

From the Fathers:

From a sermon by St Maximus of Turin, Bishop (380 – c.423)

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand! He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it. And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day!

The Easter Garden

The modern Easter garden probably has its origins in the medieval custom of the Easter Sepulchre: on Good Friday the Blessed Sacrament was ceremonially 'buried' in a 'Sepulchre' and raised in triumph on Easter morning. The custom was especially popular in England, where the Sepulchre often became an architectural feature of the church: an elaborately carved stone niche, often with scenes of the Easter story, found near the church's high altar. Many such sepulchres can still be seen, especially in East Anglia. The modern Easter garden, which like the Easter Sepulchre is often a focus of devotion and prayer, nearly always includes three features: a mound with (usually) three wooden crosses to represent Calvary; a structure, often with a stone rolled away to suggest the empty tomb; and lots of flowers and greenery. Sometimes figures of the risen Lord, the angel and the women, are also included.

28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

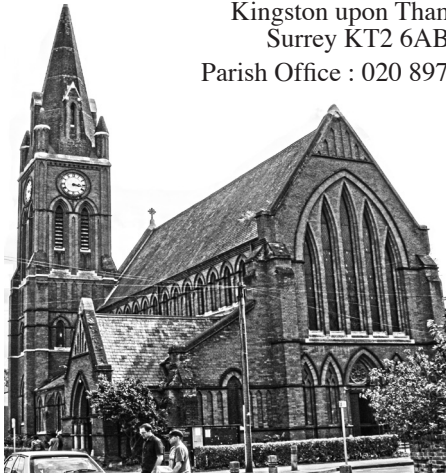


'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.' In the Fourth Gospel the Lord often uses the word 'abide' to describe both his relationship with his heavenly Father, and his closeness with those whom he has called to himself, the Church. Abide expresses an intimacy of relationship, a closeness that is quite so close as to be not merely a 'living with' or 'alongside' someone, but – radically! – a living within them, an 'in-dwelling.' St John's telling of the Gospel explores deeply this theme of in-dwelling. In today's Mass we hear that it is only in and through this intimate in-dwelling that we can 'bear fruit'. The Gospel's wonderfully earthy and organic language speaks to us of growing, maturation, a coming over time to fruitfulness. It speaks of and proclaims fecundity! Our life in Christ is a life of nothing less than our active participation in Christ, participation in him who is the source and ground and glory of our faith, participation in the Word made flesh, a participation in the one who is the fulfilment of all God's salvific intent. Participation in Christ makes holy our lives, directs our works, and draws us ever onward, ever upward, to the perfection of life we call salvation, the life that is eternal. To strengthen us in this life of active and dynamic participation in Christ, the Lord has given himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of his Body and Blood, the sacrament of his in-dwelling, to which sacrament day-by-day and week-on-week we must return for life-giving nourishment.

Today's Gospel: St John 15:1-8

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We welcome you to St Luke's Kingston, a traditional Forward in Faith parish under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham the Rt Rev'd Jonathan Baker. His website is: <http://www.bishopoffulham.org.uk>.

As a community we are dedicated to making the love of Christ known through excellence in worship and active care and concern for others.

St Luke's Church is kept open most days during the daylight hours for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Evensong

WEEKDAYS

9.00am Mass Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday & Friday

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 29th April: Feria of 5th Wk of Easter
Acts 14:5-18 ; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

TUESDAY 30th April : Feria of 5th Wk of Easter
Acts 14:19-28 ; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21; John 14:27-31
9.00am - Mass

WEDNESDAY 1st May : Feria of 5th of Easter
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; John 15:1-8
9.00am - Mass

THURSDAY 2nd May : Feria of 5th of Easter
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11
9.00am - Mass

FRIDAY 3rd May : Feria of 5th of Easter
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; John 15:12-17
9.00am - Mass
11.00am - 2.00pm Tea & Treats - Swinerton Hall

SATURDAY 4th May : Feria of 5th Wk of Easter
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21
2.00pm - 6.00pm - BRaG's May Merrie - Vicarage Garden

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HEALING PRAYER

We pray for our troubled world. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and help others to come to know the love of Christ. We pray for those whose families are shattered by violence and for those who strive for reconciliation, peace and justice.

We pray that the Lord's healing love will comfort and strengthen all those in sickness of mind, body and soul; for Peter Bennett, Tom Hatton, Jason Ridley, Lucy, Judith C, Anne Oram and Claire R.

Especially we pray for:- Gillian, Patricia Davidge, Susan S, Editha Hinds, Carol, Patrick & Sue Codd, Sandy Tanner, Joan Wigham, Fr Hugh Mead and Liz Wright.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Heather Kent, Trudy Postma

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

TODAY: Sarah Wright, Elizabeth Oxborrow, Leslie Birdseye

MONDAY: Leonard Kitchener

TUESDAY: Beatrice Wilcox, Jenny Wade

WEDNESDAY: Gwendoline Lowrie, Fr Gerwyn James

THURSDAY: Leonard Paice

FRIDAY: Cybil Heryett, Percy Stoner

SATURDAY: Ellen Maslen, Florence Salisbury, Ruby Pearce

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We are grateful for the contribution of our choral scholars to the music in our worship and it is good to be able to support the future of church music as, for many, this is a stepping stone to choral scholarships and music at university.

