



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Updated with Order of Service for 11.30am live-stream on Wednesday 15 April
For our Children - see pg.6

Holy Saturday 11 April	All Services below are to be Facebook live-streamed 6.00pm Parish Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Resurrection <i>Inc Paschal Candle, Baptismal Promises - Readings pgs 5,6</i>	Mass Intentions <i>Parish Family</i>
Easter Sunday 12 April	10.30am Parish Mass for Easter Day <i>Inc Child-friendly Homily, Baptismal Promises - Readings pg 7</i>	<i>Livia Lestek</i>
Monday 13 April		<i>Albert Allan</i>
Tuesday 14 April		<i>Yorkshire Brethren</i>
Wednesday 15 April	10.30-10.45am 'Bible Stories Retold' in a Child-friendly way 11.30am-12.00nn Scripture Reflections and Benediction	<i>Eileen O'Reilly</i>
Thursday 16 April		<i>Colin Stevenson</i>
Friday 17 April		<i>Maurice O'Mara</i>
Saturday 18 April		<i>Elizabeth Heston</i>
Low Sunday 19 April	10.30am Parish Mass	<i>Parish Family</i>

Any who can safely do so might light a candle on Holy Saturday evening and/or Easter Sunday morning. Those sharing in a live-stream on Holy Saturday might light this as the Paschal Candle is lit, **or at the end of the Vigil and as the Liturgy moves into the Mass with the 'Glory to God'**. Traditionally, lit candles are held during the Baptismal Promises: at both Masses, an opportunity for those who can find it to use the candle from their own Baptism.

Fr Anthony wishes all of our Parish Family, and all who belong to them, a truly happy, safe, and Christ filled Easter.

Fr Anthony continues to each day celebrate Mass at one or other of our Churches, with special thought for all our Parish Family and all who belong to them. If any wish their own Mass intentions to be celebrated during these present times, please let Fr Anthony know in the usual manner.
And let us all pray for a speedy end to Covid-19 and the well-being of each and all.

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From Fr Anthony

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: Who will contend with me? Let him confront me. I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? (Melito of Sardis)

So many, just now, feel held by bonds: not of chains or rope, but the restrictions brought by that tiny Covid-19 virus that can't even be seen with the naked eye. It's Easter, it's bank holiday time, it's a time to be at the seaside, or in the country, or gathering with the larger family, even round a barbie, maybe - **but not this year.**

Lent, this year, brought much more than many might have bargained for; certainly so if we look back as far as the time of new year resolutions. But hopefully, amidst all the confusions, we also found Lent a time of being more realistic about our self-imposed bonds, bonds of sin. Our sins damage or lessen our relationship with God: in the variable attention to and quality of our chats with God, in prayer; in our not being as loving as he is. Our sins damage our relationships with others, when we fail to do for them as we ought and do to them what we ought not. Our sins, too, damage our relationship with our own selves, as we have been Baptised into the perfect image and likeness of God himself, but then hide some aspects of that image behind ungodly behaviour, and so become less than our best.

And if we rely only on ourselves, this is the way things will continue to be. But it doesn't have to be that way. Time and again we have heard and read, in recent weeks - keep your distance. The emphasis has been on - *to protect our NHS and to save others.* Repeatedly, we have been asked to do just as Christ did, to accept sacrifices on our own part to save the lives of others. Christ would not have died on the cross if he didn't

mean it to help us. Jesus never suggested we should try, by our own efforts alone, to be perfect. If we let him, he promised to walk with us and to carry us as and when necessary; one day to the glory of heaven, but also, meanwhile, from our sins and ever closer to perfection.

I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come, all you nations, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you . . . I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king . . . With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father. (Melito of Sardis)



Things happening in our Parish

Self isolated? It seems many neighbours are looking out for those needing assistance with essential shopping, so hopefully all are being catered for. However, if any are or become completely self-isolated (eg if displaying signs of Covid-19) and are stuck for someone to get essentials, they might email/telephone Fr Anthony and he will pass on a message to our SVP. As Fr Anthony may not be available/able to deal with calls immediately, please try to contact him a day or two before your need is immediate.



