



THE EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 AT 9:00 P.M.

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★ The Service of Light: Screen share

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and though we fast this year from celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope, that our minds may be purified by this Easter celebration, and we may one day be brought to the feast of eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest receives the Paschal Candle and says the following words with each action:

Christ yesterday and today (top of cross to bottom of cross)

The beginning and the end (left side of cross to right side)

Alpha (above the cross)

And Omega (below the cross)

To whom all time belongs (2)

And all the ages (0)

To whom be glory and power (2)

Through every age for ever. Amen (1)

Then the Priest says the following at each of the nails in the form of a cross:

By his holy (top)

And glorious wounds (middle)

May Christ our Lord (bottom)

Guard us (left)

And keep us. Amen (right)

Lighting the Easter Candle

The Candle is lit. Please light your own candles at home, to share in the light of Christ.

Priest: May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Leader: sings the following three times, all respond as indicated.

Leader: The light of Christ.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Phos Hilaron: "O Gladsome Light" – Walter MacNutt

O gladsome Light, O Grace of God the Father's face, The eternal splendour wearing; Celestial, holy, blest, Our Saviour Jesus Christ

Joyful in thine appearing.

To thee of right belongs All praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Lifegiver; Thee, therefore, O Most High, The world doth glorify,

And shall exalt forever.

The Exultet

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

People:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

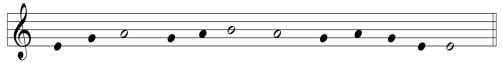
Leader: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Leader: Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood.

and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father.



Leader: This is the Passover feast, when Christ,

the true Lamb is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of

Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the night when Christians everywhere,

washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement. are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of

death and rose triumphant from the grave.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless

your merciful love! To ransom a slave, you gave away your Son.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away,

restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.



Leader: Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth

and we are reconciled with God!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Therefore Heavenly Father in the joy of this night receive our evening sacrifice

of praise your church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter Candle, may it

always dispel the darkness of this night.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: May this Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that

Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all

creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

When the screen share ends, the service continues on Zoom, live, with the Vigil of Readings and Prayers.

¥ Vigil of Readings and Prayers: Steven Mackison

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,

let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history

and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading – A Creation Story: *Diem Lafortune*

Song: "The Garden" (Bobby McFerrin)

And there was day

And there was night

There was dark And there was light

There was the earth

There was the sky

And there in the tree

There crawled a lie

There in Eden

There was good

There in the garden

Where the Tree of Life stood

There the snake was

There was pain

And we're tryin' to get back

In the garden again

There was fire

There was rain

There was talk
There was shame

They were moanin'

They were cryin'

But there still is a glimmer

In the big man's eye

A brief silence is observed

Collect

Priest: Almighty and eternal God,

you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.

Help us now to perceive

how still more wonderful is the new creation,

by which in the fullness of time

you redeemed your people

through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Second Reading: Marg Creal

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt. "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

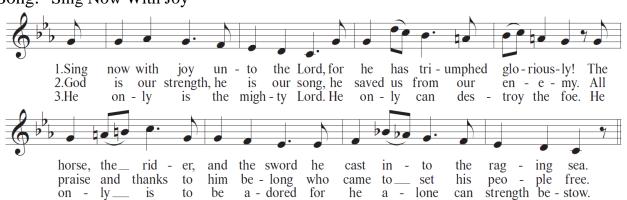
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

All: Thanks be to God.

Song: "Sing Now With Joy"



A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: God of steadfast love,

your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day.

By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people

from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us

of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered

among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Third Reading: Craig Spielmacher

Reader: A Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness's, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Ezekiel 36.24-28

All: Thanks be to God.

Song: "One Love" (Bob Marley/Curtis Mayfield)

One love, one heart

Let's get together and feel all right

Hear the children cryin' (one love)

Hear the children cryin' (one heart)

Sayin' give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Sayin' let's get together and feel all right

Let them all pass all their dirty remarks (one love)

There is one question I'd really love to ask (one heart)

Is there a place for the hopeless sinners

Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own beliefs?