If you are able to contribute to the scholarship fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can either be made as a one-off or regular donation, either by cash to Judith or myself in a marked envelope, or by donation to the scholarship account:-

St Lukes pcc choral scholarship fund
Sort Code: 30-94-77 Account: 84939460
(Please gift aid if you can.)

Thank you for supporting our church music.
Chris

Join Zoom Meeting- Sunday 10.30am

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Meeting ID: 841 8016 2383
Passcode: 499698

pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

FINAL HYMN

418 O happy band of pilgrims

**O happy band of pilgrims,
If onward ye will tread
With Jesus as your fellow
To Jesus as your Head!**

**O happy if ye labour
As Jesus did for men;
O happy if ye hunger
As Jesus hungered then!**

**The cross that Jesus carried
He carried as your due;
The crown that Jesus weareth,
He weareth it for you.**

**The faith by which ye see him,
The hope in which ye yearn,
The love that through all troubles
To him alone will turn,**

**What are they but forerunners
To lead you to his sight?
What are they save the effluence
Of uncreated light?**

**The trials that beset you,
The sorrows ye endure,
The manifold temptations
That death alone can cure,**

**What are they but his jewels
Of right celestial worth?
What are they but the ladder
Set up to heaven on earth?**

**O happy band of pilgrims,
Look upward to the skies,
Where such a light affliction
Shall win you such a prize!**

We follow the old tradition of singing the Regina Caeli during Eastertide in place of the Angelus:

All: **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 God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

v. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. **For the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The priest sings the Collect, and the people respond: Amen

ORGAN MUSIC

Christ lag in Todesbanden -J S Bach

BRaG's May Merrie
Saturday 4th May 2pm
Vicarage Garden & Burton Road

Local family afternoon with:-
Bar, Refreshments, PieLarks's Singing, Tug'o'war,
childrens games, Burton road playstreet playground
& chalk and Sewing Angels.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ORGAN MUSIC

Christ ist erstanden - J S Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN

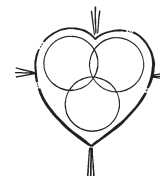
427 O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height

**O PRAISE ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon the earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be out-poured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!**



ANTIPHON *Psalm 97:1-2*

Celebrant: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT FOR EASTERTIDE

BLESSING & SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Priest: Dear friends,
this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.
Let us ask God to bless it,
and to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Priest: God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life.
We ask you now to bless this water,
and to give us your protection on this day
which you have made your own.
Renew the living spring of your life within us
and protect us in spirit and body,
that we may be free from sin
and come into your presence
to receive your gift of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

After blessing the water, the priest moves through the church sprinkling all of the people while the Vidi Aquam is sung:

Antiphon: I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple on the right side thereof. Alleluya. And all they to whom that water came, were healed, everyone, and they say: Alleluya Alleluya.

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the eucharist we celebrate
make us worthy to sit at his table
in his heavenly kingdom.

All: **Amen.**

GLORIA

All: **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.**

COLLECT

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

The people SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING *Acts 9:26-31 (ESV)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.

And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(Choir)*

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Holy Communion is now given.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Greater Love - J Ireland 1879-1962

The People STAND

COMMUNION HYMN

273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
And having with us him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to thee
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
And only look on us as found in him;
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
For lo, between our sins and their reward
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear
And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.**

**And so we come: O draw us to thy feet
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us never more to part from thee.**

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be

Therefore, Father most merciful, we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, on the night of the Last Supper, he took bread and said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH
IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, holy Father, as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your son, our Saviour, whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross to the glory of the Resurrection, and whom you have seated at your right hand, we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again and we offer you the Bread of life and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your Church, in which we show the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us, and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love, we may be counted now until the day of eternity among the members of your Son, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Lord renew your Church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Jonathan our Bishop, the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to an eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever; there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Apostles and Martyrs, with Saint Luke and with all the Saints, we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The People STAND

THE COMMUNION RITE



Priest: At the Saviour's command,
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 21 (22)

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done." **R.**

THE SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24 (ESV)

A reading from the First Letter of St John.

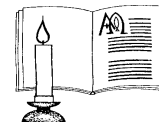
Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. .

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

The People STAND



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

v. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
v. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 15:1-8 (ESV)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

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

HOMILY *The people SIT*

NICENE CREED *The people STAND*

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow: and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The people KNEEL or SIT

At the end of each bidding, silence is kept, followed by:
Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

People: Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*During the hymn the Offerings are presented at the altar
including a collection that will be taken*

The people STAND,

OFFERTORY HYMN

336 Angel voices ever singing

Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?

Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.



INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in
this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme
Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know
your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above
all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our
Passover has been sacrificed. By the oblation of his Body
he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfilment in the reality
of the Cross and, by commending himself to you for our
salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar and the
Lamb of sacrifice. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise and even
the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together
the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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.

The people KNEEL or SIT

Priest: You are indeed holy, and to be glorified, O God,
who love the human race and who always walks with us
on the journey of life. Blessed indeed is your son, present
in our midst when we are gathered by his love, and when,
as once for the disciples, so now for us, he opens the
Scriptures and breaks the bread.