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April 4, 2026
Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Zoom Service
7:00pm



Members of the online congregation may light their candles now.

The presider sings a third time,

Presider: The light of Christ.

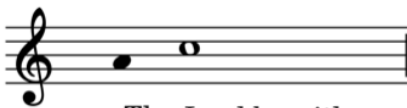
People: Thanks be to God.

The presider then sings the Exultet or “Easter Proclamation.”

Presider: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God’s throne! Jesus
Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

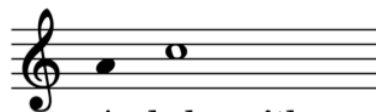
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God’s people!

Presider

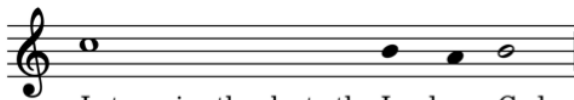


The Lord be with you

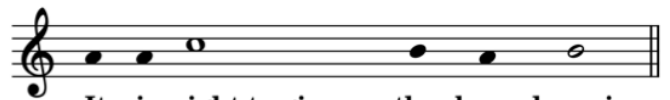
People



And also with you.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam’s sin to our eternal Father! This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how God saved His people throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent His own Son to be our Redeemer.

Genesis 1.1 - 2.2

Exodus 14.10 - 15.2

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Daniel 3.1-29

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Presider: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast 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; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory to God

You are invited to welcome Easter by ringing bells.

The Gloria - Sung to DARWALL'S 148TH (Same tune as "Rejoice, the Lord is King")

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy, Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Text: *Gloria*, para. Paul Gibson © *Common Praise*, 365

Collect of the Day

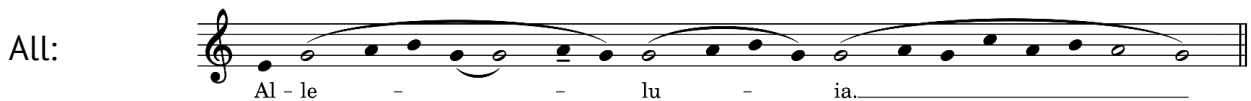
Presider: Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Reading Romans 6.3-11

Alleluia

This ancient Alleluia is traditionally sung three times, each time a tone higher.



Cantor: 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.
Alleluia!

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.
Alleluia!

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? **Alleluia!**

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. **Alleluia!**

-Psalm 114

Gospel Matthew 28.1-10

Reflection: Lectio Divina

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

You may now pour water into a basin or bowl beside you.

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are set free from the dominion of evil and death. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Presider Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
descended to the dead,
on the third day rose again, ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and that he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you 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.

People: **I do.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in
Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as
yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect,
sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by

water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. Amen.

You are encouraged to dip your hand in the water and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead or body as a remembrance of your baptism.

Closing Prayer

Presider: O God of glory, in the Easter dawn you raised Jesus from death to life. As we are united with him in death, unite us with him in resurrection, so that we might walk in newness of life. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Text and Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.

Sources Closing Prayer from *Alternative Collects For Years A, B, and C of the Revised Common Lectionary with Seasonal Prayers over the Gifts and Prayers After Communion*, The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, 2019, <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Alternative-RCL-Collects-2019-updated-2024-03.pdf> (accessed March 22, 2026).

Assisting with the Liturgy

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