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## SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

*The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.*

*A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplainortorrevieja/>

### THE CHAPLAIN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THIS  
CHAPLAINCY.**

### FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

You can give in the plate each week.

You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis – and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.

You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.  
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

### THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

Church services have resumed in accordance with Spanish Law, the advice of the Bishops of the Diocese, the advice of the Spanish Episcopal Conference and FEREDE.

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. This is because of the difficulty of social distancing in the church and its already limited capacity.
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed until April 2021. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy as we begin again in limited circumstances.

Future celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at La Siesta are:

|                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd January                  | 1130                        |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January    | 1700                        |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January     | 1130                        |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January   | 1700                        |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January   | 1700                        |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February     | 1130                        |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February  | 1700                        |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February | <b>1130 – ASH WEDNESDAY</b> |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February    | 1130                        |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February  | 1700                        |

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream. You can see and hear me but I cannot see you.

We will very much be adopting a hybrid approach for the foreseeable future.

On the Sundays where there is a Mass at La Siesta, there will be a live-streamed Mass on Saturdays at 1700 so that those unable to come to church will still be able to see Mass celebrated.

On the Saturdays where there is a Mass at La Siesta, there will be a live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 1100 so that those unable to come to church will still be able to see Mass celebrated.

The weekday live-streams will continue. The general pattern is:

|           |                                                     |               |      |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Monday    | 1100                                                | EP            | 1800 |
| Tuesday   | 0930                                                | EP            | 1800 |
| Wednesday | 1100                                                | EP and Rosary | 1800 |
| Thursday  | 0930                                                | EP            | 1800 |
| Friday    | no live stream (Father Richard's rest day)          |               |      |
| Saturday  | no live stream in the morning, Mass when indicated. |               |      |

There will also be a liturgy still included in the weekly sheet for those unable to access the internet. This means there will be "physical" worship, live-streamed worship and "printed" worship.



## **Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

**We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy.**

**The list of full instructions can be obtained from Father Richard, the Churchwardens, the Secretary or Joan Berry. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved.**

**If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.**

**Under present regulations, the maximum number permitted at La Siesta is 32.**

**You need to let Sue Maude know ([wardenlasiesta@gmail.com](mailto:wardenlasiesta@gmail.com)) each week if you are coming.**

**This is so we can implement the regulations correctly.**



**Amen. Alleluia!**

Magnificat: **+ My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.**

**The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.**

**He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.**

**He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.**

**He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*"Participants in a streamed service of Holy Communion should not be encouraged to place bread and wine before their screens. Joining together to share in the one bread and the one cup as those physically present to one another is integral to the service of Holy Communion; ... and it is not helpful to suggest otherwise. Any idea of the 'remote consecration' of the bread and wine should be avoided."*

The words above are an extract from a letter from Bishop Robert and Bishop David from 2nd April. Under Church of England formularies the Priest himself must set the bread and wine upon the Altar which is going to be consecrated during the Eucharist.

This post underlines The Church of England position.



### **The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

### **The Chaplain's Prayer List for January 2021:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:*

Laura Risquez and her family, Brian, Keith Simmons, Luke Thompson, Kathryn Moore, Fr Brian, Andrew, Isaac Jalal, Cathy Neil, Danny Gidman, Denise Taylor, Dorothy Hanson, Eileen Catlin, Father Helge, Solveig Pettersson, Gwen Simmons, Gerry Hopkins, Benjamin Saville, for all those suffering in mind, body and spirit as a result of the coronavirus.

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

*For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

*Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.*

**Father Richard's Study Group...** will resume when we can.

### **From the Churchwardens:**

It has been so good to see so many of our congregations returning to Church and we thank the dedicated team who prepare for worship and deep clean afterwards. We must also thank those who have been putting their giving away and have now brought it back to Church. This is really needed as is the continued giving to maintain the life of our Chaplaincy. The ideal for the Chaplaincy would be for people to set up standing orders or direct debits. This allows us to have a good idea of what we can expect to receive and plan our finances.

