



St Francis Xavier's  
**CATHEDRAL**  
ADELAIDE

**EASTER VIGIL**  
19 APRIL 2025  
7.30PM



**FIRST PART**                      **THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL**  
**SECOND PART**                 **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**                      *Genesis 1:1-2:2*  
**Responsorial Psalm**             *Psalm 103*  
*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Second Reading**                 *Genesis 22:1-18*  
**Responsorial Psalm**             *Psalm*  
*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

**Third Reading**                     *Exodus 14:15-15:1*  
**Responsorial Psalm**             *Psalm*  
*Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

**Fourth Reading**                    *Isaiah 54:5-14*  
**Responsorial Psalm**            *Psalm*  
*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

**Fifth Reading**                    *Isaiah 55:1-11*  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*You will draw water joyfully, on the springs of salvation.*

**Sixth Reading**                    *Baruch 3: 9-15, 32-4:4*  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

**Seventh Reading**                *Ezekiel 36: 16-28*  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

**Epistle**                                *Romans 6.3-11*  
**Responsorial Psalm**            *Alleluia*

**THIRD PART**                    **BAPTISMAL LITURGY**  
**FOURTH PART**                **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory**                        **Through the Red Sea Brought at Last**

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia  
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia  
Deep and wide flows the tide, alleluia  
Sev'ring us from bondage past, alleluia

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia  
Through the billows Israel led, alleluia  
By his tomb Christ makes room, alleluia  
Souls restoring from the dead, alleluia

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia  
Buried and baptised were we, alleluia  
Earthly night brought us light, alleluia  
Which is ours eternally, alleluia

Then deceitful world adieu, alleluia  
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia  
Christ our love draws above, alleluia  
dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia

Text: Ronald Arbuthnott Knox 1888-1957

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## **Communion**                      **Christ the Lord has Risen Again**

Christ the Lord is ris'n again; Christ has broken ev'ry chain;  
Hark! the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high. Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,  
is our paschal Lamb today, we too sing for joy, and say: Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;  
through the universe it rings that the Lamb is King of kings: Alleluia!

Text: Christus ist erstanden; Michael Weisse c.1488-1534

## **Communion**                      **Now the Green Blade Rises**

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain  
Love lives again that with the dead has been  
Love is come again like wheat arising green

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain  
Thinking that he would never wake again  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen  
Love is come again like wheat arising green

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain  
He that for three days in the grave had lain  
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen  
Love is come again like wheat arising green

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain  
Your touch can call us back to life again  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been  
Love is come again like wheat arising green

Text: 11 10 10 11; 'Now the green blade riseth' by J M C Crum, 1872–1958, [alt.]. Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Music: Trad. French Melody.

## **Processional Hymn      Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today**

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, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!  
Now exalted he is King, Alleluia!  
And the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Text: verse 1, Surrexit Christus hodie, Latin, 14th C; paraphr in Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt; v. 2, 3 The Compleat Psalmist, 1749, alt.

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