

Easter Vigil

(adapted in time of Corona)

The new fire and the Paschal Candle

Dear sisters and brothers 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,
Confident that we shall share his victory over
death
and live with him for ever in God.

*The new fire is kindled. According to ancient
tradition, the light for the Paschal candle comes
from a newly kindled fire*

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

*Christ is the Lord of all time, all places, there is no
time that is not held by Love. This prayer is prayed
as the sign of the cross, the signs of Alpha and
Omega (the beginning and the end), and the date of
the year is traced onto the candle; held within the
Light of Christ.*

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.
Amen

*The light of Christ lifts up all our scars and wounds
and transforms and redeems them. Jesus was
resurrected still with his wounds, healed and
transformed. It was by them that Thomas
recognised his Lord. It is through them that Jesus'
heart continues to bleed for us, weep with us, and
sing songs over our sorrow. So we mark them, too,
all five, onto the light of Christ. In better times these
would be marked with grains of incense, piercing
the candle in studs. To show the holy and blessed
love of our Lord, and to offer our love and worship
to him. Here tonight, perhaps the wound is that we
have no ability to do that physically, – but – as we
pray - we offer our hearts, and our hands, to serve
him, and to anoint the pain in the world, with his
wounded, and ever newly-creating love.*

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

The Easter Candle is LIT!

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

The Light Of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

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The Exultet

We sing and proclaim the story of our faith. God's unending love and mercy. We hold the whole human journey in the transforming yet ever-present light of Christ. Who was, is, and will be.

Rejoice heavenly powers,
sing choirs of angels!
Exult all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice O earth, in shining splendour
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered!
Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice O Mother Church!
Exult in glory!
The Risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

It is indeed right that with full hearts
and minds and voices
we should praise the unseen God,
the all-powerful Father,
and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood,
and paid for us the price of Adam's sin
to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all
believers.

This is the night,
when first you saved our ancestors
you freed the people of Israel from their
slavery
and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere
washed clean of sin
and freed from all defilement
are restored to grace and grow together in
holiness.

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

What good would life have been to us
had Christ not come as our redeemer?

Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

Most blessed of all nights,
chosen by God to see Christ rising from the
dead.

Of this night, scripture says
'The night will be clear as day;
it will become my light, my joy.'
The power of this holy night
dispels all evil,
washes guilt away, restores lost innocence,
brings mourners joy,
it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and
humbles earthly pride.

Night truly blessed
When heaven is wedded to earth
And man is reconciled with God!
Therefore, heavenly Father,
in the joy of this night
receive our evening sacrifice of praise,
your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle,
A flame divided but undimmed,
A pillar of fire that glows
to the honour of God.

Let it mingle with the lights of heaven
and continue bravely burning
to dispel the darkness of this night!

May the morning star which never sets
find this flame still burning.
Christ, the Morning Star,
who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all humankind,
your Son, who lives and reigns
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Easter Acclamation

ALLELUIA
CHRIST IS RISEN

**HE IS RISEN INDEED
ALLELUIA**

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 your thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins 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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen
Christ in glory.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Genesis 1: 1-2, 2: 1-4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Genesis 3 : 8-11, 20-24

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

[The Lord God] said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the

ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Exodus 14: 10,13 - 14, 21-23, 26-31

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Romans 6: 3 – 5, 9-11

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 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.

Intercessions

On this night, as we worship in our dispersed community, and are not able to gather together as our hearts yearn to do, and to share in the fullness of the Great Easter Liturgies, so we join our prayers with the great company of heaven, the angels and saints, and our sisters and brothers throughout the ages. In their worship, in the eternal now of the Lord, so is ours lifted up, complete and whole, joined together in the grace of God, and the Light of Heaven.

Lord this night, we pray your presence on all who wait and watch, on all who labour under fear and anxiety, on all who guard and guide, on all around whom darkness lies heavy or the way is unclear. And we wrap your love, light, and Resurrection Glory around this world, through all time, and in all places.

