

Easter Vigil 2020

Prayers at the lighting of the candle:

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.

All Amen.

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

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Exultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O Universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,

radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

Most blessed of all nights!

Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

All [Glory to you for ever.]

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

All Amen.

Genesis 1: 1- 2: 4a

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Zephaniah 3:14-end

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collects:

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All Amen.

Or

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114

Matthew 28:1-10

Blessing

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All Amen.