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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil with our lamps lit. We await Christ's coming both now and at the end of time.

Four distinct services comprise our worship on this night. In **The Service of Light** a new flame is kindled and spreads throughout the congregation as each person shares the candlelight with another, symbolic of the new light of the risen Christ, as the Easter Proclamation is sung. **The Service of Readings** is a series of stories of deliverance, marking major events of God's deliverance from the Old Testament.

Then we enter into what from earliest Christian times has been the central event of this night – the **Rite of Baptism and Renewal**. In this rite, we welcome new members into the body of Christ and renew our own baptismal vows. Finally, we listen to the New Testament lessons and share **The Rite of Communion** as we await the risen and living Lord, Jesus Christ.

+++ **The Service of Light** +++

After gathering in the church narthex and receiving a candle, all move outside where a new fire has been kindled. There, with prayer, the new Paschal Candle is prepared and lighted.

Song *Man of Sorrows*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Siblings in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through lights and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Prayer of the New Fire

Let us pray . . . Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the ending.
To Christ belongs all time
and all the ages;
to Christ belongs glory and dominion
now and forever. **Amen**

The presiding minister lights the Paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire.

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The minister lifts the candle so that all may see it. Light from the Paschal candle is passed until the people's candles are all lighted.

Procession

The procession begins, led by the minister bearing the Paschal candle.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The light of Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

Re - jice, now, all heav - en - ly choirs of an - gels,
and cel - e - brate the divine mysteries with ex - ul - ta - tion;
and, for the vic - to - ry of so great a King, sound the
trum - pet of sal - va - tion. Ex - ult, al - so,
O earth, en - light - ened with such ra - diance; and, made bril - liant by
the splen - dor of the e - ter - nal King, know that the

an-cient dark-ness has been ban - ished from all the world.
 Be glad al - so, O moth - er Church, clothed with the
 bright-ness of such a light, and let this house
 resound with the triumphant voic - es of the peo - ples.



A The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



This is the night in which, in an - cient times,
 you de - liv - ered our forebears, the chil - dren of Is - ra - el,



from the land of E - gypt; and led them,



dry - shod, through the Red Sea. This is the night




in which all who be - lieve in Christ are rescued from evil and the



gloom of sin, are renewed in grace and ho - li - ness,



by the ris - ing bright - ness. This is the night




in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell




in tri - umph. O night tru - ly blessed



which a - lone was worthy to know the time and the hour



where - in Christ a - rose a - gain from hell!



O night tru - ly blessed in which heav - en and earth are

joined— things hu - man and things di - vine. We, there - fore,
 pray to you, O Lord, that he, in whose honor this candle burns,
 will continue to vanquish the dark - ness of this night
 and faithfully shed light on all the hu - man race;
 through the same Lord, Je - sus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 one God, now and for - ev - er. **A - men**

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated. Hand-held candles may be extinguished.

+++ The Service of Readings+++

First Reading Genesis 1:1—2:4a

The Creation of the World

Response

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

Sung Responsively



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's mercy endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's mercy endures forever;

⁴**who alone does great wonders,
for God's mercy endures forever;**

⁵who by wisdom made the heavens,
for God's mercy endures forever;

⁶**who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for God's mercy endures forever;**

⁷who made the great lights—
for God's mercy endures forever;

⁸**the sun to govern the day,
for God's mercy endures forever;**

⁹the moon and the stars to govern the night,
for God's mercy endures forever;

²³**who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's mercy endures forever;**

²⁴and rescued us from our enemies,
for God's mercy endures forever;

²⁵**who gives food to all creatures,
for God's mercy endures forever.**

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's mercy endures forever.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our

humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Reading Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

The Flood

Response Psalm 46 *Spoken*

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Silence for reflection

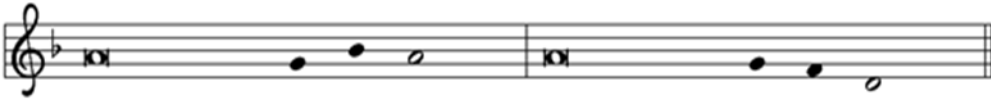
Prayer

O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Third Reading Genesis 22:1–18

The Testing of Abraham

Response Psalm 16 *Sung*



¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

God and Father of all the faithful, you promised your servant Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, and through this gift of faith you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Form us anew by the death of your Son, that we may joyfully accept the new life of grace given through him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Reading Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response *Sung*

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When Israel was in Egypt's Land

Gm Cm/G Gm D7 Gm

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,
 3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
 4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side, let my peo-ple go;
 5 When they had reached the oth - er shore,
 6 Oh, let us all from bond-age flee,

Gm Cm/G Gm D7 Gm

op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
 to lead the child'r'n of Is - rael through,
 a fire by night, a shade by day, let my peo-ple go.
 at God's com-mand it did di - vide,
 they sang the song of tri - umph o'er,
 and let us all in Christ be free,

Refrain Cm Gm D7 Gm D7 Gm

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,

Cm7 Gm Dm Gm D7 Gm

tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo-ple go.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

O God, whose 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, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence for reflection

Fifth Reading Isaiah 55:1–11

Salvation freely offered to all

Prayer

Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sixth Reading Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21, 9:4b-6

The wisdom of God

Prayer

O God, our wisdom, teacher of truth, you fill your house by continuing to call all peoples into the way of insight. With your food and drink, sustain us in the path of justice and by your love watch over those whom you have called through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Seventh Reading Ezekiel 36:24–28

A new heart and a new spirit

Response Psalm 42 *Spoken in unison*

- ¹As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.
²I thirst for God, for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
³My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
⁴I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them
into the house of God,
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.
⁵Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks
to the one who is my help and my God.

