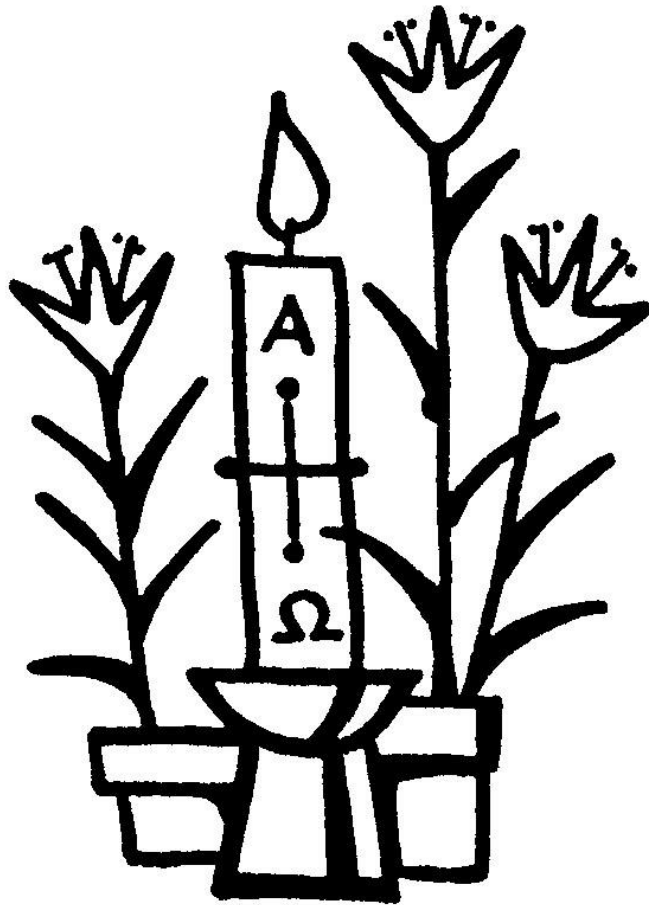


The Great Vigil of Easter

April 3, 2021



Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

About the Easter Vigil

By at least the second century Christians, believing that Christ would return on the night before Easter Day, held vigil by listening to Scripture readings on the whole arc of salvation. It was also on this night that, after lengthy preparation, candidates were baptized into the faith. Tonight we continue in this ancient tradition as we kindle the Easter fire, hear (by candlelight) our most sacred stories, renew our baptismal vows, and shout our first “Alleluias.”

During the Middle Ages, the Vigil was moved to a “more convenient hour, (by the 12th century it began at midday), and by the 16th century it was no longer the focus of popular devotion. Reformers abolished the Vigil altogether, and it was not reintroduced into Anglicanism until the 19th century. The Easter Vigil made its way back into the liturgical mainstream of the Episcopal Church in the 1950s and 1960s.

There are four parts to the Easter Vigil:

We begin with the **Service of Light**, during which the Paschal fire is kindled and the Exultet is sung (the word *paschal* is the equivalent of the Greek “pascha” and is derived from the Hebrew word “pesah”, meaning “the passing over.” Remember that the Jewish Passover is the setting for Easter events recorded in the Gospels.) The **Service of Lessons** follows, whereby we hear, through Scripture, song and prayer the story of our salvation as it is told in the Old Testament. Then, as in ages past, new Christians are baptized (or baptismal promises are renewed) during the Service of **Christian Initiation**. The Vigil (and indeed all of Holy Week and Lent) culminates in the alleluias and songs of praise which we fasted from during Lent. In a typical year, the service concludes with a festive celebration of the first **Holy Eucharist**, or Holy Communion of Easter, while this year we reach for spiritual communion in our hearts, instead. Throughout the service, fire, light, word, water, bread and wine provide powerful symbols of God’s love, presence, and mercy, and our adoption as God’s children through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Exsultet

The Exsultet is an ancient blessing of the paschal candle, usually sung by the deacon (*exsultet* is the first word in Latin of the Easter Proclamation). In it, the whole company of heaven and earth are called upon to rejoice in God’s victory, and Christ is praised as the Paschal Lamb who delivers his people from sin and death in the same way that the people of Israel were delivered from bondage during the Exodus. By the Passover of Christ, earth and heaven are joined and humankind is reconciled to God. Finally, the candle is then offered as an evening sacrifice to God.