If you feel you can manage to set up a standing order. The bank details to do this are as follows:

**Spanish Bank details.** Banco Sabadell. IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414 / BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied.

Thank you so very much for your help,

*Peter and Jennifer*

**Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.**

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,*

*and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there*

*and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

or,

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.*

Prayer resources

1. Look at the pages of the Church Union, a well-established organisation in the Church of England: <https://www.churchunion.co.uk/news.php>

2. You are invited to say the *Angelus* at 0600 (!), or better still 1200 and 1800. The services of livestreamed Evening Prayer begin with this.
3. Lastly, and most importantly, make a Spiritual Communion. There is more about this in this newsletter.
4. *Praying at home with the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
The Society of Mary has produced a booklet of readings, reflections and prayers that focus on some of the themes that are important at these times; and how Mary is an example for us, as well as someone who prays with us and for us.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SoM\\_May\\_2020\\_Marian\\_Devotional\\_Booklet.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SoM_May_2020_Marian_Devotional_Booklet.pdf)
5. Devotions and Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.  
[https://www.sswsh.com/uploads/Sacred\\_Heart\\_of\\_Jesus\\_Devotions\\_and\\_Prayers.pdf](https://www.sswsh.com/uploads/Sacred_Heart_of_Jesus_Devotions_and_Prayers.pdf)
6. Praying in Church.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Praying\\_in\\_Church\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Praying_in_Church_FINAL.pdf)
7. Praying with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Blessed\\_Sacrament\\_Resource\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Blessed_Sacrament_Resource_FINAL.pdf)
8. A series of homilies. **Homilies from an SSC Priest**  
As lockdown began, it became clear that the way in which we worshipped as communities, and the way in which we taught the faith were going to have to change. This is a series of homilies by one priest of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC) who ministers in North London.  
In this series he explores through the great Feasts of the Church's year just how the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on our faith.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SSC\\_priest\\_homilies.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/SSC_priest_homilies.pdf)
9. A booklet on the Rosary from the Society of Mary, a devotional society in the Church of England.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Rosary\\_Resource\\_SoM.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Rosary_Resource_SoM.pdf)
10. From the Guild of All Souls, *Praying for the sick, dying, departed and bereaved*.  
[https://www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/uploads/7/0/6/7/7067171/praying\\_for\\_the\\_sick\\_dying\\_departed\\_and\\_bereaved\\_-\\_nov\\_2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0flfh-QBXR1Me5O9QbTfpFzkr8bnmq-EMOGSpHyB7FRWSvCrkaj3u1s](https://www.guildofallsouls.org.uk/uploads/7/0/6/7/7067171/praying_for_the_sick_dying_departed_and_bereaved_-_nov_2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0flfh-QBXR1Me5O9QbTfpFzkr8bnmq-EMOGSpHyB7FRWSvCrkaj3u1s)
11. From the Church Union: *O Radiant Dawn* – A resource for Advent  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/O\\_Radiant\\_Dawn\\_final\\_version.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/O_Radiant_Dawn_final_version.pdf)
12. From the Church Union: *The Wondrous Gift* – A resource for Christmass.  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/The\\_Wondrous\\_Gift\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/The_Wondrous_Gift_FINAL.pdf)
13. From the Church Union: *O Come Let Us Adore Him* – Prayers at the Crib  
[https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Prayers\\_at\\_the\\_crib\\_v6.pdf](https://www.churchunion.co.uk/uploads/Prayers_at_the_crib_v6.pdf)

## Sunday 3 January 2021

### Entrance Antiphon

**Wis 18: 14-15**

When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
splendour of faithful souls,  
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory,  
and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading****Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12****From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom**

Wisdom speaks her own praises,  
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;  
'Then the creator of all things instructed me,  
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.  
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,  
make Israel your inheritance."  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for eternity I shall remain.  
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,  
and thus was I established on Zion.  
In the beloved city he has given me rest,  
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
I have taken root in a privileged people,  
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

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**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 147:12-15,19-20**

*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates

he has blessed the children within you.

