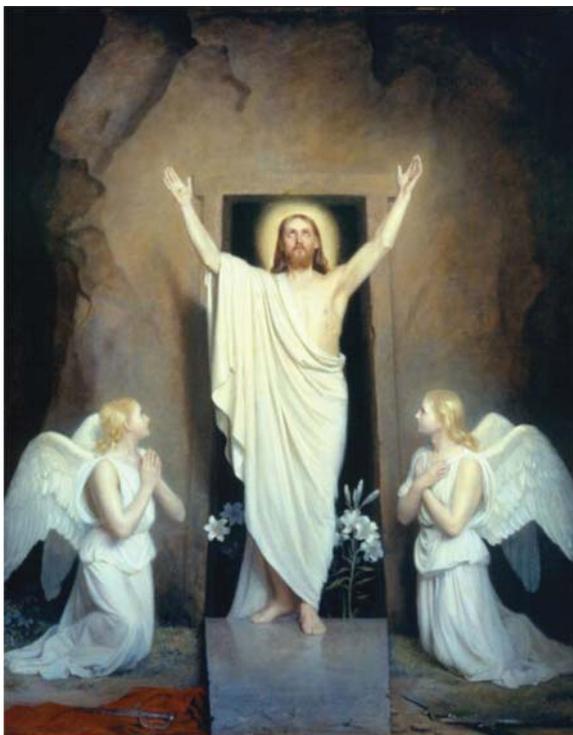




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The First Holy Communion of
Chloë Hartland

4th April 2010

The Gathering

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks The Sky

Words: Latin, seventh century; trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66), 1851

Music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen (Cologne: Peter von Brachel, 1623)

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry: *Alleluia*
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply. *Alleluia*

While he, the King, the mighty King,
despoiling death of all its sting,
and trampling down the powers of night,
brings forth his ransomed saints to light:

His tomb of late the threefold guard
of watch and stone and seal had barred;
but now, in pomp and triumph high,
he comes from death to victory:

The pains of hell are loosed at last,
the days of mourning now are past;
an angel robed in light hath said,
"The Lord is risen from the dead:"

O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield:

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally:

Blessing of the Easter Garden

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To thee be glory now and forever.
In thy great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
By thy blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in
celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia.

Let us pray

(KNEEL)

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

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
Let us put away all malice and confess our sins with
a sincere heart.

***All* Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

✠ 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.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

(STAND)

All **Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

LORD of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of thy Son hast overcome the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to thee in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Lesson (*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*) *‘Jesus lives’*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

READER: Mr Peter Miles

PETER opened his mouth and said: ³⁷ “You know the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses to 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

- ¹ O give thanks unto the /Lord for • he is /gracious;
because his /mercy • en /dureth for /ever.
- ² Let Israel now con /fess that • he is /gracious;
and that his /mercy • en /dureth for /ever.
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the /Lord • hath the pre /eminence;
The right hand of the /Lord • bringeth /mighty things • to /pass.
- ¹⁷ I shall not /die but /live; and de /clare • the /works of • the /Lord.
- ²² The same stone which the /builders • re /fus'd//is be /come
the /headstone • in the /corner.
- ²³ This is the /Lord's /doing; and /it is /marvellous • in our eyes.

Epistle (*Colossians 3:1-4*) *'Life in Christ'*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

READER: Mr Alan Parker

IF then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Words: Compleat Psalmist, 1749

Music: Easter Hymn (Lyra Davidica, 1708;

arranged by William Henry Monk, 1823-1889)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia.*
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia.*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia.*
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia.*

Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the Cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains that he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing.

Alleluia Verse

**Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover, has been
sacrificed for us : therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia**

Gospel Reading

(STAND)

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

✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John 20:1-9

The Resurrection of Jesus

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. ² 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.” ³ Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. ⁴ They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; ⁵ and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, ⁷ and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

(STAND)

***All* I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Admission to Holy Communion

Introduction

The Priest gives a brief introduction and calls upon the parents and godparents to present the child for the Rite of Admission.

The Rite of Admission

Priest *addressing the child*

Chloë, you have been learning about the Christian faith and about the life and resurrection of Jesus. He gave us this special service to bring us together as his family, to remember all he has done for us and to receive him into our lives as we share the bread and wine. Now God calls us and invites us to say ‘Yes’ to him.

Will you try to love God our Father who made us?

Child **Yes, with God’s help.**

Priest Will you try to follow his Son Jesus Christ who gave his life for us?

Child **Yes, with God’s help.**

Priest Will you try to trust in his Holy Spirit who guides us?

Child **Yes, with God’s help.**

Priest *addressing parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, will you support your child as she grows in the Christian faith and encourage her to come in due course to be Confirmed?

Parents and godparents

Yes, with God’s help.

Priest *addressing the congregation*

People of God, this child is part of our family. Will you also support and encourage her on her Christian pilgrimage?

All **Yes, with God's help.**

Priest God of life,
you invite us to eat at your table;
may we know your love,
follow you in the world,
and shine with your light
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The priest takes the child by the hand and says,

Priest Chloë, I admit you to receive Holy Communion.
May you know Christ's special presence as we share the bread and wine together.

A Bible is presented to the child:

Priest Chloë, receive this Bible. May you find in it the message of God's love for you and for all people.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each prayer, these responses are used:

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them

And at the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts To Heaven And Voices Raise

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Music: Lux Eoi, composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

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.

Bread and wine and the people's gifts are brought to the altar

At the offering of the bread:

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: for of thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of the wine:

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: for of thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The gifts and the altar are censed

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is thine.

**All things come of thee,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

✠ **Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Service in C, John Ireland (1879-1962)

(KNEEL)

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

The bell rings

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

The bell rings

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

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***All* Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Communion Service in C, John Ireland (1879-1962)

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The people come to the Altar to receive Holy Communion
Those who do not wish to receive are invited to the altar
for a blessing.*

Motet

William Croft (1678-1727)

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *St John 11: 25, 26.*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19: 25-27.*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we shall carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *1 Timothy 6: 7; Job 1: 21.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

GOD of Life, who for our redemption didst give thine only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily unto sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

The Dismissal

[Banns of Marriage and other announcements are made]

HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done

Words: Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, 1695; trans. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: Victory (first three lines adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arranged by William Henry Monk, 1823-1889)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee
Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the ✠ blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Maria Consolata

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia
As He promised hath arisen, Alleluia
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, Alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us pray

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world: grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Postlude

Grand Chœur, by Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911)

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