

St. Mary's Church Barnes



EASTER

Easter Mass of the Dawn

We gather in the churchyard as we await dawn

The fire is lit

THE VIGIL

This is the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. The Church invites her children dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer.

For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

THE READINGS

(see separate booklet)

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE

Eternal God,

Who made this most holy night

to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

set us aflame with the fire of your love,

and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PREPARATION OF & BLESSING OF THE CANDLE

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 and keep us. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit from the fire.

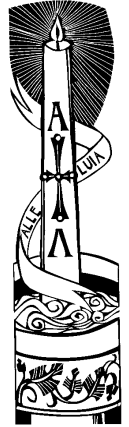
We process into the darkened church following the Paschal Candle

The light of Christ
Thanks be to God

After all have taken their places in church:

THE EXSULTET (The Easter Song of Praise)

Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!



Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,
Radiant in brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

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It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ,
the true lamb is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him
are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back
what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation is joined to you.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering.
Grant this Easter candle may make our darkness light.

**For Christ the Morning Star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead
and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.**



THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Candles are extinguished and
a great noise is made*



THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

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

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

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;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

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.

THE COLLECT

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way of life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE GOSPEL

Gospel Acclamation

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.

When it is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to N;

Glory to you, O Lord.



At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord;

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,

we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son and raised him to life in triumph.
Saving God, give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours
now and forever. Amen.
Saving God, give us life.

THE CREED

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the church:
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ?
**We 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
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.**



Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We 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.**

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

The congregation are sprinkled with water

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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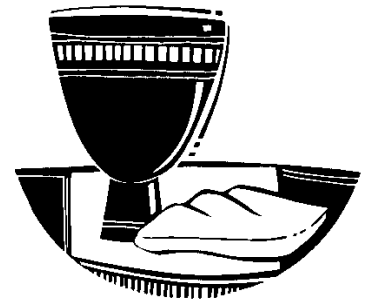
His Spirit is with us.

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 eternal life.

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

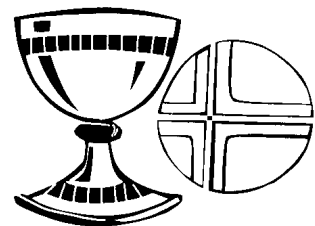
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and,
taking 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.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**



Lord of life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy shall be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O Loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit or kneel

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**



AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
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have mercy on us.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

All are invited to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We stand and say together:

**God of Life who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A HYMN

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