The Paschal Candle

The paschal candle represents the pillar of cloud and fire which led the people of Israel during the Exodus, and the light of Christ which cannot be extinguished, even by death. Its light was used to illuminate the sacred texts read during the Vigil; once it is lighted, other candles may be lighted from it. In some places a cross is “painted” on the candle by anointing it with chrism (holy oil). Placing incense in the candle is a custom interpreted as representing the wounds of Christ, as well as the herbs and spices brought to anoint his body.

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The Kindling of the New Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In darkness, the fire is kindled as we chant:

Opening Chant: Within our darkest night, from Taizé



With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -
way, that nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the
fire that nev - er dies a - way, that nev - er dies a - way.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Presider: Let us pray.
O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

After the blessing of the New Fire, the Paschal Candle is lighted.

The Presider then traces the Cross, the symbols Alpha and Omega, and the numerals of the year 2021 in the candle, saying:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. Alpha and Omega. His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

Music: Earth moves in a mysterious way



1. Earth moves in a mys - ter - ious way her won - ders to un - fold;
2. She holds us all with - in her breath, en - folds us in her grace;
3. I lose her face a thou - sand times in crowd - ed streets of fear;
4. I lose her voice a - mid the din and clam - our all a - round;
5. And though this hu - man ent - er - prise is pois'd 'tween hope and hell,



she fash - ions beau - ty out of clay like straw spun in - to gold.
we cling like child - ren to her breast, this glow - ing jewel in space.
but when I gaze at star - ry skies I see her shin - ing clear.
but if I list - en to wind I hear her sac - red sound.
earth cir - cles in her end - less dance and whis - pers, "all is well".

6. And in the darkest season amid the winter's storm
she sings to us of spring to come and keeps our spirits warm.

7. Earth moves in a mysterious way her wonders to perform;
she fashions beauty out of clay, our mother and our home.

Betty Rose

Presider: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:
Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-15:1

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

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.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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."

Music: 648 Go Down, Moses

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.

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Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;
 tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

Presider: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of 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 Sarah, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 30



I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me / up,
and did not let my foes rejoice / over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for / help,
and you have healed me.

(Second half of chant)

O Lord, you brought up my soul from / Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his / faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy / name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a / lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into / dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with / joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be / silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Presider: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought
us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life:
Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will
and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Music: - Come to the water, Foley



John Foley

1.O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2.And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3.And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4.And let all the poor, let them come to the



wa - ter. And let all who have no - thing, let them
 wa - ter. And let all who have no - thing, let them
 wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry, let them
 wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en, bring them



come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey, with - out
 come to the Lord: With - out mon - ey, with - out
 come to the Lord: All who la - bor, with - out
 all to the Lord: Bring the child - ren, with - out



price. Why should you pay the price, ex - cept for the
 strife. Why should you spend your life, ex - cept for the
 rest. How can your soul find rest, ex - cept for the
 might. Eas - y the load, and light: 7 Come to the



Lord?
 Lord?
 Lord?
 Lord.

Presider: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The gathering of God's people

Zephaniah 3:12-20

For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly.

They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord
the remnant of Israel;

they shall do no wrong and utter no lies,
nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths.

Then they will pasture and lie down,
and no one shall make them afraid.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Music: - I am not my own

unison or parts

I am not my own, but be - long.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics 'I am not my own, but be - long.' The melody consists of quarter notes for 'I', 'am', 'not', and 'my', followed by a half note for 'own,' and a dotted half note for 'but'. The words 'be - long.' are held over the final two measures. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) features a steady bass line of quarter notes and chords, with a final cadence.

I am not my own, but be - long.