One love, what about the one heart, one heart

What about, people, let's get together and feel all right

As it was in the beginning (one love)

So shall it be in the end (one heart)

All right! Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Let's get together and feel all right, one more thing

Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon (one love)

So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom (one song)

Have pity on those whose chances grows thinner

There ain't no hiding place from the Father of Creation

Sayin', one love, what about the one heart? (one heart)

What about the, let's get together and feel all right

I'm pleadin' to mankind (one love)

Oh, Lord (one heart) whoa

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Let's get together and feel all right

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Let's get together and feel all right

A brief silence is observed.

Collect

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God,

in the paschal mystery

you established the new covenant of reconciliation.

Grant that all who are born again in baptism

may show forth in their lives

what they profess by their faith.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

▼ The Easter Proclamation

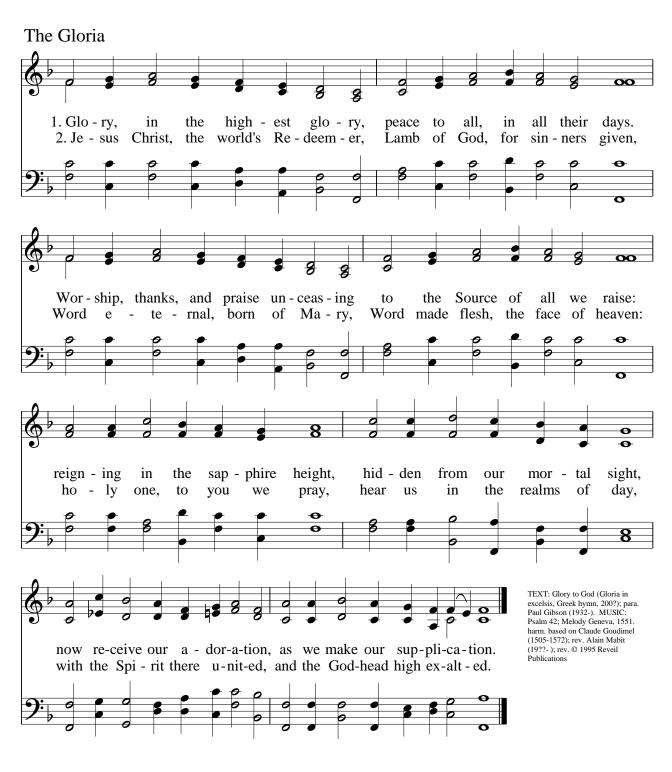
Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A fanfare sounds.

Everyone ring your bells, shake your shakers, or beat your pots and pans. In short, make lots of noise!

Then all sing the Gloria on the next page.



The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal Giver of life and light,

this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,

that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,

and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Fourth Reading: Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 6.3-11

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed



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The Gospel: Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 16.1-8

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Motet: "Exultate Justi" (John Williams)

Laudamus te, laudamus! We praise you, we give praise!

Exsultate, justi, in Domino; *Exult, you just, in the Lord;*

Exsultate in Domino.

Exult in the Lord.

Exsultate, justi, in Domino;

Exult, you just, in the Lord;

rectos decet collaudatio.

praise from the upright is fitting.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Salvator Dominus, Salvator mundi: Qui tollis peccata mundi.

The Lord is Savior, Savior of the world: who takes away the sin of the world.

▼ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest: Blessed be God,

All: the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Priest: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Priest: Dear friends,

God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory,

in baptism to declare his new life, in fellowship and mission to share it.

Do you accept this call?

All: We hear and accept God's call.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

All: I believe.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

All: I believe.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

All: I believe.

Priest: Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, Priest: whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example Priest:

the good news of God in Christ? I will, with God's help. All:

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, Priest:

and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? I will, with God's help.

