

## **The Liturgy for Easter Eve Vigil**

*From the earliest times Christians have gathered throughout the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through the death of and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, the Easter Liturgy is not merely a presentation of God's work. It is meant to be a real experience of new life for the worshippers; a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all the faithful. It is therefore important that the preparation is prayerful and thorough.*

*The Singing of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing links this night to our Christian redemption to the Passover night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt. Christian baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ a dying to sin in order to be reborn in him, and the Easter Vigil was from the early Christian times a preferred occasion for baptism. It is fittingly a time when those who are already Christians may repent with renewed commitment the promises of their own baptism and strengthen their sense of incorporation into the royal and priestly ministry of the whole people of God. The Easter Gospel is proclaimed with all joy and splendour that the church can find.*

*The Easter Eucharist may follow or be deferred until Easter Day. All the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colours, are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The "Allelulia" which has been silent throughout Lent returns. It is a service where throughout lent the church prepare the candidates for baptism and are baptized and confirmed (if the bishop is present). The Baptism and Confirmations are done in this service.*

### *Lighting of the building*

*During the Vigil the building should be lit by the Easter Candle and the candles by the individual participants. If possible, no other lights should be used. It is desirable for the building to be as dark as possible during the vigil. If the Easter Candle cannot light up the place from which the bible is read during the vigil, the lights around the place may be light.*

### *Noise, Music*

*It is not appropriate for bells to be rung before the Easter Liturgy or for organ music to be used until after the Easter Acclamation. If possible bells should be rung at the end of the service.*

*Liturgical colour is white or gold.*

### *Initial preparation*

*Congregation gathers outside the church along with the Priest. A small pot is place to light a fire.) There is a need to explain the order of service to the congregation so that they can follow the liturgy. At this time all the lights in the church are switch off.*

## **BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE**

(A fire is struck from a flint; coals are kindled from the new fire and a reasonable size fire is allowed to burn brightly in a suitable container)

Presider: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ 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 through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 14:10-end**

<sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried to the LORD.<sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"<sup>12</sup>Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"<sup>13</sup>Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid firm and you will see deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see."<sup>14</sup>The LORD fought you; you need only to be still." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on."<sup>16</sup>Raise your staff. stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.<sup>17</sup>I will harden the hearts the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.<sup>18</sup>The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen." <sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God, had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front and stood behind,<sup>20</sup>coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand the sea, all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,<sup>22</sup>and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, a wall water on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen them into the sea.<sup>24</sup>During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.<sup>25</sup>He jammed wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD fighting for them against Egypt." <sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."<sup>27</sup>Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. Egyptians were fleeing toward, and the LORD them into the sea.<sup>28</sup>The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea.one of them survived. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, a wall water on their right and on their left.<sup>30</sup>That day the LORD saved from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.<sup>31</sup>And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand the LORD against the Egyptians, the people feared LORD put their trust him and in Moses his servant.

THE FIRE IS BLESSED *(holy water)*

Presider: Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the light of the world and to bring to your people the radiance of your glory. Bless (+) this new fire, and set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and minds we may come to the feast of everlasting light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eternal God  
Who made this most holy night  
To shine with the brightness of your one true light:

Set us aflame with the fire of your love  
And bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
By his holy and glorious wounds  
May Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

*(Traditionally the Paschal Candle is now scribed with a Cross and the ancient letters for alpha and omega. It is then sprinkled with holy water and censed.)*

Christ yesterday and today  
the Beginning and the End  
Alpha  
and Omega  
all time belongs to Him  
and all the ages  
to Him be glory and power  
through every age and forever. **Amen.**

*(And then he says:) taking the nails and placing it on the Paschal candle*

By His holy (2) and glorious wounds (3) may Christ the Lord  
(4) guard us (5) and keep us. **Amen.**

**By his holy and glorious words, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.**

*(Then the Paschal Candle is lit from the new light)*

*Congregation will light their individual candles*

*The Presider/ server bearing the candle raises it and sing, along the way the congregation is ask to light their candles. The congregation will follow behind the procession.*

*(the following words are said at least three times)*

Presider: The Light of Christ  
All: **Thanks be to God**

*At the chancel:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Paschal candle is placed at an appropriate place for all to see*

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION to be sung or said by the Cantor *(you could use the shorten version in the you-tube)*

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

**Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!  
**Amen.**

*All candles are extinguished and Church lights switch on.*

## **The Easter Acclamation**

President: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung, pipe organ will play a special music.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *may be sung*

