

# The Great Vigil of Easter

## Welcome

*The Ministers and People gather outside. In the darkness, fire is kindled for*

## The Service of Light

*The Celebrant says*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast, we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The fire is honored with incense. The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire. The members of the congregation then proceed into the church and are seated. The Officiant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession, pausing three times and singing*



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

*At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.*

*As the Officiant processes into the church, the members of the congregation seated on the aisle light their candles from the Paschal Candle and then distribute the light to other members of the congregation.*

*All (who are able) remain standing in the dimmed church while a cantor sings*

## The Exsultet

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying*

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.

*The Congregation is seated for the readings and the psalms.*

## Creation Story

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*



*All stand. The priest says,*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature; grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the reading of*

## The Flood

*Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13*

5 Wi-thin our dark-est night, You kin-dle a fire that ne-ver dies a - way ne-ver dies a -

7 way. Wi - thin our dark - est night, You kin - dle a

fire that ne - ver dies a - way, ne - ver dies a - way.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a 5-measure rest, followed by the melody. The second staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*All stand. The priest says,*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the reading of*

## Abraham's binding of Isaac

*Genesis 22:1-18*

Leave all things that you have come and fol - low me

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a single staff. The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*All stand. The priest says,*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All are seated for the reading of*

## Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

*Exodus 14:10-15:1*

### Song

*Go Down Moses, chorus (with verses sung by a chorister)*

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*All stand. The priest says,  
Let us pray. (Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*All are seated for the reading of*  
**A New Heart and a New Spirit**

*Ezekiel 36:24-28*



*All stand. The priest says,  
Let us pray. (Silence)*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*All are seated for the reading of*  
**The Gathering of God's People**

*Zephaniah 3:12-20*

### Hymn

*Now the green blade riseth*



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



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quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
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### Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

*All stand. The priest says,  
Let us pray. (Silence)*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Homily

*Mary D. Lindquist*

### The Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*All stand and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing of waters and renewal of baptismal vows. The celebrant begins*

On this most Holy Night, let us pray for all those who will receive the Sacrament of new birth and for ourselves as we prepare to renew our own baptismal vows, saying, “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grand that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, archangel Michael, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all our ancestors in the faith; and, we pray, that encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light, through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The waters are stirred and blessed.*

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.

*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 Creator?  
*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.

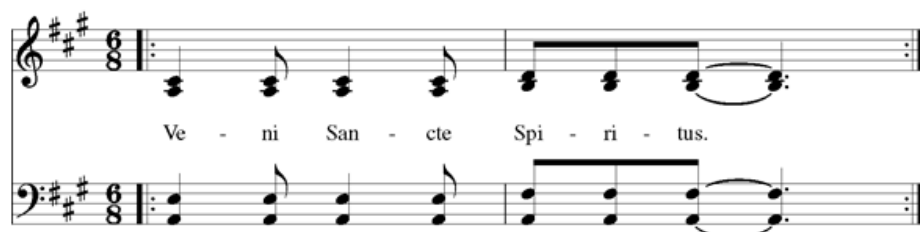
*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*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.**

### Chant



*Following this chant, there is a brief time of silence, then the ringing of bells. When the lights come on and you may extinguish your candles.*

## The First Holy Communion of Easter

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant repeats this announcement three times.*

*The assembly is sprinkled with water to remind people of their baptisms.*

### Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The congregation may return to their seats after being sprinkled with holy water.*

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from the Early Church

*All stand to ring bells and to sing this gradual*

*Romans 6:3-11*

### Alleluia



*As the procession enters the nave all turn to face the gospel book for the*

### Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10*

*Officiant*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the reading:*

*Officiant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Peace

*Officiant*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## Holy Communion

*Following the Peace, we will sing a chant while the altar is set and censed. Then all are invited to come up and stand around the altar to celebrate the first Holy Communion of Easter. After you receive Communion, you may return to your seats for the final prayer.*

Wash me a - way un - til all that's left is

Al - le - lu - iah Al - le - lu - iah Al - le - lu - iah

love Great Spi - rit Wash me a - way un - til

lu - iah Al - le - lu - iah Al - le - lu - iah

Al - le Al - le - lu - iah Al - le Al - le - lu - iah

all that's left is love Great Spi - rit

Al - le - lu - iah Al - le - lu - iah

*All return to their seats.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*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.**



*The Celebrant blesses the people. The people respond to each petition with a loud "Amen."*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Christ our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*The Hymnal 178*

*Descant*

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

*1-4* *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

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1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The Officiant dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **Participants Today**

Lay Assistant – **Alex O'Clare**; Thurifer – **Greg Lesch**; Exsultet – **Jenny Karstad & Christopher Wesolowski**, Acolytes – **Ricky Davidson and Betsy Bates**, Readers: **John Daly, Laura Frey, Mary McKenna, Annamarie Pluhar, Jay Pomponio, Judith Reichsman, Teresa Savel, David Treadwell**, Ushers – **Chris Hart and Annamarie Pluhar**, Altar Guild – **Carol Hesselbach, Judy Walker, Chris Hart, Jane Sbardella, Craig Newbert, and Sherry Stimmel**. Easter flowers – **Marie Lawrence**.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

*The following gifts have been made for the flowers in the sanctuary this Easter season.*

#### **A Gift to The Glory of God**

*Anonymous - 2*

*Dorrie DeGutis*

*Janet Cramer*

*Laura Lewis*

*Jean Smith*

#### **In Thanksgiving For:**

This Parish from *Craig Hammond & Liz Vick*

Sons Frank, Dwayne and David from *Judith Junkins*

Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow and the Circle of Support she leads with such compassion from *Cliff & Wylene Wood*

The ministry and life of St. Michael's from *Chris Hart*

#### **In Memory Of:**

Andrew Jacob Hammond from *Craig Hammond & Liz Vick*

Bruce Hesselbach from *Carol Hesselbach*

Daniel Dobson from *Susan Gantt*

Esther Shzars

Peter Davidson and Marissa Theisen from *Judy & Jack Davidson*

The McGee Family, Charles & Evelyn Swift, Marge Turek from *Judith McGee*

Jonathan Field from *John Linscheid*

Bill and Frank Sr. from *Judith Junkins*

My sister Annie from *Judy Walker*

Robert R. Anderson from *Becky Anderson*

Judy Wagenbach from *Michael & Susan Wilmott*

Len & Shirley Ely, Martha & Spider Wiggins, Ben Wiggins, Scott Ely from *Ann & Tom Ely*

Doris E. Spahr, Richard Blazej, Doris & August Spahr, Jr. from *Lucy Spahr-Blazej*

David and Jamie Morgan from *Brian & Joyce Vining Morgan*

Bonz Hart, beloved brother-in-law, from *Anne Black*

Paula & Arthur Dyer, Miriam & Sidney Johnson from *Sue Dyer*

Madelyn & Wendell Howard, Jeffrey Howard from *Judith & Alan McBean*

Nancy & Halsey Hicks, Jeffrey Durborow from *Pam & Paul Gallagher*

Phyllis Lindquist from *Mary Lindquist*