

The Three Days: Easter Vigil  
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Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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**WELCOME: Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

✠TRIDUUM: LITURGY OF THE THREE DAYS✠

*We stand outside on the N. Promenade St. sidewalk*

PASCHAL CANDLE REDEDICATION

*The ministers traces the cross, the alpha and omega, and the year*

Christ yesterday and today (*cross*); the beginning and the end (*A and Ω*); his are all times (*2*) and all ages (*0*); to him be the glory and dominion (*2*); through all the ages of eternity (*3*).

**Amen.**

*The minister lights the paschal candle.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION

The light of Christ.



**Thanks be to God.**

*At the nave doors.* The light of Christ.



**Thanks be to God.**

*Before the altar.* The light of Christ.



**Thanks be to God.**

EASTER PROCLAMATION

*Exsultet*

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels . . . voices of the peoples.



**A** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**A** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and things divine.

*Tapers are lighted from the paschal candle to light the other candles and lamps in the church as the Easter Proclamation concludes.*

We, therefore, pray to you...one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men

SERVICE OF READINGS

We sit **THE FIRST READING:** GENESIS 1:1--2:2

*After the reading.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. Almighty God. . . Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING:** GENESIS 7: 1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

*After the reading.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. O God. . . Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE THIRD READING:** GENESIS 22:1-18

*After the reading.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. God & Father. . . Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FOURTH READING: EXODUS 14:10-15:1a

*After the reading.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE: *from* EXODUS 15

*read in unison*

**I will sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has been my Savior.**

**This is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**

**Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?**

**Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?**

**In your mercy you led forth the people you set free;  
you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.**

**You will bring them in and plant them  
on the mount that is your possession,**

**The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord,  
which your hands have prepared. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. O God. . . through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE FIFTH READING:** ISAIAH 55:1-11

*After the reading.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. O God. . . Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SIXTH READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

*After the reading.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows. We stand for the prayer.*

Let us pray. O God. . . through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

THE SEVENTH READING: DANIEL 3:1-23, (Song of the Three Young Men 1-2, 23-27),  
3:24-29

*After the reading.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord;  
you heavens, bless the Lord;**

all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You sun and moon, bless the Lord;  
you stars of heaven, bless the Lord;**

you showers and dew, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You winds of God, bless the Lord;  
you fire and heat, bless the Lord;**

you winter and summer, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You dews and frost, bless the Lord;  
you frost and cold, bless the Lord;**

you ice and snow, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You nights and days, bless the Lord;  
you light and darkness, bless the Lord;**

you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**Let the earth bless the Lord:**

**you mountains and hills, bless the Lord;**

all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You wells and springs, bless the Lord;  
you rivers and seas, bless the Lord;**

you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;  
all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord;**

all you children of mortals, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You people of God, bless the Lord;  
you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;**

you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

**You spirits and souls of the righteous, bless the Lord;  
you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord;**

let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit—  
praise him and magnify him forever.

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM  
FOR CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL

*We stand & gather near the font*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your ✠ Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, on this most holy night the church keeps vigil, awaiting the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle teaches us that by baptism we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we should set our feet on the new path of life. Therefore, now that the struggle of Lent is over, let us renew the promises made at our baptism. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil? **I do.**

Do you renounce the devil? **I do.**

Do you renounce all the devil's empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING

*We depart in silence.*

### EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

We will gather Easter Sunday at 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM for Holy Communion worship on the glorious Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord: a simple outdoor sunrise service by the Fellowship Hall rose garden at 7:00 AM; and a full, festival service in the sanctuary at 9:00 AM that will include the flowering of the cross, where the symbol of death is decorated with spring flowers, symbols of life. Easter Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 am.

15 minutes after the 9:00 AM Service we will have a children's Easter egg hunt for 0 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

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