All: **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.**

## COLLECT

*The President says,*

**Lord of all life and power,  
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
Overcome the old order of sin and death  
To make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
And alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
May reign with him in glory;  
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
Be praise and honour, glory and might,  
Now and in all eternity. Amen.**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 6: 3-11**

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his we know that our old self crucified with him that the body ruled by sin be done away with, we should no longer be slaves to sin—anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin for all; the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gradual Hymn: Lord I Lift Your Name On High** *( any appropriate song )*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**All: Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**All: Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**All: Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he told

you.” and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn: Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire**

*(All the candidates will go the font)*

## **THE LITURGY OF INITIATION**

### **BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION**

The Decision/Renewal of Baptismal Vows

#### **Presentation of Candidate**

*The Candidates for Confirmation will be presented.*

Bishop: Have they been duly prepared?

Teachers: To the best of my knowledge, they have been duly  
Prepared

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All: I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All: I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All: I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All: I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All: I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All: I come to Christ.**

#### **The Signing with the Cross**

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,**

**and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayer Over the Water**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**All: keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God,

**All: give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God,

**All: give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
You brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,

**All: give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God,

**All: give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

Saving God,

**All: give us life.**



## **Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.  
Amen.**

## **Baptism**

N, is this your faith?

*Each candidate answers in their own words, or*

**This is my faith.**

*The president or another minister dips each candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying*

N, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

*The Priest stretches out his hands towards them and says,  
Almighty and ever living God,  
you have given your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,*

and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
The Spirit of Wisdom and understanding;  
The Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
The Spirit of knowledge and true godliness  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.  
Amen.

When the confirmation takes place the following prayers are said. If the Bishop is not present, leave out the following prayers.

*The Bishop lays his hand on the head of each candidate saying.*

Grant, O Lord our heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit to Your Servant  
..... And confirm and strengthen him/her to live for Your  
glory and honour. **Amen.**

And each one answer. **Amen.**

After confirmation, the Bishop invites the people to join with him and says,

**All:   Defend, O Lord, your servants with your  
          Heavenly grace that they may continue  
          Yours forever, and daily increase in your  
          Holy Spirit more and more, until they come  
          To your everlasting Kingdom. Amen.**

*The president says*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**All:   Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The Presider says,*

The risen Christ came and stood among his  
disciples and said, Peace be with you!  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All:   and also with you. Alleluia!**

**Offertory Hymn: And Can It Be That I Should Gain** *(any appropriate song)*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**All:** Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: The Lord is here  
**All:** His Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts  
**All:** We lift them to the Lord.  
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right...(follow the prayer book)  
Therefore with angel...

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Accept our praises, heavenly Father... .(follow the prayer book)

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

## THE COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer:

**All:** Bapa Kami yang ada di syurga  
Dimuliakanlah nama-Mu.  
Datanglah kerajaan-Mu,  
jadikanlah kehendak-Mu,  
Di atas bumi s'perti di dalam syurga.  
Berilah kami rezeki pada hari ini,  
dan ampunilah kesalahan kami,  
s'perti kami pun mengampuni  
yang bersalah kepada kami.  
Dan janganlah masukkan kami  
ke dalam pencobaan,  
Tetapi bebaskanlah kami dari yang jahat.

Kerna kau punya kerajaan  
S'krang dan selamanya.  
Amin.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**All: We do not presume  
to come to this your table merciful Lord  
trusting in our own righteousness  
but in your manifold and great mercies  
We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy  
Grant us therefore Gracious Lord  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son  
Jesus Christ and to drink his blood  
that we may ever more dwell in Him  
and He in us. Amen**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

Celebrant: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and  
drink in remembrance that he died for you. And feed on him in your hearts by faith  
with thanksgiving.

**All: Amen, Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

#### **AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Presider may say,*

Jesus said, He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,  
And I will raise him up at the last day. *John 6:54*

President: Heavenly Father,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness,  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,  
so his continual presence in us  
may raise us to eternal joy..

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your son, Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
**All: Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**All: Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**All: Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you remain with you always.  
**All: Amen.**

Minister: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving Hymn: Are You Washed In The Blood** *(any other appropriate song)*

The Liturgy for Easter Eve is completed and  
we wait for the morning (Easter Morn) when we celebrate  
the FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER.

All are encouraged to take Communion on Easter Day