

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says

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 Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, begins.

Deacon The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

People may light candles at home at this time.

The Exsultet is sung by the Deacon

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.

All Amen.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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.

Deacon This is the night

People **This is the night,**

Deacon When you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

Deacon This is the night,

People **This is the night,**

Deacon When all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

Deacon This is the night,

People **This is the night,**

Deacon 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 we are reconciled to God.

Holy God, 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 Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

Dramatic reading by Rev. Jane White-Hassler and Tom White-Hassler

Hymn "Many and Great"

1. Many and great, O God, are thy works, maker of earth and sky;
thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed; deep seas obey thy voice.
2. Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-15:1

1st Reader As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses,

1st Reader "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

1st Reader "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see

today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” Then the Lord said to Moses,

2nd Reader “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

1st Reader The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

1st Reader Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided.

1st Reader The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

2nd Reader At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”

1st Reader So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

2nd Reader Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel was the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

1st Reader Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

(Tambourine)

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

Both Readers Thanks be to God.

"Song of Moses" Soloist Tom White-Hassler

by Scott R. Soper

Deacon 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 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.

The valley of dry bones: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dramatic Reading

Hymn "O breathe on me"

“O, Breathe on Me”

1 O breathe on me, O breath of God, fill
 2 O breathe on me, O breath of God, un -
 3 O breathe on me, O breath of God, my
 4 O breathe on me, O breath of God, so

1 me with life a new That
 2 til my heart is pure un -
 3 will to your in - cline un -
 4 I shall nev - er die but

1 I may love the things you love, and
 2 til my will is one with yours, to
 3 til this self - ish part of me glows
 4 live with you the per - fect life, for

1 do what you would do.
 2 do and to en - dure
 3 with your fire de - vine
 4 all e - ter - ni - ty

Celebrant 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 our lives what we profess by our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The gathering of God's people: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 98

“Sing a new song”

REFRAIN

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing joyf'ly to our God.**

Leader O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All Sing Verse 1 then refrain



1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come he -
fore the Lord. And play for God on
glad tim - beu - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.

REFRAIN

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing joyf'ly to our God.**

Leader Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

All Sing Verse 3 then refrain

**Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.**

REFRAIN

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing joyf'ly to our God.**

Leader He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All sing Refrain only

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing joyf'ly to our God.**

Deacon 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 you providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were coast 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

At the Eucharist

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The people ring their bells as the altar is set.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Hymn to Greet the Gospel “Celtic Alleluia” (sing 2x)



Deacon The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(Matthew 28:1-10)

Deacon The Good News of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Repeat “Celtic Alleluia” (sing 2x)

Homily
Lev Sherman

The Rev.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn “This is the Night” (*Verses 1-4 only*)

“This is the Night” (Verses 1-4)



1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings. This is the
 2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er rose from the
 3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness burn to dis -
 4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing. Sing of the
 5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing. All of God's



1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night _____
 2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of
 3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,
 4. pow'r _____ strong - er than death. Sing of the love _____
 5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, _____



1. filled with God's glo - ry, prom - ise of our new birth! _____
 2. e - vil and dark - ness, emp - ty for all to see. _____
 3. Je - sus our Sav - ior, you are the world's true light! _____
 4. end - less as heav - en, dawn - ing through - out the earth. _____
 5. tell out the sto - ry, all of the earth re - joice. _____

REFRAIN

Descant



Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

The Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

Deacon You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All 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.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To

deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Deacon Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Celebrant Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Deacon Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patrick and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

ALL 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
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant ALLELUIA! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

Please receive the bread and wine in the packets distributed from the church or bread and wine in your home, offered to God for blessing.

Communion Hymn “One Bread One Body”

“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
 man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses

one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jow, ser- vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom - en or man, no more.
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.
 3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Together*)

Dear God, we thank you for the new fire and light and water of this night. Fire our ambition to serve you; light our path forward with love; and shower our lives with spring rains that bring new growth. Give us grateful hearts for the one Bread we have shared, and the one Body we are becoming. AMEN

Celebrant Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn “Paschal Nostrum” (Tune: For all the Saints)

1. God’s Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Now is Christ raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him. Through him we die to sin and live to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Deacon Dismissal

Postlude “Easter Chant”
Gordon Young

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Prayers of the People

We pray for the sick and suffering, those in hospitals and in hospice, those who have lost their way and those who are finding it again. We pray especially for Joni & Steve, Chris & Huck, Isabelle & Family, Ella, Vicki & Valery, Paul & Linda, Asher, Mower & Family, Mildred, Jerrod, Thurber, Paula’s parents John & Marcia and her brother-in-law Mike, Lisa and the Ouellette Family, Peggy, Corey, David & Sheri, Ed, Bob, David & Christine, Chris & Patrick, Meredith, Darlene, Mary D. & Family, Mavis, Myrick, Hazel & Catherine, Kayla’s Dad Paul, Cyrus, Kathleen, Stacey, John, and Brian & family.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, Rachel E.L.P. Bergen, Margaret Fletcher, Jackson Beck, Rick Cross, and those celebrating anniversaries Peg & Kate Olson-Petrie.

Pray for new life in our homes, our families, and in our communities.

God gave you a fingerprint that no one else has, so you can leave an imprint that no one else can.

Pray not because you need something, but because you have a lot to thank God for.

Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people.

PRAY BIG! Then stand back and see what God will do.

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