⁶My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

⁷One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

⁸The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime;
in the night season the LORD's song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom
while the enemy oppresses me?"

¹⁰While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
all day long they mock me and say to me,
"Where now is your God?"

¹¹Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one
who is my help and my God.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

God of holiness and mercy, in the dying and rising of Christ, you have established a new covenant of reconciliation for us all. Cleanse our hearts and give us a new spirit, that by your saving grace we may live as your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Eighth Reading Ezekiel 37:1–14

Valley of the dry bones

Silence for reflection

Prayer

Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Ninth Reading Zephaniah 3:14–20

The gathering of God's people

Response Psalm 98 Sung



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**
who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

Sovereign God, by the resurrection of your Son you offer us victory in our struggles, a city for our refuge, the joy of the beloved, and festival celebration. Gather all the outcast into your mercy, and restore your whole creation through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Tenth Reading Jonah 1:1—2:1

The deliverance of Jonah

Response Jonah 2:2-9 *Spoken*

²I called to the LORD out of my distress,
And he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³**You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.**

⁴Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight,
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?"

⁵The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.

⁶I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

⁸Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!

Silence for reflection

Prayer

O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Eleventh Reading Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11

Clothed in the garments of salvation

Response Deuteronomy 32:1-3 *Spoken*

¹Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

²May my teaching drop like the rain,
my speech condense like the dew;
like gentle rain on grass,
like showers on new growth.

³For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God!

Silence for reflection

Prayer

O God, the life of all the earth, throughout the ages you sustain and comfort your people, and you clothe us with beauty and joy. Anoint us with the Spirit of the resurrection, that

we may extend our healing to all that is broken in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Twelfth Reading Daniel 3:1–29

Deliverance from the fiery furnace

All stand. The light from the Paschal Candle is again spread throughout the congregation.

TWELFTH RESPONSE: Song of the Three 35–65

Response



Sung by Leader

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord.

You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;
you heavens, bless the Lord;
all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord.

You sun and moon, bless the Lord;
you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
you rain and dew, bless the Lord.

You winds of God, bless the Lord;
you fire and heat, bless the Lord;
you winter and summer, bless the Lord.

You dews and falling snow, bless the Lord;
you frost and cold, bless the Lord;
you ice and snow, bless the Lord.

You nights and days, bless the Lord;

you light and darkness, bless the Lord;
you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

Let the earth bless the Lord;
you mountains and hills, bless the Lord;
all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord.

You wells and springs, bless the Lord;
you seas and rivers, bless the Lord;
you whales and all that swim in the waters, bless the Lord.

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;
all you wild animals and cattle, bless the Lord;
all you children of mortals, bless the Lord.

You people of God, bless the Lord;
you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;
you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

You spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the Lord;
you holy and humble in heart, bless the Lord;
let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Silence for reflection

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

All proceed with lighted candles to the narthex for the Rite of Baptism and Renewal.

+++The Rite of Baptism and Renewal+++

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Congregation is sprinkled with water from the baptismal font as a reminder of baptism. At the sound of the bell, we sing the baptismal hymn.

MUSIC ***Sam Brink & Kitty Raymond***

The congregation follows the Paschal Candle into the darkened church by candlelight. Please be seated.

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

L Alleluia. Christ is risen

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PLANT OF THE DAY

Peace

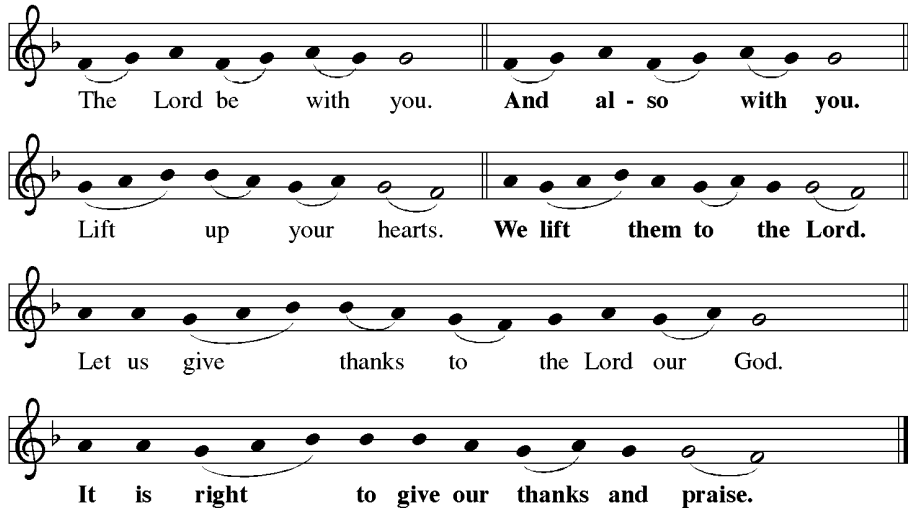
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All exchange a verbal greeting of peace. Then the congregation is seated.

+++The Rite of Communion+++

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

Sam Brink & Kitty Raymond

Dismissal

Join us tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. for our Easter worship service. Thank you.

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