
The Great Vigil of Easter

Sung Eucharist Book of Alternative Services (p. 322-332)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

THE KINDLING & BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE (P.322)

The church is dimly lit as you enter. You will be given a hand candle with this bulletin. After everyone is outside the lights in the church will be cut off. Outside of the church the Celebrant will kindle and bless the New Fire.

THE INSCRIPTION OF THE PASCAL CANDLE (P.333)

By the light of the New Fire the Pascal Candle will be inscribed.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE (P.322)

The Pascal Candle is lit from the New Fire. The hand candles for the vigil are now lit by the servers.

THE PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH (P.322)

STAND

The Pascal Candle is then processed into the darkened church. The Celebrant will stop three times during the procession and sing, at increasing intervals, "The Light of Christ" to which the people reply, "Thanks be to God".

THE SINGING OF THE EXSULTET (P.323)

STAND

When the Pascal Candle has been placed on its stand, the celebrant will sing the ancient hymn, the Exultet.

THE VIGIL

We listen to eight readings from the story of our salvation. SIT

HYMN 237

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

SILENCE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

The Celebrant will begin to ring their hand bell, first slowly and then faster. The people join in with their own bells while the church bells are rung. We ring bells for about thirty seconds. Look to the Celebrant for a cue for when to cease ringing.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORIA

(STAND)

Glory be to God on high, (MERBECKE: CP 679)

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You that takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You that sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT

STAND

SILENCE

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. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SIT

*After the reading, but not the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1st Reader

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For

whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:3-11

Psalm – 1st Reader

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

PSALM 114

GOSPEL

STAND

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(CP: 708)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. cf Rev 1.17,18

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: The Lord be with You. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."
MATTHEW 28:1-10

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

THE EASTER SERMON OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SIT

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

HYMN 560 VERSES 1 & 2

GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

BAPTISMAL PROCESSION TO THE FONT

STAND

While the first two verses of the hymn the Altar party will process to the Font.

THE BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER (P.330)

STAND

The Celebrant will now sing the traditional blessing of baptismal water. At the end of the blessing they will lower the Pascal Candle into the font three times singing at increasing intervals, "Now Sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit."

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (P.330)

STAND

THE PROCESSION FROM THE FONT AND ASPERGES

STAND

We sing the final two verses of the hymn as the Altar party makes its way back to the sanctuary. As the Celebrant comes up the isle they will asperse (sprinkle) the congregation with the newly blessed water as a sign of their Baptism.

HYMN 560 VERSES 3 & 4

GOD WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

THE PEACE

STAND

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN 212

ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

REMAIN STANDING

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198

STAND

SURSUM CORDA

(MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

KNEEL OR STAND

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,

All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

Your will be done, On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours,

Now and for ever. Amen.

SILENCE

FRACTION SENTENCE

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

(MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away

the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

KNEEL OR SIT

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. All may come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

COMMUNION HYMN 216

YE CHOIRS OF NEW JERUSALEM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

KNEEL OR SIT

Silence

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have 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 risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SOLEMN EASTER BLESSING

KNEEL

RECESSIONAL HYMN 203

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

DISMISSAL

REMAIN STANDING

Celebrant: He is not here. he is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.