Through Jesus Christ we pray, and in the company of all your people throughout the ages...

The Litany

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us

Saint Michael
Pray for us

Holy angels of God
Pray for us

S. John the Baptist
Pray for us

S. Joseph
Pray for us

S. Peter & S. Paul
Pray for us

S. Andrew
Pray for us

S. John
Pray for us

S, Mary Magdala
Pray for us

S. Stephen
Pray for us

S. Ignatius
Pray for us

S. Laurence
Pray for us

Ss Perpetua & Felicity
Pray for us

S. Agnes
Pray for us

S. Gregory
Pray for us

S. Augustine
Pray for us

S. Athanasius
Pray for us

S. Basil
Pray for us

S. Martin
Pray for us

S. Benedict
Pray for us

S. Francis & S. Dominic
Pray for us

S. Francis Xavier
Pray for us

S. John Vianney
Pray for us

S. Teresa of Lisieux
Pray for us

S. Teresa of Avila
Pray for us

S. Oscar Romero
Pray for us

S. Luke
Pray for us

Ss. Matthias and George
Pray for us

S. David
Pray for us

S. Teilo
Pray for us

S. Wulfstan
Pray for us

S. Oswald
Pray for us

All holy men and women
Pray for us

Lord, be merciful
Lord, save your people

From all evil,
Lord, save your people

From every sin,
Lord, save your people

From everlasting death
Lord, save your people

By your coming as man
Lord, save your people

By your death and rising to new life
Lord, save your people

By your gift of the Holy Spirit
Lord, save your people

Be merciful to us sinners
Lord, save your people

Give new life to these chosen ones by the
grace of baptism
Lord, hear our prayer

Jesus, Son of the living God
Lord, hear our prayer

Christ hear us
Christ hear us

Lord Jesus hear our prayer
Lord Jesus hear our prayer

In the first moments of the world's creation,
God's Holy Spirit hovered over the waters
so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself the power to
sanctify

The children of Abraham passed dry shod
through the Red Sea, so that the chosen
people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
Would prefigure the people of the baptised.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was baptised by
John in the waters of the Jordan,
Was anointed by the Holy Spirit,
And, as he hung upon the Cross,
Gave forth water from his side, along with
blood,
And after his Resurrection, commanded his
disciples:
"Go forth, teach all nations, baptising them in
the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

Renewal of Baptism Vows

Dear sisters and brothers
Through the Paschal mystery
We have been buried with Christ in Baptism
So that we may walk with him in newness of
life.
And so, now that our Lenten observance is
concluded,
Let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,
By which we once renounced Satan and his
works
And promised to serve God in the holy
Catholic and apostolic Church

And so I ask you:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion
against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption
of evil?

I renounce them.

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

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ,
the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken this water and given thanks and blessed it.

In the absence of our physical communion of fellowship this night, we ask that by sprinkling this candle, sacrament of your Light in the World, and your presence throughout all of humanity, it may be for us a sign of our own participation in your promises... and that even as we sprinkle this candle with this holy water, so also, we may know ourselves to be renewed in our baptism into your death, and into your resurrection.

The Paschal Candle is immersed in the Holy Water

In the Name of Jesus Christ our risen Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
And so make us ready for that day
When the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith,
That we may be rooted and grounded in love,
And bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Psalm 117, 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to S. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

We ask for God's Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

God the Father,
By whose love Christ
was raised from the dead,
Open to us who believe, the gates of
everlasting life.

God the Son
Who in bursting from the grave has won a
glorious victory,
Give us joy as we share the Easter faith.

God the Holy Spirit,
Who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Lord,
Empower us and fill us with Christ's Peace.

Amen

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life

The Regina Caeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven
Alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear
Alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen!
Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
Alleluia!
For the Lord is Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, brought joy to the
whole world, grant that, aided by the prayers
of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may know
the joys of eternal life:
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Hymn: Thine be the Glory!

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
Go in the peace of Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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