

Vigil of Easter

April 23, 2011 8:00 PM

Welcome

Tonight's liturgy is based on the traditional four elements of the ancient vigil: the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the proclamation of salvation history, the renewal of baptismal vows, and the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter. As in the early days of the church—when Christian met in small gatherings and without the "pomp" we associate with Easter today—we gather tonight simply and quietly to welcome the Risen Christ.

This bulletin contains only the order of worship and those parts of the liturgy that are spoken or sung by the entire congregation.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Story of God's Saving Deeds

Reading	The Creation	Genesis 1
Musical Response	<i>God of Wonders</i>	Byrd/Hindalong

Reading	Deliverance at the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Musical Response	<i>Moses</i>	Medena

Guided Meditation

Reading	Salvation Offered Freely for All	Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-11
Hymn (<i>remain seated</i>)	<i>Come to the Water</i>	Foley

1. O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

2. And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

3. And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

4. And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

Renewal of Life

Thanksgiving over the Water

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*After the Celebrant says, "To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever,"
the people say Amen.*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Officiant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People I do.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows will be read antiphonally. Those on the right side (facing the fire place) will be Group 1; those on the left side will be Group 2

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?
Group 1 I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Group 2 creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Group 1 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

Group 2 On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Group 1 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

Group 2 the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Group 1 Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

Group 2 I will, with God's help.

Group 2 Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return
to the Lord?

Group 1 I will, with God's help.

Group 1 Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Group 2 I will, with God's help.

Group 2 Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Group 1 I will, with God's help.

Group 1 Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

Group 2 I will, with God's help.

The Officiant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Asperges

With All I Am

Hillsong United

Reading

The Resurrection

Luke 24:1-11; John 20:19b-21

The Peace *The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Risen Lord.*

The First Eucharist of Easter

Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Fishel; arr. Pulkingham et al

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

After the Celebrant says, "we praise your name as we join their unending hymn," the people say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

After the Celebrant says, "and we praise you and we bless you," the people say

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people respond Amen

The Lord's Prayer and Fraction

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion

The Body and Blood of Christ are shared around the circle. As you pass the plate and chalice around the circle say these or similar words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

Officiant Let us pray
 People Christ, you are risen from the dead.
 May we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life
 And find our true place in your living body.
 May the new covenant sealed in your blood
 through us bring healing and reconciliation
 to this wounded world.
 Alleluia. You are risen. We are risen with you.
 Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

At the conclusion of the blessing, the people say Amen

Concluding Hymn*Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

Messiter

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| <p>1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high,
 The cross of Christ your King.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks
 and sing.</p> <p>2. With all the angel choirs,
 With all the saints of earth,
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
 True rapture, noblest mirth.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3. Your clear hosannas raise,
 And alleluias loud;
 While answering echoes upward float,
 Like wreaths of incense cloud.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Dismissal

Clergy Alleluia, Christ is risen!
 People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 Clergy Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please join us for an Easter Party as we break our Lenten Fast!

Assisting in the Liturgy this Evening

Clergy The Rev. John E. Denson, Jr. and The Rev. Anne C. S. Thornberg
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