we with Holy Church unite,
as evermore is just and right,
in glory to the King of light. *Antiphon*

SANCTUS I

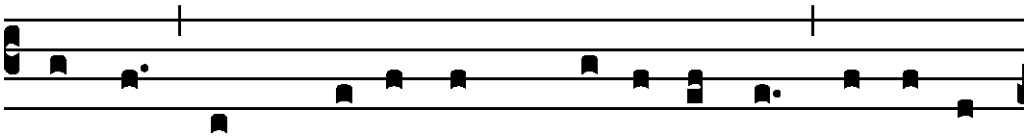

Cantor
All
IV
Anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus
Sá-ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cæ- li et ter-ra gló-
ri- a tu- a. Hosánna in ex- cél-sis. Be-ne-díc-
tus qui ve- nit in nó- mine Dómi-ni. Ho- sán-
na in ex- cél- sis.

Memorial Acclamation

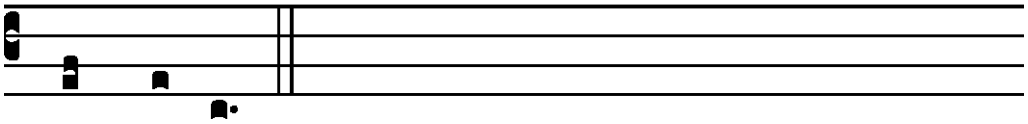
Celebrant *All*



THE myste-ry of faith. We proclaim your Death,

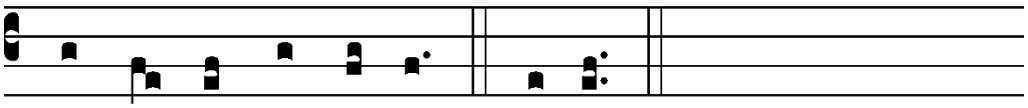


O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-surrection, until you



come a-gain.

Doxology



for e- ver and e- ver. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

Agnus Dei I



RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church that the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of one faith and unity of belief. Therefore, it is not usual to distribute Holy Communion to non-Roman Catholics. However, they are most welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET *the choir sings*

MARIA Magdalene et
altera Maria emerunt
aromata ut venientes
ungerent Iesum.
Et valde mane una
sabbatorum,
veniunt ad monumentum,
orto iam sole.
Alleluia.
Et introeuntes in
monumentum viderunt
iuvenem sedentem in dextris,
coopertum stola candida,
et obstupuerunt.
Qui dicit illis:
Iesum quem quæritis
Nazarenum, crucifixum:
surrexit, non est hic,
ecce locus ubi
posuerunt eum.
Alleluia.

Mary Magdalen and
the other Mary
bought spices so that they
might go to anoint Jesus.
And early in the
morning on the first day
of the week, they came to the tomb,
just as the sun rose.
Alleluia.
And on entering the
tomb they saw
a young man sitting to the right,
dressed in white robes,
and they were astonished.
He said to them:
Jesus the Nazarene
whom you seek, the crucified one:
he has arisen, is not here,
behold the place
where they laid him.
Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *please stand to sing:*

1 **Thine be the glory,**
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where his body lay.
Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death has won.

2 **Lo! Jesus meets us,**
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

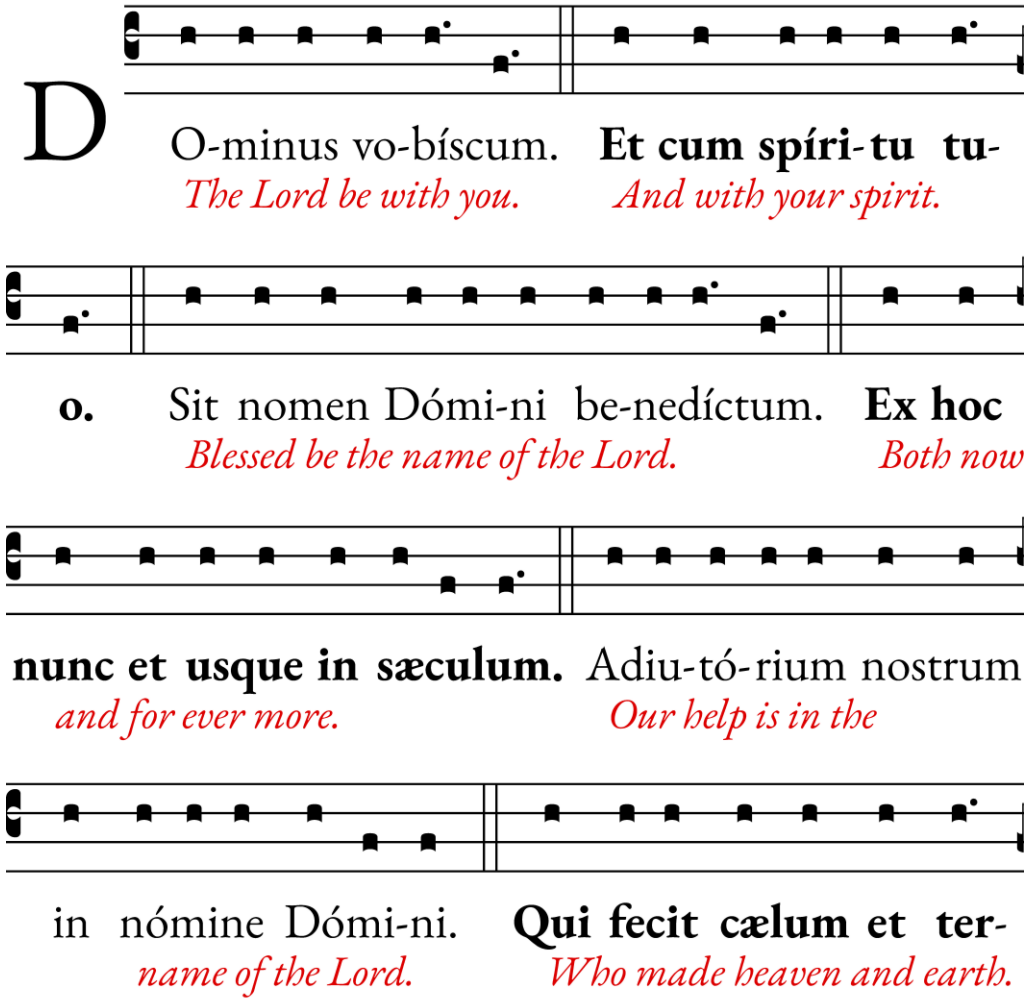
3 **No more we doubt thee,**
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conq'rors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