The second system continues the melody from the first system. The vocal line has a half note for 'own,' and a dotted half note for 'but'. The words 'be - long.' are held over the final two measures. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and chords.

I am not my own, but be - long.

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note for 'own,' and a dotted half note for 'but'. The words 'be - long.' are held over the final two measures. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and chords.

I am not my own.

The fourth system concludes the phrase. The vocal line has a half note for 'own,' and a dotted half note for 'own.'. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final cadence.

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 1. excerpt; music by Charles Rus 2019

Presider: Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

All standing

Presider: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. Joining with all those who have prepared and yet still long for this water of new life, I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People : **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.

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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Litany of the Saints

Together we will remember the saints of our own lives and saints from across time and around the globe.

Leader: Holy Mary the God-bearer,

People:



Come, re - joice with us!

Holy Thomas Cranmer; Christina Rossetti; Patrick of Ireland; Florence Nightingale; and Brigid:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Absalom Jones; David Pendelton Oakerhater; Miles Coverdale; Lydia; Dorcas; Phoebe; and Johannes Kepler:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Catherine of Siena, Pauli Murray; John Henry Newman; Oscar Romero; and Frederick Douglass:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Elizabeth Cady Stanton; Amelia Bloomer; Sojourner Truth; Harriet Ross Tubman; and John Cassian:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Joan of Arc; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Ignatius of Loyola; Francis; and Clare:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Mark Andreassen; Maggie Cartwright; Roy Couch; Tom Espinoza; Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Joyce Gray:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Steve Green; Richard Aurel Henshaw; Ryan Horewitz; Bernard Jones; Carl Keesler; Alice Keller:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Jill Lawrence; Jean Leong; Chris Leveque; John Lyons; Bobby Glenn Martin; Jane McClary:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Mike Morris; John Motley; Vincent Pistello; Maxine Reed; Stan Remer; Robert E. Reynolds:
Come, rejoice with us!

Holy Robert Riddle; Desmond Rutherford; Bobbie Seidemann; Nicolai Seliverstov; Kyle Strongman; Norman Wheeler; Brad Whittaker:
Come, rejoice with us!

All you holy men and women of God:
Come rejoice with us!

Presider: O God, you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of the just made perfect in you: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The bells are rung as the congregation sings:

Song Christ is Risen — *repeat ad lib*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ is Risen'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death, and on those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

Music: The Young Convert, from Christian Harmony, 1806; adapted by Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 6: 3-11

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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily The Rev. Liz Tichenor

Song Spirit of the Living God

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God spring a - fresh in you.

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God spring a - fresh in you.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Melt you, mold you, fill you, use you.

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God fall a - fresh on me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God spring a - fresh in you.

Daniel Iverson, vs. 2 Charles Rus

The Prayers of the People

Presider: Let us pray that the fruits of Christ's resurrection may be seen in our lives and throughout the world.

Leader: Lord God, our loving heavenly Creator, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Passover Lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world. Give new life to us and all people.

God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: After his rising, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Bring your peace to this world and to our own land.

God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are suffering, lonely, or grieving, especially those on our Parish prayer list, and those we now name, aloud or silently: ____.
God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: The Risen Christ met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection: Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the power of faith in their lives.
God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus revealed himself to the two disciples through the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Make him known to us and all people through the teaching of your word and at the feasts of your holy people.
God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.
God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who have died, and lead them to life with you forever.
God of life:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

All: **Creator of All, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Presider: On this day God has acted; Jesus Christ is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Offertory Hymn 178 Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er. joy - ful - ly
 sing to our Sa - vior.

The Great Thanksgiving

standing

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high
 thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be; Ho - nor, Glo - ry, and Do - min - ion,
 and E - ter - nal Vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and Ev - er - more. A - men.

Divinum Mysterium, 11th century

Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Solemn Blessing for Eastertide

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us her children through the resurrection of her Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of her blessing.

People: Amen.

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: Amen.

Presider: May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People: Amen.

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Concluding Hymn 182 Christ is Alive!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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