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THE THREE DAYS The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 3, 2021 - online

Welcome everyone to this Holy night of hope and joy! Having journeyed from nightfall on Thursday to this evening, we now gather on the eve of the "third day" in expectation of light and life raised anew in Jesus Christ. From the light of the Paschal candle to amazing stories of old, to saving waters and meeting the risen Christ, we are filled with light and love, hope and joy, God's grace to share with the world in the Spirit of Christ who is risen!

GATHERING

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Greeting and Invitation

The Paschal candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illumine our hearts and minds.

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

You are invited to light a candle where you are.

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

Song All Praise to Thee My God This Night

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

Collect/Prayer of the Day

WORD

A prayer follows each reading

The story of creation

The story of the Exodus

The story of dry bones

The story of deliverance

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Exodus 14:10-15:1

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Daniel 3:1-29

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God,
And all cre-a-tion is shout-ing for joy.
Come, dance in the for-est, come play in the field
And sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.

(verse 5 and refrain again)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

A reading from Romans 6:3-11 ... Thanks be to God

You may prepare a bowl of water where you are.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

Water is poured in the font.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,...

Song Crashing Waters at Creation

You are invited to make the sign of the cross on yourself or one another with water.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

The Alleluia banner is "found" and raised.

Song Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Those with bells are invited to ring them during the "Glory to God" and as we sing "Alleluia."

Gospel Reading: **John 20:1-18**

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia

Reflection

Song Be Not Afraid

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always **And also with you.**

The Prayers Resurrection God, Receive our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Song Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Dismissal

Go in the joy of new life and tell the world this good news and in all you say and do, serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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