

Easter Vigil



The first section of this ceremony requires you to be gathered at the front entrance of the Church.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT.

Procession: The deacon will lead the procession down the main aisle, stopping three times to sing

Deacon: The Light of Christ. **Response:** Thanks be to God

At the end of the procession the candles will be lit from the new Pascal candle.

Exsultet: Br Christopher

First reading: *Genesis 1:1 - 2:2* God saw all he had made and indeed it was good.

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe.

You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age.

You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains

You make springs gush forth in the valleys: they flow in between the hills.

On their banks dwell the birds of heaven: from the branches they sing their songs.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches. Bless the Lord my soul!

Response

Second reading: *Genesis 22:1-8* We now rightly call Abraham our father in faith.

Response: Keep me safe, O God, you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I Keep the Lord ever in my sight; since he is at my hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand, happiness for ever.

Response

Third reading: *Exodus 14:15-15:1* The crossing of the Red Sea became the key image of salvation for the Hebrews. We pass through the waters of Baptism to life in Christ.

Response: Let us sing to the Lord, He has covered Himself in Glory!

I will sing to the Lord, glorious His triumph! Horse and rider He has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.

This is my God and I extol Him, my Father's God and I give Him praise.

The Lord is the warrior! The Lord is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh He hurled into the sea, the flower of His army is drowned in the sea.

The deep hides them: they sank like a stone.

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.

The people you have redeemed pass by.

Response

Fourth reading: Ezekiel 36:16-28

I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart.

Response: Like the deer longs for running streams, my soul longs for you My God.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; When can I enter and see the face of God?

These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
Into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving the throng wild with joy.

O send forth your light and your truth: let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the Altar of God, the God of my joy.
My redeemer. I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God.

Response

Gloria:

Glory be to God in the highest, And on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord, God, Lamb of God,
Son, of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, Receive our prayers,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest, and on peace to people of good will.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again

Alleluia response Alleluia Alleluia! Alleluia! AOV1 15.

Gospel: Mathew 28:1-10 He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

Homily

1st collection

Blessing of the water & the renewal of our Baptism vows. Response: I do.

Liturgy of the Eucharist - Offertory procession - music only

Communion - I have seen the Lord

2nd collection

Closing prayers and blessing.

Final song: Jesus Christ is Risen today.