

Paschal Triduum:

The Great Vigil of Easter

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents the glory and splendor of Christ's Risen Presence among us. It is kept lighted at all services for the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is again lighted at all baptisms and requiems during the year.

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Bishop addresses the people in these words.

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. The Bishop says the following prayer.

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 lighted from the newly kindled fire. The Bishop blesses the Cantor, saying:

The Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may worthily proclaim his paschal praise. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The candle bearer leads the procession.

The following versicle is sung three times (at the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher).



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Peoples' candles are lighted from the Paschal Candle as the Exsultet is sung by the Cantor.*

*For your safety, hold candles upright and away from flammable objects including clothes and hair.

The Exsultet

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**.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And also with you.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Answer **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Cantor

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 ancestors, 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**.

The Liturgy of the Word

Diocesan Youth Easter Vigil Cast (In order of appearance)

Gabriel – Nick, St. Dunstan's Gabrielle – Sydney, Christ Church

<u>Creation</u>

The Ven. Pamela Rieger, Archdeacon The Rev. Richard Hogue, Holy Cross The Rev. Hannah Wilder, St. Mark's The Rev. Lorenzo Labrija, Try Tank, The Episcopal Church The Rev. Jocelyn Hughes, St. David's The Rev. Can. Gwynn Lynch, Canon to The Ordinary The Very Rev. Penelope Bridges, Cathedral Church of St. Paul

<u>The Flood</u>

Zachary, St. David's Marichor, St. Thomas Alexander, St Dunstan's

<u>Abraham & Isaac</u>

Miles & Oliver, St. Bartholomew's

Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel – Maria, St. Paul in the Desert Zephaniah, Ollie, Camp Stevens

The Voices of God

Izzy, St. Dunstan's Quin, Christ Church Yoyo, St. Dunstan's Ato, St. Matthew's

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The Baptismal Liturgy, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

For baptism:

Peter Bolland

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP 301

The Bishop says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.SponsorI present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.BishopDo you desire to be baptized?CandidateI do.

Then the Bishop asks the following questions:

- Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Answer I renounce them.
- Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Answer I renounce them.
- Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Answer I renounce them.
- Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Answer I do.
- Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Bishop says

The other Candidates will now be presented.

For Confirmation: Patricia Conroy, Rodger Conroy, Dean Hall, Marc Maynard, Pedro Silva, Susan Williams

For Reception: Thomas Barb, Lori Bolland, Diana Chou, Peggy Killian, Jen Topp

For Reaffirmation of faith: Wendy Walsh

Presenter	I present these persons for Confirmation: NN.
Presenter	I present these persons to be received into this
	Communion: NN.
Presenter	I present this person who desires to reaffirm her
	baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? People **We will.**

The Bishop then says

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew with these persons about to be baptized, confirmed, received and reaffirmed, the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop	Do you believe in God the Father?	
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty,	
	creator of heaven and earth.	
Bishop	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.	
Bishop	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.	

- Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for the Candidates are said.

The Bishop then says

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

- People Lord, hear our prayer.
- Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes the prayers

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Bishop blesses the water, first saying The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Deacon pours water into the Font as the Bishop says:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop dips the Paschal candle three times into the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, or to assisting Clergy, who then pours water upon the candidate saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen**.

When this action has been completed, the Bishop prays over the newly baptized, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen**.

Bishop Let us welcome the newly baptized, saying together

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

The Bishop says to the People

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**. Each candidate approaches the Bishop

For Confirmation

The Bishop places her crozier upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N*. with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he/she comes to your everlasting Kingdom. **Amen**.

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen**.

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**. The Hymn announces the beginning of the first Easter Eucharist celebrating Jesus Christ's victory over death through his blessed resurrection.

§ The lights brighten.

Hymn 210





Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Ellacombe, melody from Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784, alt.; adapt. Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973)

The Easter Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!





The Collect for Easter

BCP 295

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

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**.

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

The Reader says

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will

never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Great Alleluia

The Alleluia is sung three times by the cantor, at successively higher pitches, the People repeating it each time.



Words: Ronald A. Knox (1888-1957) Music: Straf mich nicht, melody from Hundert Arien, 1694; harm. Alastair Cassels-Brown (b. 1927) © Words: By permission of Burns & Oates. Music: © The Church Pension Fund.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Antiphon (choir) "Christus resurgens" Tone I

At the Offertory, Anthem

Haec Dies William Byrd (1540-1623)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: Exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

This is the day the Lord hath made: we will all rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 213



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Middlebury,* melody from The *Southern Harmony,* 1835; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946); alt. acc. Marilyn J. Keiser (b. 1941)

Sursum Corda



The Bishop continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus



The Bishop continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Bishop continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Bishop and People



The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- The Iona Community Worship Book

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

At the Communion, Motet

Easter Canticle Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

[text: Easter Anthems from The Book of Common Prayer]

The Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Hymn 180

Unser Herrscher



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Dismissal

Cantor



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