

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

## *Light & Lessons*

April 11, 2020  
Livestream: 7PM

## PREPARE

The Easter Vigil is an ancient Christian tradition celebrated on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The service begins in darkness and then includes the reading of Old Testament stories of God's salvation.

### What you need:

- ◆ A candle with a drip protector or holder for each person to hold

### What to do:

- ◆ At the beginning of the service, light your candle. When the readings from Scripture begin, extinguish it.

**Ideas:** Read the Easter Vigil readings ahead of time, especially if you have young children. Visit [churchrez.org/vigil](http://churchrez.org/vigil) to view all of the texts.

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## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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### The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

**CELEBRANT:** *Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, 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.*

*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.*

**ALL:** **Amen.**

*The Celebrant, with a knife, traces a Cross into the Paschal Candle and then outlines the letters of the Greek alphabet—Alpha and Omega—and says the following words.*

**CELEBRANT:** *Christ yesterday and today,  
The Beginning and the End,*

*Alpha and Omega*

*His are all times  
and all ages  
to Him be glory and dominion  
through all ages of eternity.*

**ALL:** **Amen.**

*The Celebrant places the five incense buds into the candle, representing the five wounds of Christ.*

**CELEBRANT:** *By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.*

**ALL:** **Amen.**

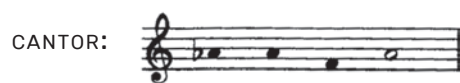
*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle with the new fire.*

**CELEBRANT:** *May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.*

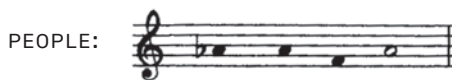
**ALL:** **Amen.**

# The Procession of Light

*Please stand.*



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

*All remain standing for the Proclamation of the Resurrection which is sung by the Cantor.*

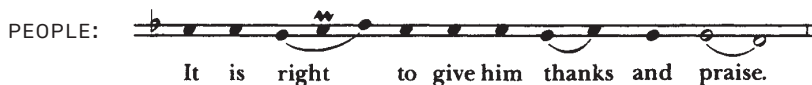
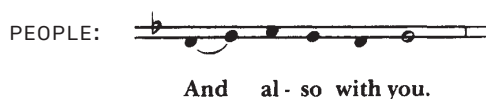
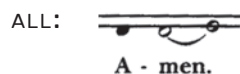
## The Exsultet: The Easter Proclamation

CANTOR: *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.*



CANTOR: *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.*

ALL:   
A - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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CELEBRANT: *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 Story of Creation

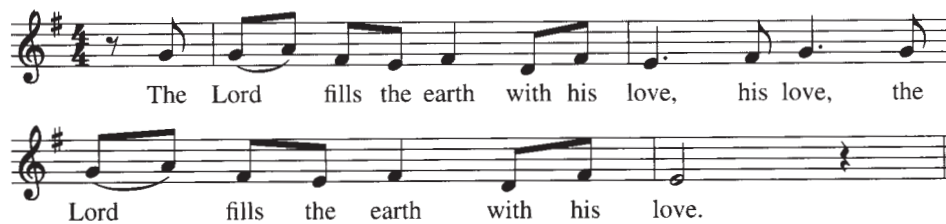
***Church of the Resurrection, IL***

#### **Genesis 1:1–2:3**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 33



### Verses

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right,  
and he fills the earth with his love.
2. By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
The Lord collects the waves of the ocean,  
he stores up the depths of the sea.
3. They are happy whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own.  
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,  
and he sees all the children of the earth.
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

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CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*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.*

ALL: Amen.

## The Fall

**Cornerstone Parish, Chicago**

### Genesis 3

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity love, and pow'r.

#### Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.

Words: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)  
Music: Traditional American Melody

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*  
*O God of all mercy, your divine Son did not speak to his apostles of his suffering and death without also giving them the hope of the promise of his resurrection. Do not let the knowledge of our manifold sins and wickedness blind us to your promise of mercy and forgiveness to all who turn to you and repent, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

## Abraham's Sacrifice of Issac

*Light of Christ, WI*

### Genesis 22:1-18

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

#### **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give you back this life I owe,  
That in your ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in your sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

*Chorus:*  
Rejoice my heart,  
Rejoice my soul,  
My Savior God has come to thee.  
Rejoice my heart,  
You've been made whole  
By a love that will not let me go.

O joy that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I chase the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that lifts and holds my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lie in dust, life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*  
*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.*

ALL: Amen.

# Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea *Church of the Redeemer, MN*

## **Exodus 14:10–15:1**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### **Open Up the Heavens**

We've waited for this day.  
We're gathered in your name,  
Calling out to you.  
Your glory like a fire  
Awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth.  
You're the reason we're here.  
You're the reason we're singing.