Parish Facebook Not signed up? We have a growing Parish Facebook community, to be found at [Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe.](#)

Please note: this item about money is repeated in case any missed it last week and not to be going on more about -

Amidst the other present difficulties and challenges, a significant number are already having or soon may have significant money concerns. Naturally all need to look to paying for food and other household bills. Please also remember, though, that our Parish is, just now, taking a notable financial hit.

If you are able - and the - if - is important:

Hopefully those with standing orders to our Parish will not need to reduce them.

Any not donating their offertory monies via a standing order are invited to do so. You simply arrange with your bank for your chosen amount to be paid from your bank account direct to the Parish bank account. You, but only you, can alter the amount, and at any time before the next payment. To obtain a form to send to your bank, please contact Fr Anthony (by email, if you can, and please indicate whether you have a printer).

It is now also possible to donate via text. If the above does not suit, please consider texting **CHURCH SHSJ to 70500 to contribute £5 to the Offertory of our Parish.** As payee you would decide whether this is done say weekly, or fortnightly, or other. You should be asked whether you wish to Gift Aid the money (so use your own telephone!).



Obviously offertory envelopes can have money put in and, if you are passing by the Presbytery, can be left through the letter box, or can be stored to be brought to Church at a later date.

Please also remember that if you pay income tax, your donation can be Gift Aided, so that our Parish can claim back the tax you have paid on that donation, normally at no extra cost to you. (Do note, though, that if you only pay a small amount of tax, and the tax we reclaim is greater than what you have paid, HMRC can and likely will bill you for the difference.)

Traditionally A collection is taken, at Easter Masses, as your gift to your priest. While gifts may be left at the Presbytery, our Bishop is proposing that later in the year, a Collection will be taken in lieu of Easter Offerings.

Notices for the Bulletin need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, is provisionally planned to occur in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 10 & 17 Jun**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations will hopefully next be celebrated, for our Deanery Parishes, early in 2021 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Details about applications will be announced when more is known..

First Reconciliation/Communion Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. *Parents and their Children* will be notified when we can resume, but they should please keep in their diaries all the dates given for the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Should there arise an unusual urgency regarding Baptism, please consult with Fr Anthony or another priest.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

In the ancient Middle East, both palm and laurel branches were symbols of triumph or victory. If a king returned victorious from warfare, he might ride into his home city on a donkey and palm and laurels branches would be put on the road before him, symbolic of his having defeated the enemy and brought about a new time of peace. Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem in such manner as he was about to suffer, die and rise again.

Why is the sacrament of Baptism so intimately linked to Easter?

AND SERIOUSLY!

Teresa Green's singing of 'I shall not pass this way again' gave great pleasure to all of the congregation.



Next week there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Parish Monies

It is now possible to donate via text. Any not donating in other ways - please consider texting -

CHURCH SHSJ to 70500
to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory, weekly, fortnightly, other . . .

Collections, etc

Lent Project - this year for *Maidie's Minibus* - is now concluded. Please get any late donations to Fr Anthony asap.

Total raised - £521.84

Our Lent Project We were doing so well in helping to raise money for a *Minibus for Burntwood Nursing Home*. As the Project was effectively cut short, we will look to return to it, in some way, later.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say

what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as He rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

He goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen

from the dead we know.

Victorious King, Thy mercy show!

Amen. Alleluia.



