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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Presider addresses the people.

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 lighted from the new fire.

The Presider bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing:



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

When the Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. The Exsultet is sung

The Exsultet

Chanted by the Cantor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people sit.

The Presider introduces the Scripture readings.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Hymn

All stand as able.

Hymnal 1982, 424

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Hymn

All stand as able.

Hymnal 1982, 187

Salvation freely offered to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

All stand as able.

Hymnal 1982, 413

The gathering of God's people

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Presider Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider may address the people, all standing

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 the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND ASPERGES

*The Presider blesses the water, and will sprinkle the people
in remembrance of their baptismal vows.*

The Presider may say to the people:

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

Gloria in excelsis

“Christ our Passover,” WLP, 880

God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Now Christ is raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him; Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Adam’s sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ’s new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider then says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

Lector A Reading from Paul's letter 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 RESPONSE**Psalm 114**

- ¹ Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- ² Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- ³ The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- ⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- ⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- ⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

We know that Christ is raised, Hymnal 1982, 296

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Intercessor In this Eastertide, as we celebrate the glory of the Resurrection and live into the hope that it brings, let us joyfully pray to the Lord, saying,

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For your Holy Church around the world, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the holy people of God, that like Mary Magdalene and the other women, we may share the good news of the empty tomb and embody the hope of the resurrection to the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our nation, for our leaders and for all those in authority, and for all those who enjoy the blessings of this land, that we may be a people characterized by justice, peace, and self-giving love. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our world, for the leaders and peoples of the nations, that they may know blessing and hope through the Prince of Peace. We remember especially the

people of Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and the Middle East, that their peace may be restored and their divisions healed. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For this community and for all communities we beseech the mercy of God to protect us from danger and to heal and restore our land. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For the poor, the homeless, the destitute, and for all those in need, that they may find succor and hope, and that we all might have a care for those who are less fortunate. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those suffering from discrimination and oppression, that racism and misogyny cease, and homophobia and transphobia be put to flight by the grace of God. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Intercessor For the people of the Holy Land, Israeli and Palestinian, that they may live and thrive in peace, and see the end to Anti-semitism and Islamophobia around the world. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, that they may be brought new life and health through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For all those who have died, that their tombs one day stand as empty as our Lord's, and for those who mourn that they may know the joy of a stone rolled away and an everlasting life opened to all. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Intercessor For our church, that we may continue to find new life and renewal, and become a beacon of resurrection life and hope in our community. We pray to the Lord:

People **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Silence

Presider O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise, Hymnal 1982, 174

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Remain standing, as able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in the 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,

Presider and People

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**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.

The people stand or kneel

The Presider 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 you 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.

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.

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

All 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 those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia***

AT THE FRACTION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION HYMN

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord, Hymnal 1982, 328

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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.**

PASCHAL HOMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*The Congregation will be invited to
gather around the altar and re-light their candles.*

SOLEMN BLESSING

Presider May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, protecting you against all sin.

People **Amen.**

Presider Through the resurrection of his Son God has granted us healing. May God fulfil these promises, and bless you with eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Presider You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

People **Amen.**

Presider May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, Allelluia, Alleluia.**

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