*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command.

*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees.

*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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## **Second reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18**

### **Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,  
determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ  
for his own kind purposes,  
to make us praise the glory of his grace,  
his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**cf. 1Tim3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.  
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.  
Alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh, and lived among us**

In the beginning was the Word:  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men;  
and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain  
and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to all who believe in the name of him  
who was born not out of human stock  
or urge of the flesh  
or will of man  
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,  
he lived among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:  
'This is the one of whom I said:  
He who comes after me ranks before me  
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –  
yes, grace in return for grace,

since, though the Law was given through Moses,  
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.  
No one has ever seen God;  
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,  
who has made him known.

### **Reflection**

In a scene called *Christ in the House of His Parents*, the 19th-century English painter John Everett Millais depicted Jesus as a boy of about eight or ten, helping in Joseph's carpentry workshop. In an accident, Jesus had gashed his finger so badly that his blood streamed down, while his mother tended to the wound. Though it's an imaginary incident, it portrays well what John means in his Gospel today, that the Word truly became flesh. The Fourth Gospel opens with a sublime statement about the origins of Jesus: "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God." It goes on to affirm that the Word became flesh for us. By becoming one of ourselves we might expect the Incarnate Word of God to share the same emotions as ourselves, and indeed he did. In the stories that follow, we read how Jesus showed his love to various people, to Martha, Mary and Lazarus, to his disciple John and to the rich young man who wanted to follow him. Equally, he shared our experience of distress. He could shed tears at times of loss and crisis, such as when his friend Lazarus died and before he publicly entered Jerusalem, knowing that the city would reject and execute him. The Gospels also tell how Jesus enjoyed social occasions and was a guest at so many dinners that his critics called him a glutton and a drunkard. He felt a strong empathy for people who suffered, and when they were hungry he provided the food that they needed. Like all of us, he needed companionship with others, so on several occasions he took Peter, James and John into his special confidence. When exhausted he could fall asleep, even in the stern of a boat being tossed by the wind and waves. He felt intense fear just before his passion, and openly admitted to his followers how troubled he felt in his soul. In his agony he prayed "Father let his cup pass me by." When the Word became flesh, he joined us on so many levels.

He *dwelt among us*, fully, passionately. He didn't just come to live a quiet life. He "pitched his tent among us" and shared the full range of our human experience, in order to draw us near to God. He was so much in touch with outsiders that his critics called him a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. To show his compassion for lepers, he physically touched them, laid hands on them, even at the risk of becoming ritually impure. Because he was a man of the people he spent most of his time among those who needed him most, and they were welcome in his company.

This Word became flesh to make the Eternal Father known to all of us. He came to let us know the Father. Indeed, he is God's personal message to us. How can we know the Father? Through Jesus who is "the way, the truth and the life." He is our surest way to the Father. To know the invisible God, we must link up with Jesus, think of him often, and identify with him as children of God. "To those who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God, to those who believed in his name who were born not of human stock or human desire or human will but of God himself." We are the ones who are (re)born in this way.

## **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

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,  
born 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,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', 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.

### **THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,  
who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.  
Christ born for us,  
Son of God given for us:  
help us to know you,  
to worship and to serve you ...  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Wonderful counsellor,  
you order all things with your wisdom:  
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love  
and fill her with the Spirit of truth ...

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God,  
the government is on your shoulders:  
guide the leaders of the nations  
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness ...

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father,  
you call us to live together in unity:  
protect by your mercy all your children,  
bless our families and renew our communities ...

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace,  
you bring reconciliation through the cross:  
by your healing power give to all who suffer ...  
your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father,  
full of the Spirit,

**hear our prayer,**

**receive our praises,**

**fill our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYAmZ4HIT60>

## The Angelus



The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,  
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation  
of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**