*Chorus:*  
Open up the heavens  
We want to see you.  
Open up the floodgates.  
A mighty river.  
Flowing from your heart  
Filling every part of our praise.

Your presence in this place.  
Your glory on our face.  
We're looking to the sky.  
Descending like a cloud  
You're standing with us now.  
Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here.  
You're the reason we're singing.  
Show us, show us your glory.  
Show us, show us your power.  
Show us, show us your glory, Lord.

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CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*  
*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 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

# God's Presence in a Renewed Israel *Christ Church, WI*

## **Isaiah 4:2–6**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*  
*O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve you now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where your saints for ever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ALL: Amen.

# A New Heart and a New Spirit

## Un Corazón Nuevo y un Espíritu Nuevo

*Iglesia de la Resurrección, IL  
& Cornerstone, Little Village*

### Ezekiel 36:24-28

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### Take, O Take Me as I Am

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'.

Words and Music: The Iona Community

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*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.*

ALL: Amen.

# Jonah and the Fish

*Church of the Cross, MN*

### Jonah 1-2

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



## Your Mercy

I once was lost; I walked away.  
The road was dark; I could not see.  
My hope was gone; the pain was real.  
But your mercy.

You saw my steps; you felt my fears.  
You heard my cries; you caught my tears.  
Arms open wide you ran to me  
With your mercy.

*Chorus:*  
Your mercy, your mercy.  
I stand before my king,  
And bow my heart to sing.  
You saved me, you raised me.  
You died so I could live.  
No greater love than this:  
Your mercy.

You gave me life beyond the grave.  
My deepest shame is cast away.  
You sing a song that covers me.  
It's your mercy.

Your loving-kindness,  
Leads me to repentance.  
Lord let your kindness,  
Lead me to repentance.

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Music.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, by the Resurrection 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 the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

# The Valley of Dry Bones

***Church of the Resurrection, IL***

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.  
Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb 'til I met you.

I was breathing but not alive.  
All my failures I tried to hide.  
It was my tomb 'til I met you.

*Chorus:*  
You called my name,  
I ran out of that grave.  
Out of the darkness into your glorious day.  
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.  
Out of the darkness into your glorious day.

Now your mercy has saved my soul.  
Now your freedom is all that I know.  
The old made new, Jesus, when I met you.

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy,  
But chains break at the weight of your glory.  
I needed shelter, I was an orphan,  
Now you call me a citizen of heaven.  
When I was broken, you were my healing.  
Now your love is the air that I'm breathing.  
I have a future, my eyes are open.

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CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*  
*Almighty 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 the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ALL: Amen.

## The Gathering of God's People

*Church of the Resurrection, IL*

### **Zephaniah 3:14–20**

*Congregational Refrain:*  
Fear not, O Zion,  
The Lord is in your midst.  
A mighty one, who will save you.

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*  
*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 tranquillity 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.*

ALL: Amen.

## The Church Jesus Asked For

### **—Bp. Stewart Ruch III**

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." John 7:38-39

### **Mourning into Dancing**

You I will exalt, Oh Lord  
For you lifted me  
When I cried to you for help,  
You restored my life!

You've turned my mourning into dancing  
Clothed me with gladness  
Joy comes in the morning  
Oh, praise the LORD!

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## Shout for Joy

Pour out your fervent praise.  
There's a song to raise,  
Like a banner high.  
Lift up your grateful hearts,  
To the morning star;  
He's alive and here with us.

*Chorus:*  
Shout for joy for the Son of God  
Is the saving one,  
He's the saving one.  
Shout for joy, see what love has done,  
He has come for us,  
He's the saving one.

We stood on sinking sand,  
He reached out his hand,  
Brought us to his side.  
We turned our hearts away,  
He was strong to save,  
Now our savior reigns in us.

Jesus, you have saved us; be glorified.  
Jesus, you have saved us; be glorified.  
Jesus, you have saved us; be glorified.

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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.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

### Sing Wherever I Go

*Chorus:*  
All my life,  
All I know,  
God's been good,  
Good to my soul.  
Mountain high,  
Valley low,  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go.

God is for me,  
He's not against me,  
I will hold to the plans he has for me.  
When I'm broken,  
He will fix me,  
I will call on the name of the Lord.

He's my heartsong,  
In my sorrow,  
He's my hope and my strength for  
tomorrow.  
When the storms rise,  
All around me,  
I will call on the name of the Lord.

I got joy joy joy,  
Deep in my soul.  
I will sing sing sing  
Wherever I go.

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