

The Invention of the Holy Cross



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Easter III

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Organ—Chorale Prelude on ‘Vexilla Regis’

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The Vidi Aquam

Ant. I saw water * proceeding out of the temple, on the right side, alleluia; and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say: alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 118, 1.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever. *℣.* Glory be. I saw water.

℣. O Lord show thy mercy upon us, alleluia. *℟.* And grant us thy salvation, alleluia.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer; *℟.* And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you. *℟.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. *℟.* Amen.

Then the Celebrant goes to the bench and vests for Mass.

Introit—*Ps. 139, 18 & 5–6*

Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.

BUT as for us, it behooveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection: by whom we are saved and set free. *Ps. 67, 1.* God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. *℣.* Glory be. But as for us.

Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. <i>ijj.</i> Christe, eléison. <i>ijj.</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. <i>ijj.</i> Christ, have
Kýrie, eléison. <i>ijj.</i>	mercy upon us. <i>ijj.</i> Lord, have mercy upon us. <i>ijj.</i>

Gloria in excelsis

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 Jesu 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 Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, **✠** art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

∿ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in the wondrous Finding of the Cross of our salvation didst renew the miracles of thy Passion: vouchsafe; that by the ransom of this life-giving tree, we may attain thy succour unto life eternal: Who livest and reignest. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession; and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we, who observe the heavenly birthday of thy Saints Alexander, Eventius, Theodulus and Juvenal; may by their intercession be delivered from all evils that beset us. Through. ℞ Amen.

The Epistle

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians. Phil. 2, 5-11

BRETHREN: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (*here genuflect*) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.. ℞ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia. ∿ *Ps. 96, 10.* Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord hath reigned from the tree. Alleluia. ∿ Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee: thou alone wast counted worthy to bear the King of heaven and the Lord. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Please stand for the Gospel.

∿ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

John 3, 1-15

∿ ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John. ℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him: Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him: How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second

time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee: Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him: How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him: Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen, and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not: how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness: even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *℞* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily—Fr Alton

Please be seated.

Nicene Creed

Please kneel for the Creed.

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. *Here genuflect.* And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: And was made man. *Here arise.* 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, and 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.

℣ The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit. *℣* Let us pray.

Offertory. Ps. 118, 16–17. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass, the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me: I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord, alleluia.

Orate Fratres

PRAY, brethren: that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God the Father almighty. *℞* The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

Secrets

LOOK down, O Lord, in mercy on this our sacrifice which we offer unto thee: that we, being preserved from all the wickedness of war, and through the standard of the holy Cross of thy Son being of thy ever sure stablished defence, may with tread the under protection foot the crafts and assaults of our adversaries. Through.

GRANT to us, O Lord, that through these mysteries we may so assuage our earthly desires, that we may learn to love things heavenly.

LET thy plenteous benediction, we beseech thee, O Lord, come down upon these offerings: that of thy mercy they may avail for our sanctification, and make us to rejoice in the festival of thy Saints. Through.

Preface of the Holy Cross

Throughout all ages, world without end. *℟*. Amen.

℣. 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 our Lord 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: Who by the tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind: that whence death arose, thence life might rise again: and that he who by a tree overcame, might also by a tree be overcome: through Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise, the Dominations adore, the Powers fear thy majesty. The Heavens and the heavenly Virtues and the blessed Seraphim together sing thy praise with exultation. With whom, we beseech thee, bid that our voices also be admitted, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

Throughout all ages, world without end. *℟*. Amen.

Our Father

Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

OUR Father, which art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation. *℟*. But deliver us from evil.

The Pax

Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen.

The peace of the Lord be alway with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

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. By the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies, O our God, alleluia.

℣ The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast fulfilled us with heavenly meat, and refreshed us with spiritual drink, we beseech thee: that as thou hast commanded us to triumph by the wood of the holy Cross of thy Son, the armour of righteousness appointed for the salvation of the world; so thou wouldest defend us from the crafts and assaults of the enemy. Through the same. *℞* Amen.

Let us pray.

OLORD our God, who hast made us partakers of this holy Sacrament: grant that we may thereby inwardly be satisfied with heavenly food, and outwardly be defended against all adversities.

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, that like as we whom thou hast refreshed by the partaking of thy sacred gift do offer unto thee our outward worship: so, at the intercession of thy Saints, Alexander, Eventius, Theodulus and Juvenal, we may inwardly be profited thereby to our salvation. Through. *℞* Amen.

Dismissal

℣ The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

℣ Ite missa est. *℞* Deo grátias.

Blessing

Please kneel for the Blessing.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost. *℞* Amen.

The Last Gospel

Please stand for the Last Gospel.

∿ The Lord be with you. ⋄ And with thy spirit.

John 16, 16–22

✠ The Continuation of the holy Gospel according to John. ⋄ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus said to his disciples: A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves: What is this that he saith unto us: A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore: What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them: Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you: That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice: and your joy no man taketh from you. ⋄ Thanks be to God.

Hymn—Vexilla Regis prodeunt

THE royal banners forward go;
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow;
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled Water flowed, and Blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old:
Amidst the nations, God, saith, he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

4. O Tree of beauty! Tree of light!
O Tree with royal purple dight!
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest:

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

7. To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by the Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

✠ Christ, for our sake, became obedient unto death. ✠ Even the death of the cross.

✠ We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. ✠ Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

✠ This Sign of the Cross shall be in heaven. ✠ When the Lord shall come to judgement.

✠ Save us, O Christ our Saviour, by the virtue of the Cross. ✠ Thou who savedst Peter in the sea, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in the finding of the Cross of our salvation didst renew the wonders of thy passion: vouchsafe to grant that through the ransom once paid upon that Tree of life, we may attain unto life eternal. Who livest and reignest, world without end. ✠ Amen.

Organ—Toccatà Giocosa

William Matthias

Anniversaries

- 3 May Emily Sprissler Landaur, Benefactress, RIP
5 May Howard W. Miller, Benefactor, RIP (1952)
6 May Lee Kinkade, RIP
7 May Basil Maturin, Priest & Rector, RIP (1915)
Sister Ann Fidelia, SHN, RIP (1978)
8 May Dan Tomko, Birth
9 May Albert Edwin Bowles, Priest & Curate, RIP (1944)
Kenneth Rossiter Terry, Priest & Curate, RIP (2005)
Richard von Siegel, RIP (2018)

Kalendar

- 4 May S. Monica, W.; *Of the Octave*
5 May S. Pius V, P.C.; *Of the Octave*
6 May Octave Day of S. Joseph; *S. John. Ap., before the Latin Gate*
7 May S. Staislas, B.M.
8 May Appearing of S. Michael, Archangel
9 May S. Gregory Nazianzen, B.C.D.
10 May Easter IV; *S. Anthony, B.C.; Ss. Gordian & Epimachus Mm.*

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