

Sunday 12th April 2020

Easter Vigil & Service of Light

- LITURGY – Vigil Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
On this most Holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer.
For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament, we share in his victory over death.
As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; And let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us, saving the work he has begun.

- READING – Genesis 1:1-2, 4

- READING – Genesis 22:1-18

- LITURGY – 1st Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

- READING – Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

- LITURGY – 2nd Collect

Lord God our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery. Free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, Bring us to our promised land, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- READING – Isaiah 55:1-11

- READING – Zephaniah 3:14-20

- LITURGY – 3rd Collect

Lord God of our salvation,
You speak the word to your scattered people, And bring up our life from the valley of death. Breathe your spirit upon your Church, that we may live and stand before you confident in your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

- READING – Romans 6:3-11

- LITURGY – 4th Collect

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him.
And that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection. Through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- LITURGY – Service Of Light Gathering
Eternal God,

Who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light;
Set us aflame with the fire of your love,
And bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Christ yesterday and today,
The beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega,
All time belongs to him, and all the ages.
To him be glory and power,
Through every age and for ever.
Amen.

May the light of Christ, Rising in Glory,
Banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to god.

- GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
Matthew 28:1-10
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

- LITURGY – The Exultet

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you.
The unseen God, the Father almighty, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who ransomed us by his death, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.

For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God, By whose blood the homes of all the faithful are hallowed and protected. This is the night when of old you saved our Fathers.
Delivering the people of Israel from their slavery, And leading them dry-shod through the sea.
This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin and restored to grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all days, when wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. Lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

For Christ the Morning Star has risen, never again to set, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

- LITURGY – The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- LITURGY – The Collect

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

- LITURGY – The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

- LITURGY – Final Blessing

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.

Amen.

- SONG – See What A Morning