



## **Easter Vigil – April 11, 2020 – 8:00pm**

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## **What is happening tonight?**

Like the children of Israel who watched and waited through the night for the Lord of the Exodus, we too come together this night to watch and wait for the Lord of the Resurrection. We come, as Christians have come since the first century, to keep vigil and to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Bridegroom who is chief host and guest at the Easter feast to come.

First, we must break the darkness of the night. Like the virgins in the parable, we must light our vigil lights. Our light will be a very special light, for it is the light of Christ which burns atop the Paschal candle and which dispels the darkness -- of night, of sin, of death. Our light will be a constant reminder of the Easter victory during the coming season, at every baptism and at every funeral. But for now, it will burn in vigil as we await the Bridegroom.

When we have settled in for the watch, we hear the stories of our faith -- the stories of God's salvation history and the covenants which He made with our people. These are our "family" stories. We listen. We sing. We watch. And we wait for the feast to come.

We are nearly ready. The time is close. And then at last He comes! The Easter victory is won! The Lamb who once was slain now lives triumphant from the grave. The Bridegroom has come through the darkness to claim his Bride, the Church, to be his own.

# Service of Light

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the church throughout the world gathers in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ.

P Let us pray.

O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter Vigil so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The inscription on the Paschal Candle is traced by the Pastor*

P Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lighted ~ Please light your candle*

## The Procession of the Light of Christ

P May the light of Christ who rises this night in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C **Amen.**

P The Light of Christ!

C **Thanks be to God!**

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P The Light of Christ!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 467 (v.

1)

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.

## The Easter Proclamation ~ Exsultet

P Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation. Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world. Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples. Wherefore, dearly beloved, who stand in the clarity of this bright and holy light, join with me, I ask you, in praising the loving kindness of almighty God; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you..**

P. Let us pray.

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart, mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who paid for us the debt of Adam, and who by His precious blood redeemed us from the bondage to ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy. This is the night in which, in ancient times, You delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea. This, indeed, is the night in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness. This is the night in which, breaking the chains of

death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. For it would have profited us nothing to be born had we not also been redeemed.

This is the night of which it is written: "and the night is as clear as the day"; and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

We, therefore, pray to You, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of Your Name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May He who is the Morning Star find it burning -- that Morning Star which never sets, that Morning Star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.

And we pray, O Lord, rule, govern, and preserve with Your continual protection Your whole Church, giving us peace in this time of our Paschal rejoicing; 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**

**Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

**LSB**

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,

Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

## Stories of a Salvation People

### The Story of Creation

*Genesis 1:1-2:3*

#### Hymn: How Great Thou Art

**LSB 801 (v.1)**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain.

ref Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

### The Story of Abraham and Isaac

*Genesis 22:1-18*

#### Hymn: The Lamb

**LSB 547 (v.1)**

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

### The Story of the Exodus

#### Hymn: Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain

**LSB 487 (v. 1)**

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

## The Story of Jonah

### Hymn: Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain

LSB 487 (v. 2)

2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n  
Laud and praise undying.

### *Stand*

### Hymn: The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464 (v. 1)

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

### Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465 (v. 1)

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Prayer of the Church ~ Litany of the Resurrection**

A O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

A O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

A O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

A Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C hear us.**

A Paschal Lamb, offered for us, who has taken away the Sin of the world,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,



**C have mercy on us.**

A By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

A By Your victory over sin and death,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

A By the majesty of Your risen body,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

A We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, Lord Jesus.**

A That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

**C grant us, good Lord.**

A That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been served by You,

**C grant us, good Lord.**

A That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

**C grant us, good Lord.**

A Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy on us.**

A Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

A O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

A O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

A O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Closing Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

