

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH



CHRIST CHURCH



The Great Vigil of Easter

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022 – 7 pm

Welcome to Christ Church!

We are happy to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter in this quaint little church, which has stood in Lower Woodstock since 1867, and we extend a heartfelt welcome to you!

The Great Vigil of Easter is the culmination of the sacred celebration of Holy Week and the beginning of the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. It is the climax of the Christian Year and unfolds in Scripture, Sacrament and Liturgy, the story of redemption.

It begins in darkness and proceeds to a joyous burst of light. It begins in silence and proceeds to the glorious proclamation of the Paschal Alleluia! It is the Christian Passover, for it celebrates the passing from death to life, from sin to grace.

The story of the Exodus is central to the Liturgy of the Word. Baptism is the means of the full realization of redemption; Holy Communion is the promise of the glory that shall be ours with our Risen Lord. This liturgy moves with austere solemnity from one part to the next, as though we watch and wait for the Lord's Resurrection. Echoing the praises of the generations before us, we pray: To Him be glory and dominion through all the ages of eternity. Amen.

Adapted from A Priest's Handbook by Dennis Michno

Order of Service

Book of Alternative Services

The service begins outside the entrance as fire is kindled

The Service of Light

p. 322

Following the prayers, the priest enters, holding the paschal candle, and sings three times.

Priest: The Light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

As the procession reaches the front of the altar, the altar candles are lit. The paschal candle is placed in its stand. All the taper candles held by the congregation are lit. The hymn is sung.

Hymn #284: Thou Whose Almighty Word

After the hymn, the candles being held by the congregation are extinguished. The lights in the church are turned on.

The Collect: 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 Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: 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.

1st Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Crossing the Red Sea

Pray together: God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of 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.**

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-11 *Dying & Rising with Christ*

Pray together: Living God, by the Passover of your Son, you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #618: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Gospel: Luke 23:55 - 24:9

Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows pp. 330-332

The Peace

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #169: *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

Prayer Over the Gifts p. 332

Eucharist Prayer 2

Sing 719: Holy, Holy, Holy p. 196

The Lord's Prayer p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #8 p. 213

Sing 745: Lamb of God

During Communion: #60: *I Come with Joy*

#83: *Eat This Bread. Drink This Cup*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #392: *Rejoice The Lord Is King*

Dismissal: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Participating in today's service:

Rector:	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy
Pianist:	Sandra Culberson
Lay Reader:	Janis Richard
Greeters:	Nancy English & Marilyn Sherman
Videographer:	Tony Richard
Audio:	Armin Hackelsperger
Altar Guild:	Jean Collicott & Barbara Richard