This is the task of the Church. Priest:

All:

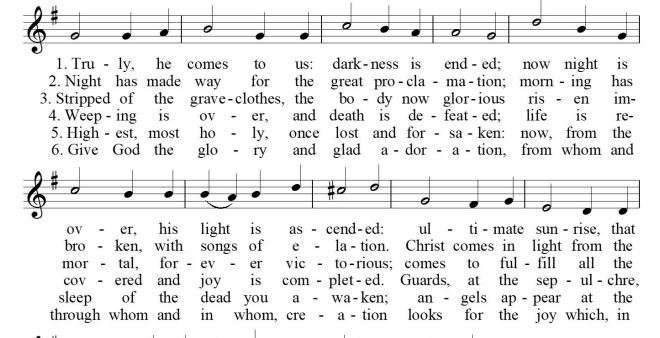
All:

All: This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.

Priest: Gracious God,

> Bring those who have been baptized with Christ through the waters of death, to be one with him in his resurrection and sustain your people by your Spirit to be hope and strength to the world. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen. Hymn: #204 (Common Praise) "Truly, He Comes to Us"



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The Prayers of the People: Richard Van Delft

Leader: Gracious God,

we come with anticipation on this Easter Eve and ask you to roll away the stone from the tombs of our hearts, that we may share in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ.

We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: Heavenly Father,

you have filled us with new life

and made us witnesses to the conquering love of Jesus.

Empower your whole church, with your Holy Spirit,

that we may bring words of new life to all who seek your presence in their lives.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: Almighty God,

by your right hand you have triumphed over all injustice,

bringing new hope to the whole world.

Breathe your life into all who lead and hold authority among the nations, that they may be agents of peace and justice to those they serve.

May the whole human family be given

a renewed vision of your will for our relationship with creation.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: God of mercy,

your son became the wounded healer

who brought relief to those in need.

to those who cry out in pain or despair,

May Christ's resurrection bring healing and hope

and to whose for whom we pray this night.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

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Leader: God of light and life,

your son is risen, bringing life and immortality to all.

We remember those who have died.

praying that you will welcome them home.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort their loved ones and give us faith in your promise of life everlasting.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray to you, risen Lord:

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

Leader: Eternal God,

into the emptiness of the tomb,

you have birthed new life in the person of your Son.

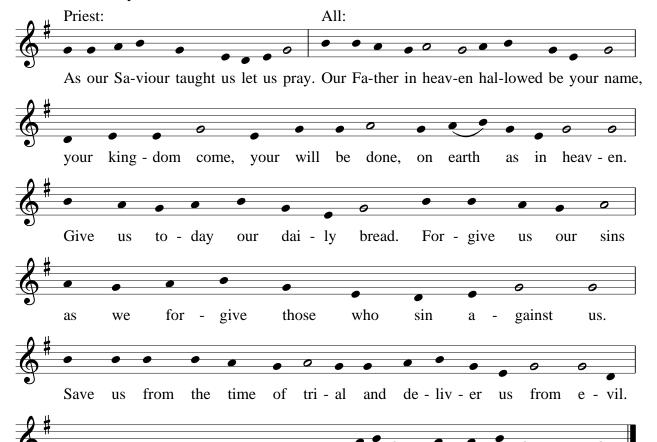
May we be witnesses to Christ's resurrection,

sharing in his work of reconciliation throughout the world.

We ask this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

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For the king dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

All: whose power working in us

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus

for ever and ever. Amen.

Song: "Light and Day" (Tim DeLaughter)

Light and day is more than you'll say

Because all

My feelings are more

Than i can let by

Or not

More than you've got

Just follow the day

Follow the day and reach for the sun!

You don't see me flyin to the red

One more you're done

Just follow the seasons and find the time

Reach for the bright side

You don't see me flyin to the red

One more you're nuts

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The Dismissal: Susan Haig

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! **People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

After the service you are invited to remain online for some post-resurrection music

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