



A Creative Spiritual Community



The Great Vigil of Easter

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Acknowledgement - As we gather we recognize that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the SENĆOTEN speaking Coast Salish Peoples. We also join in a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these lands. As we continue we commit ourselves as a settler church and people to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of truth and reconciliation.



The Service of Light

Celebrant 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.

Let us pray.

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.**

Blessing the Candle

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

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

Exsultet

The Cantor chants the Exsultet until,

Cantor One God, world without end.

All Amen.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

All And with thy Spirit.

Cantor Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Cantor Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

The Cantor continues the Exsultet until,

Cantor One God, world without end.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Prayer Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Prayer Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the Spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

Reader The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Silence

Prayer
of God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Glory to God

All 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 you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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.

Collect Let us pray
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.**

A Reading from Romans 6:3-11

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Gradual hymn, (CP #569) 'Come My Way, My Truth, My Life'

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Such a way as gives us breath
Such a truth as ends all strife
Such a life as killeth death

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength
Such a light as shows a feast
Such a feast as mends in length
Such a strength as makes his guest

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
(24:1-12)

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Hymn cont'd

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart
Such a joy as none can move
Such a love as none can part
Such a heart as joys in love

**The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom -
The Rev. Juli Mallett**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn,

“Wade in the Water”

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that young girl dressed in red?
Wade in the water
Must be the children that Moses led
And God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that young girl dressed in white?
Wade in the water
Must be the children of the Israelites
God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

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

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn, (CP #48) "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly-minded
For, with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to us approacheth
Our full homage to demand

King of kings, yet born of Mary
As of old on earth he stood
Lord of lords, in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

At his feet the six-winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, Lord most high!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #6

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is 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 splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding 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 say/sing,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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 Saviour. 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 fulfil 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 fulfilment 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 the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and 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.

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

Celebrant Father, 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 this 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 Linda, our Primate, Lynne, our Metropolitan, Anna, our Bishop, and 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, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Andrew and all the saints who have found favour 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 honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #8

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

(CP #63) **“Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup”**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can 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.**

Sending hymn, (CP #228) ‘Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters’

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King
O'er death today rose triumphing
Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see
Who sat, and spoke unto the three
“Your Lord goes on to Galilee”
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear
Amidst them came their Lord most dear
And said, “My peace be on all here.”
Alleluia!

Blessing and Dismissal

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