



The Great Vigil of Easter

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the Darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says:

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. At home you are invited to light your baptismal candles, or another candle at this time.

One: The light of Christ.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

By the light of the Paschal Candle the Deacon sings the Exsultet. (In the absence of the Deacon we will sing the Easter Vigil version of Christ be our Light.

Exsultet

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Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.
Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord be with you.

Answer **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Deacon It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

(Easter Vigil text)

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings. This is the
2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er rose from the
3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness burn to dis -
4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing. Sing of the
5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing. All of God's



1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night _____
2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of
3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,
4. pow'r _____ strong - er than death. Sing of the love _____
5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, _____



1. filled with God's glo - ry, prom - ise of our new birth!
2. e - vil and dark - ness, emp - ty for all to see.
3. Je - sus our Sav - ior, you are the world's true light!
4. end - less as heav - en, dawn - ing through - out the earth.
5. tell out the sto - ry, all of the earth re - joi - ce.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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The Liturgy of the Word

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

First Lesson: The Story of Creation:

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Hymn: God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise?

2. God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save?

3. God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks?

4. God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life?

5. God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace?

6. God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home?

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. **Amen.**



Second Lesson: God delivers Creation: The Great Flood
(Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13)

Psalm 46

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

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The God of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help it at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the realms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The God of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now and look upon the works of the Most High, *
who does awesome things on earth.
It is God who makes war to cease in all the world, *
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
The God of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Third Lesson: God Delivers us from Bondage: the Story of the Red Sea
(Exodus 14:10-15:1)

Music: When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Fourth Lesson: The Deliverance of Jonah

(Jonah 2: 2-3 (4-6) 7-9)

Hymn: Eternal Father strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren's shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of deliverance, you saved Johan 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.



Fifth Lesson: God Brings Life out of Death: Ezekiel & the Dry Bones
(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.



The candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle. The bell is rung.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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. **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson The Empty Tomb

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go

quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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.

Prayers of the People for Eastertide:

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might care for and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. We pray silently or aloud for....

Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. We pray, silently or aloud, for those who have died...

Awake, O Saints, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death, **and Christ will give you life!**

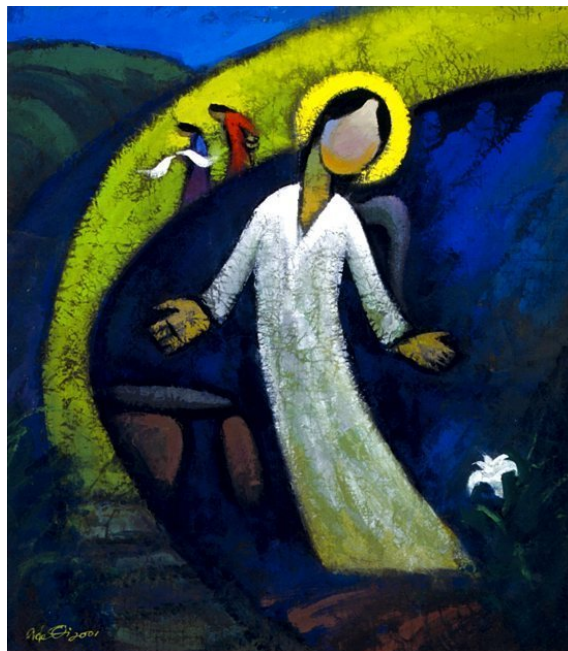
Awake, O sleeper rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, Alleluia! **Alleluia, amen!**

The Peace

Blessing

The Ringing of the Bells & Dismissal

Hymn: He is risen!



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