

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Resurrection of Our
Lord, Jesus Christ:
The Great Vigil of Easter

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The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

OPENING PRAYER (BCP p. 285)

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ:

The Celebrant may say the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son

OPENING VERSICLE (BCP p. 285)

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon (the Celebrant if there is no deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

The light of Christ..

People Thanks be to God.

If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

EXSULTET (BCP p. 286)

Then the Cantor standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows (the [indicated sections] may be omitted)

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,

for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

[All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*]

The Lord be with you.

Answer

And also with you.

Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

Answer

It is right to give him thanks
and praise.

Deacon

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our
whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible,
almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who
at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's
sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children
of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the
Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are
delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace
and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and
hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

[How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your
mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you
gave a Son.]

[How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight,
and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred,

and brings peace and concord.]

[How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.]

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

The Liturgy of the Word

INVITATION (BCP p. 288)

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

(Please see the additional sheet for the readings)

FIRST READING: THE STORY OF

CREATION: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

RESPONSE: Psalm 36: 5-10

FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 288)

SECOND READING: THE FLOOD: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18;

8:6-18; 9:8-13

SECOND RESPONSE: Psalm 46

SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 288)

THIRD READING: ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF

ISAAC: Genesis 22:1-18

THIRD RESPONSE: Psalm 16

THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 289)

FOURTH READING: ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

FOURTH RESPONSE: Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

FOURTH COLLECT (BCP p. 289)

FIFTH READING: GOD'S PRESENCE IN A RENEWED ISRAEL: Isaiah 55:1-11

FIFTH RESPONSE: Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah
FIFTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)

SIXTH READING: SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL: Baruch 3:9-15, 32--4:4
SIXTH RESPONSE: Psalm 19
SIXTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)

SEVENTH READING: A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: Ezekiel 36:24-28
SEVENTH RESPONSE: Psalm 42--43
SEVENTH COLLECT (BCP p. 290)

EIGHTH READING: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES: Ezekiel 37:1-14
EIGHTH RESPONSE: Psalm 143
EIGHTH COLLECT (BCP p. 291)

NINTH READING: THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE: Zephaniah 3:14-20
RESPONSE: Psalm 98
COLLECT (BCP p. 291)

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL INVITATION (BCP p. 292)

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (BCP p. 292)

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 neighbor 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 Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The people are sprinkled with the newly blessed baptismal water. Water from the font will be available to take and use in the homes of the faithful at the end of the mass.

At the Eucharist

EASTER ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 294)

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the

Paschal Candle.

The Celebrant may say to the people

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All bells, including those in the congregation begin to ring, altar candles are lit, incense is blessed, lights in the church come on, the organ plays, and the Gloria in excelsis is then sung and bells cease ringing.

Gloria in excelsis

GLORIA S- 280

Glory to God in the highest.

Bells are rung for a space. When the bells are silenced, all continue singing the Gloria

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 FOR EASTER VIGIL (BCP p. 294)

The Celebrant then says

Celebrant

The Lord be with
you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11

3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore 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.

5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PSALM: Psalm 114

1Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

3The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

4The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

5What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

7Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

All stand.

THE GREAT ALLELUIA (BCP p. 295)

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

All stand.

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

People. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But 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. 7But 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.” 8So 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.