Some Useful Connections

Mass (12.00nn each day) and various other Liturgies are streamed from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and can be watched live and some later also; see www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Mass is streamed Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: see www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

For Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, and other materials: see www.universalis.com

For texts of daily Masses and more: see www.magnificat.com/free

For information and prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: see www.cafod.org.uk

For a little Catholic teaching, praying, etc, try Fr Stephen Wang: at www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w

Mass and other devotions can be accessed via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or see www.ewtn.com

**Please Keep
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**
especially Albert Allan, Rebecca Louise O'Reilly,
Dorothy Twiby, and their families



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

Funerals are not easy to cope with at the best of times. There are now significant restrictions, including their being without a Mass or *in Church* Service. Further restrictions also apply to all funerals, whether graveside or cremation, whatever the cause of death. Funeral Directors are advising of latest possibilities for Graveside and Crematorium Services. Meanwhile, all can be assured that when we can again gather in numbers, families will be welcome to arrange for a Memorial Mass or Service, for their own deceased loved ones.

The Word: Year A, Easter Sunday, Commentary

See Readings on pg 7.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story in John's Gospel stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that the disciples will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearance accounts. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these encounters stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. The disciples are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, the authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings Peter to faith.



First Reading: Acts 10: 34,37-43

Peter was speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the Roman centurion who already revered God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter emphasises that Jesus was a real human being: he went about bringing God's peace to everyone he could meet; nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal; so God reacted by raising him from death to a life that was totally new; this was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God's plan in crea-

tion. Life moved into a new gear. Peter goes on to state that God has appointed the Risen Jesus to judge the living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be this judge. Jesus is the Lord who will bring all things to completion and to judgment. By his rising from the dead Jesus is given supreme authority over the whole world. In Paul's words, Jesus was 'constituted Son of God in power' by the resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

This reading is the visible tip of an iceberg, because much more lies below the surface! Paul here tells us that all our interest must be in heavenly things, the things of Christ, because we share Christ's life. What is more, this life is no ordinary life. What does all this mean? We share Christ's life because faith in Christ means that we put all our trust and hope in Christ. We have been baptised into Christ, that is, by baptism we have been dipped into Christ as into a river, and come up soaked in and dripping with Christ. I am growing into Christ, to share his inheritance, his status as Son of God. The well-spring of my life is no longer the ordinary, natural life which enables me to live, breathe, digest, feel, see, sing and play, love and hate. It is the Spirit of Christ which spurs me to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, peace and openness. This life, says Paul, is still hidden, and will be fully manifested only at the coming of Christ.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Easter, Low Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34,37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 1

- Sun** Seasonal Proper
- Mon** Seasonal Proper
- Tues** Seasonal Proper
- Wed** Seasonal Proper
- Thu** Seasonal Proper
- Fri** Seasonal Proper
- Sat** Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

- Mon** Of Easter Week
- Tue** Of Easter Week
- Wed** Of Easter Week
- Thu** Of Easter Week
- Fri** Of Easter Week
- Sat** Of Easter Week

Scripture Reflections and Benediction

11.30am live-stream

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar, then all sing:

Opening Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Gospel Reflection: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he

said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Following the reflections, all sing:

O bread of heaven beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love Thee and adoring kneel;
each loving soul by Thee is fed
with Thine own self in form of bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give
the pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
and every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite
the servant to His living Lord;
could I dare live, and not requite
such love then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove
some love for such unmeasured love.

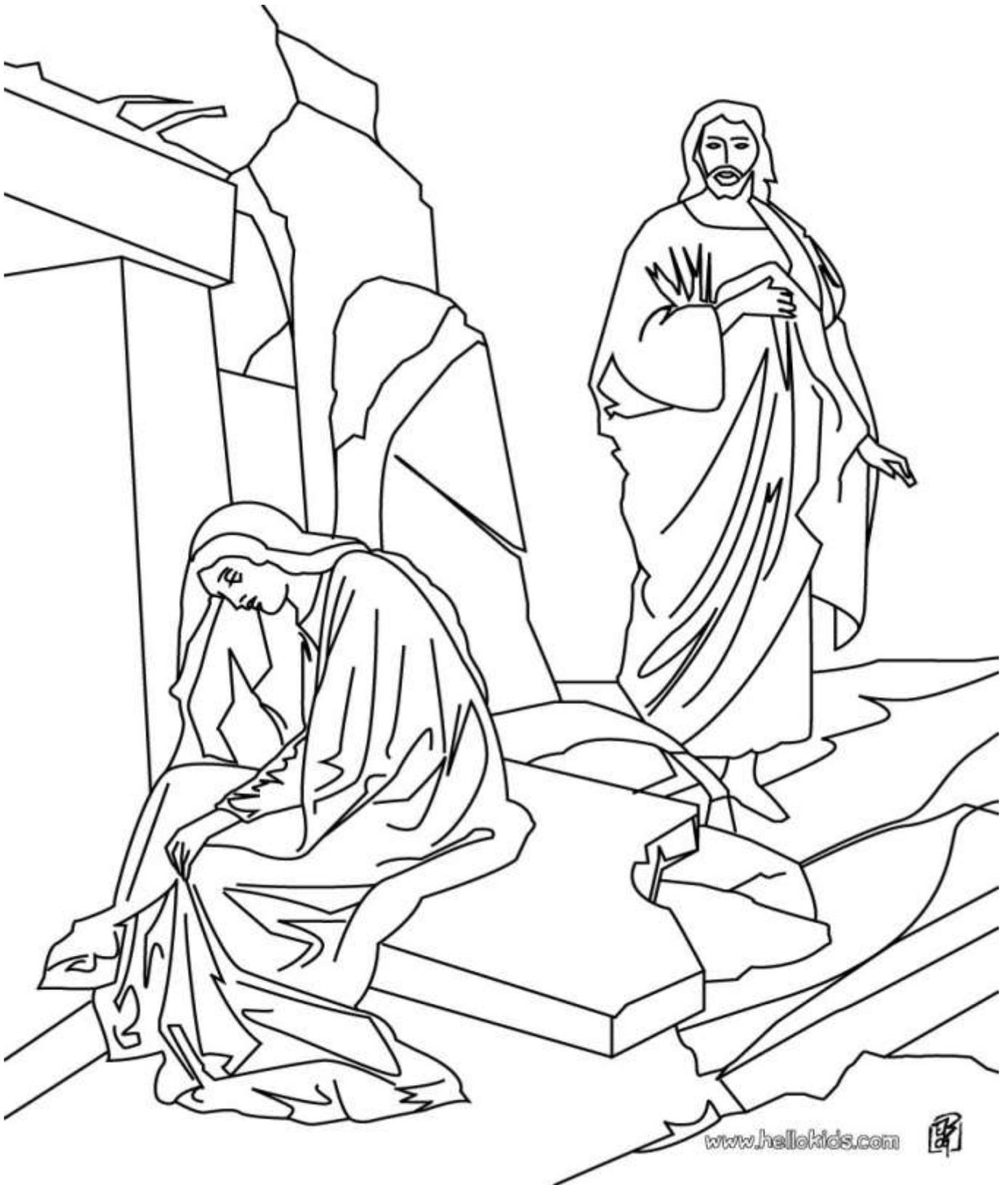
Beloved Lord in heaven above,
there, Jesus, Thou awaitest me;
to gaze on Thee with changeless love,
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
for how can He deny me heaven
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

Prayers of adoration are recited, including:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within thy wounds hide me
Permit me not to be separated from thee
From the wicked foe defend me
At the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to thee
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

Following the Blessing, the Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle as all sing:

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.



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When Mary saw the big stone rolled away and the tomb empty she was, at first, very sad and upset, because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body away and she didn't know where.

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| 1 But which Mary was this? | 2 What is put into a tomb? | 3 Which apostles did Mary run to and tell? | 4 Which apostle did St John call 'The one Jesus loved'? |
| a Mary, Jesus mother | a Dead bodies | a Andrew and Thomas | a Matthew |
| b Mary of Magdala | b Water bottles | b Philip and Nathaniel | b Himself |
| c Mary, sister of Lazarus | c Garden tools | c Peter and John | c Simon the Zealot |

Answers: 1-b | 2-a | 3-c | 4-b