

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH



EASTER VIGIL

WORSHIP PART 2

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Especially for anyone who is not able to join the online worship. Introductory prayers and readings are intended to assist your participation in worship with the St John's community.

The online service continues from where the video concluded, with a Reflection on water and the Renewal of the Covenant of Baptism.

For this final chapter of the Triduum, the service concludes with a dismissal followed by the Resurrection Party.

GREETING

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.

We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries;
we are confident
that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

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 one day to the feast of eternal light.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURES

Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout history
and in the fullness of time,
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

GENESIS 1:1 – 2:4

GENESIS CHAPTERS 6-9

EXODUS 14-15

EZEKIEL 36-37

ISAIAH 55

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance
of the risen Christ.

Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in
baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE RESURRECTION GOSPEL

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 him.

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 Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

WATER

This reflection begins with a glass or bowl of water in which you are able to dip your hands.

RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Over water the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

out of their bondage in Egypt

into the land of promise.

In water 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 celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's
creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the
Earth?

I will, with God's help.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God the creator,
the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling,
now and for ever.

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

EASTER DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

RESURRECTION PARTY