



St. Michael's Anglican Church Bryanston

Triduum Easter Day Order of Service

12 APRIL 2020



Venerable Moses Thabethe



Rev. Alison Thabethe



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Music - Louis Maritz

INTRODUCTORY WORDS

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

This year we experience Easter in a way we have never done before. Although we are apart, our celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord unites us all. We invite you to bring this experience into your home. Some have never been present at the Service of Light before, so we welcome this opportunity to share with you the beautiful symbolism in extracts from the service which will include **The lighting of the Easter Candle, the Procession, the singing of a portion of the Easter Proclamation followed by the Liturgy of the Word with a Sermon.**

Please watch the video which accompanies this order of service.

THE LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord when we venerate him in the mystery of his death and resurrection. Through the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in word and sacrament he renews our faith and hope, and gives us a share in his victory over death and in his eternal life with the Father



The fire is lit in silence. The Priest blesses it



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Father we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the Light of the world: sanctify this new fire and inflame us with new hope, purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The service continues with the procession into Church with the lighted Paschal Candle.

Christ our light.

Thanks be to God.

A PORTION OF THE EASTER PROCLAMATION/EXSULTET IS CHANTED

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven
Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult
Let the trumpet of salvation
Sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her
Ablaze with light from her eternal King
Let all corners of the earth be glad
Knowing an end to gloom and darkness

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
Arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
Let this holy building shake with joy
Filled with the mighty voices of the peoples

Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light
Invoke with me, I ask you
The mercy of God almighty,

That he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites
may pour into me this light unshadowed
That I may sing this candle's perfect praises....





THE COLLECT

Lord God you have brightened this night
with the radiance of the risen Christ:
may his light so shine within the Church
that we may be renewed in mind and body
and serve you with all our being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Full readings listed below.

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Donald Fishel (1971)



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to Matthew 28: 1-10

Glory to Christ our Saviour

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said.

They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped 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 Christ:

Praise to Christ our Lord

SERMON

Do Not Fear - Venerable Moses Thabethe



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Father in heaven, we praise you that on this night Christ rose from the dead. We thank you for his triumph over sin and death and for his gift of eternal life. We remember before you those who have died in the great hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your unending joy.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer



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We pray for ourselves and for all Christian people, that we may live as those who believe in the victory of the cross.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are going to receive Christ's new life by water and the Spirit. May they be able to recognise the risen Christ in us, their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide all who govern the nations of the earth. Help them to know what is right and to do it.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer or are troubled during this time of isolation and anxiety. Give them good friends to comfort them and grant them healing and the knowledge of your Son in his victorious passion.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord God, sovereign over all, because you have taken your great power, and begun to reign.

Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen





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We conclude the service with the Music

Thine Be The Glory

Richard Gillard

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumphing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won*



Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932);
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