



Resurrection of Our Lord: Vigil of Easter

April 16, 2022

+ GATHERING +

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Siblings in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

The new fire is lighted.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

The thanksgiving includes this acclamation several times.

P: This is the night.

C: Yes, this is the night!

P: ... through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Pamela Smith

SECOND READING

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Pastor Adrienne

THIRD READING

Valley of the dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Arno Risner

FOURTH READING

The deliverance of Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2:1

Noelle, Julianna and Nathalie Drake

FIFTH READING

Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Daniel 3:1-29

Karlyn Grise

*Each Reading is followed by a prayer. The congregation may respond "**Amen.**"*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is read.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

P: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

SERMON

Pr. Lecia Beck

SONG OF CELEBRATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: On this holiest of nights, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Each petition ends:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Concluding petition

P: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✝ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Continue celebrating the Resurrection!
Worship with us tomorrow morning at 8:30
or 11 a.m.