



Easter Vigil Service

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Blessing the Easter Fire

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord when we venerate him in the mystery of his death and resurrection. Through the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in word and sacrament he renews our faith and hope, and gives us a share in his victory over death and in his eternal life with the Father.

Father we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the Light of the world: sanctify this new fire and inflame us with new hope, purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Lighting the Candle

Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end
Alpha
Omega
all times belong to him
and all ages
to him be glory and power
through every age for ever. **Amen**

Inserting Incense Block

By his holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord
guard us
and keep us. **Amen**

Procession into Church

Ke Tshepile Wena is played during the procession

Christ our light.
Thanks be to God.





Easter Exultet



Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven
Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult
Let the trumpet of salvation
Sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her
Ablaze with light from her eternal King
Let all corners of the earth be glad
Knowing an end to gloom and darkness

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
Arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
Let this holy building shake with joy
Filled with the mighty voices of the peoples

Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light
Invoke with me, I ask you
The mercy of God almighty,

That he, who has been pleased to number me, though unworthy,
among the Levites
may pour into me this light unshadowed
That I may sing this candle's perfect praises

Introductory Rite



The Lord be with you:
And with your spirit

Lift up your hearts:
we lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right and just

The Gloria



**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King
almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**



**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. Amen**

The Collect



**Almighty God,
this night explodes with the radiance of the risen Christ:
set us ablaze with the power of your love
and propel us into the world
to live and proclaim the gospel of the living Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen**

Gospel Acclamation



Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Gospel Reading



by Rev. Alison Thabethe
Mark 16: 1-8



The Sermon



by Ven Moses Thabethe

Hymn



The price is paid,
Come let us enter in
To all that Jesus died
To make our own
For every sin
More than enough He gave
And bought our freedom
From each guilty stain

The price is paid Alleluia
Amazing grace
So strong and sure
And so with all my heart
My life in every part
I live to thank You for
The price You paid

The price is paid
See Satan flee away
For Jesus crucified
Destroys his power
No more to pay
Let accusation cease
In Christ there is
No condemnation now

The price is paid Alleluia
Amazing grace
So strong and sure
And so with all my heart
My life in every part
I live to thank You for
The price You paid

The price is paid
And by that scourging cruel
He took our sicknesses
As if His own
And by His wounds
His body broken there
His healing touch may now
By faith be known



The price is paid Alleluia
Amazing grace
So strong and sure
And so with all my heart
My life in every part
I live to thank You for
The price You paid

The price is paid
'Worthy the Lamb' we cry
Eternity shall never
Cease His praise
The church of Christ
Shall rule upon the earth
In Jesus' name we have
Authority

The price is paid Alleluia
Amazing grace
So strong and sure
And so with all my heart
My life in every part
I live to thank You for
The price You paid

Prayers of Intercession

Father in heaven, we praise you that on this day Christ rose from the dead. We thank you for his triumph over sin and death and for his gift of eternal life. We remember before you those who have died in the great hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your unending joy.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and all people of goodwill, that we may live as those who believe in the victory of the cross so as to inspire hope in those whose faith is waning.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are going to receive Christ's new life by water and the Spirit. May they be able to recognize the risen Christ in us, their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide all who govern the nations of the earth, particularly our state president. Help them to know and do what is right in bringing justice and equity among the nations.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer or are troubled during this time of isolation and anxiety. Give them good friends to comfort them and grant them healing and the knowledge of your Son in his victorious passion.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord God, sovereign over all, because you have taken your great power, and begun to reign. Be present to our families and loved ones, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 

Living God, we worship you today with joy in our hearts and thanksgivings on our lips. When the powers of evil had done their worst, crucifying your Son, and burying him in death, you raised him to life again: an act of power giving hope to the world.
Lord Jesus, we rejoice that death could not keep you in its grip; that you were raised to life, alive for evermore. You greeted your friends and now you stand among us in your risen power.
Spirit of God, you are always giving life to the people of God, giving birth to children of God.
Remodel us in the image of Jesus, fill us with his love and enable us with his risen power, that we might be faithful to this way, used by you in the redeeming of your world.
Amen.

Final Blessing 

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn 

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!



But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Tune: Easter Hymn – Lyra Davidica Public Domain

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