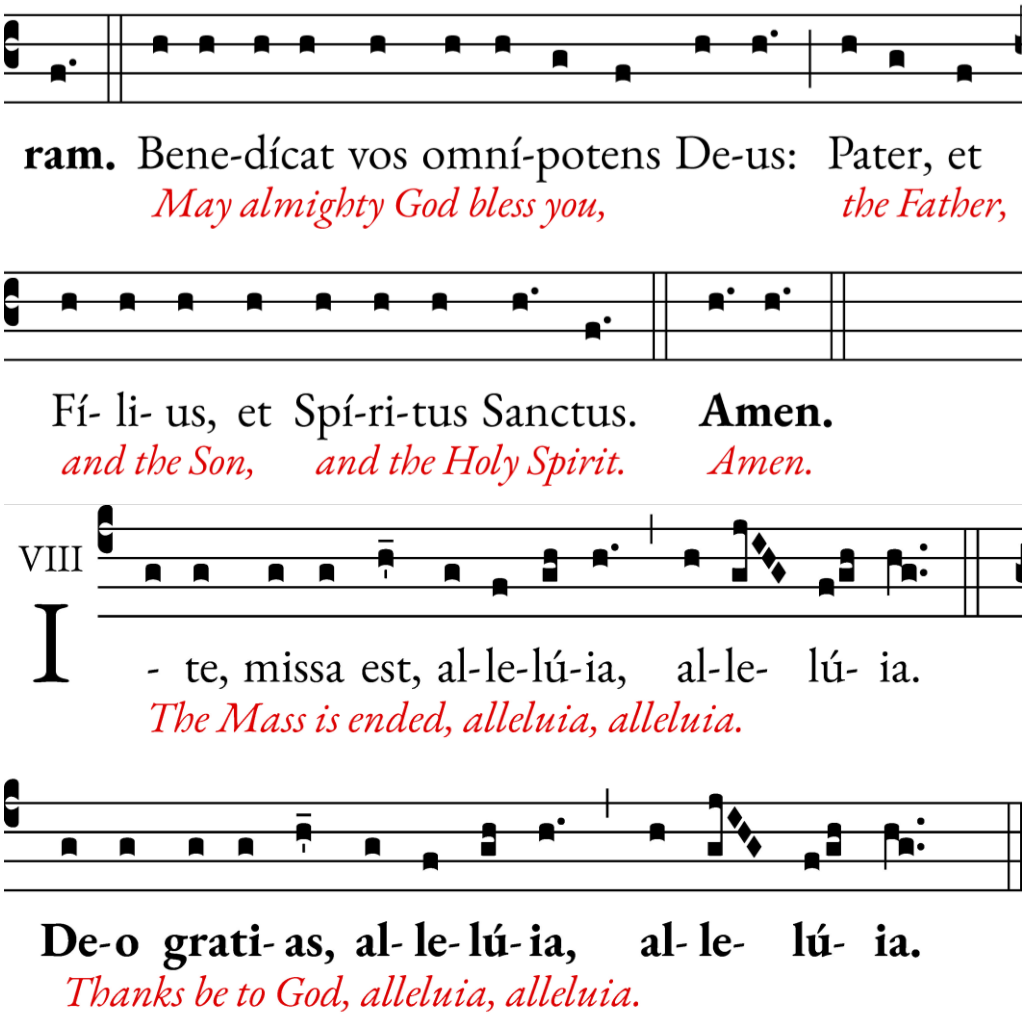
Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Look upon your Church, O God
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pontifical Blessing & Dismissal





ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Marche Pontificale (Symphonie No. 1)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937), arr. Matthew Martin

Fr Abbot and the Monastic Community wish you and your loved ones a happy and blessed Easter.

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Monday 6th April at 13:30

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