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Fr. George Joseph

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,

saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

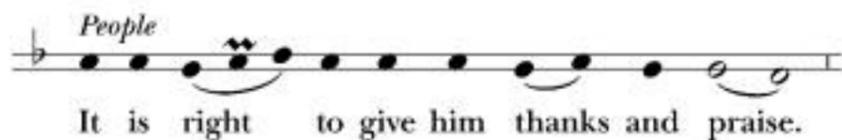
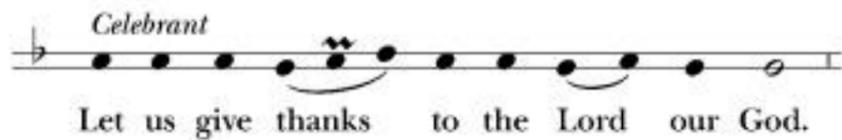
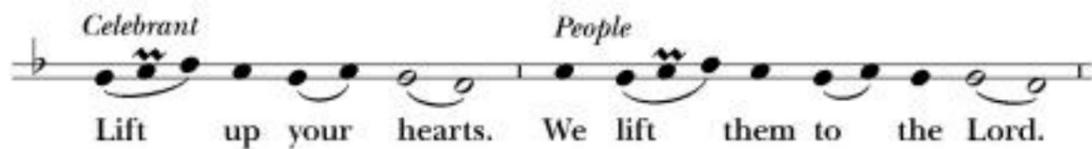
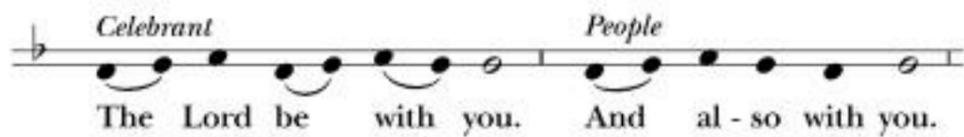
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

OFFERTORY HYMN *At the Lamb's high feast we sing (Salzburg) (H 174)*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA S 120 *Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 361)*
The People remain standing.



PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

SANCTUS S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Deutsche) (BCP p. 362)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People





EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

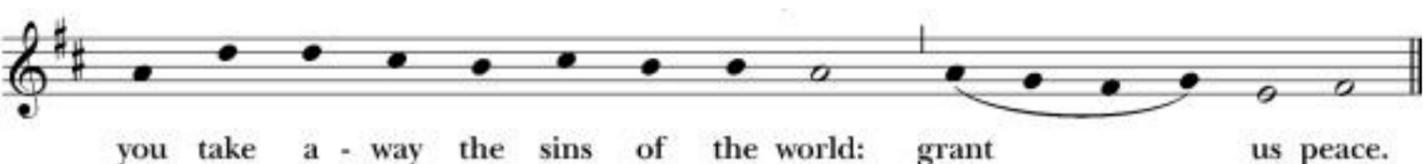
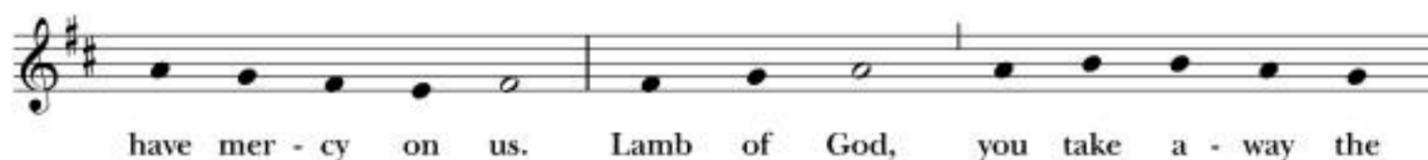
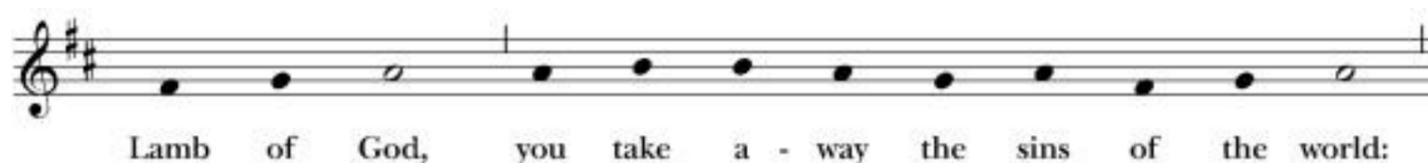
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)



INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION HYMN *That Easter day with joy was bright (Puer nobis) (H 193)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

CLOSING HYMN *Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn) (H 207)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia