

EASTER VIGIL 2016

All begin outside around the fire vessel.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in ancient times the new day began as the sun set on the day that has passed. As the sun sets on this holy night, the night when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. **This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries, confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him forever in God.**

Light the New Sacred Fire

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, the Alpha and Omega. By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit.

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

The congregation light their candles from the paschal flame and walk into the nave. While walking we will chant three times: The Light of Christ: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! O Universe, dance around God's throne! **Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you transformed even our most terrible lies. This is the night when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea. Glory to you forever.

Most blessed of all nights! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, simplicity is recaptured, and sadness turned to joy. 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. Glory to you forever.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin and share the victory of Christ. Glory to you forever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. **Grant that this Easter may make our darkness light.**

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 the saving work he has begun.

Holy Ancient Stories

Creation

Exodus

*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land."
Exodus 6:10-11*

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land; Let my peo-ple go,
2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo - ses said; Let my peo-ple go,
3. No more shall they in bond-age toil; Let my peo-ple go,

Op-pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
If not, I'll smite your first - born dead, Let my peo-ple go.
Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil, Let my peo-ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, 'Way down in E-gypt's land.
go down, Mo - ses,
Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - oah, Let my peo-ple go!

Ezekiel

Psalm 23

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Stanzas included in other editions.

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SHEPHERD ME

Irregular

Daniel

Resurrection!

Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker
St. Thomas More Centre

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Homily

Jane Gober

*Following the Homily we will Proceed to the Baptismal Font while singing the following hymn
(three times)*

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death, and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Praise God who made heaven and earth, **who keeps his promise for ever.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.** We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. **Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. 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. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and **continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Asperge the Congregation to remind us of Baptism

On this most holy night we remember that we are united in the risen life of Christ through the mystery of Holy Baptism. Let us remember our promises of union with God in Christ. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **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 to the dead. 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.**

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

I will, with God's help!

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will with God's help!

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will with God's help!

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will with God's help!

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will with God's help!**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Return to the Choir and Chancel while Singing

1 Christ the Lord is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Je - su.
2 He has con - quered death. He has con - quered death. Je - su.
3 Sin has done its worst. Sin has done its worst. Je - su.
4 He is King of kings. He is King of kings. Je - su.
5 He is Lord of lords. He is Lord of lords. Je - su.

Chord progression: G, Am/G, G, Am/G, G, Em, D, D7, Em/D, D, D7, Em/D, D, Am/D, G.

A HOLY ANCIENT EUCHARISTIC FEAST

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And now we give you thanks because on the first day of the week he overcame death and the grave and opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the

company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

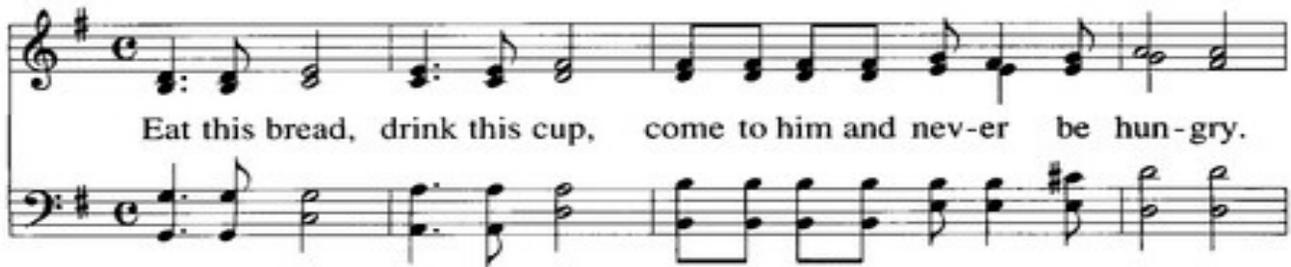
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

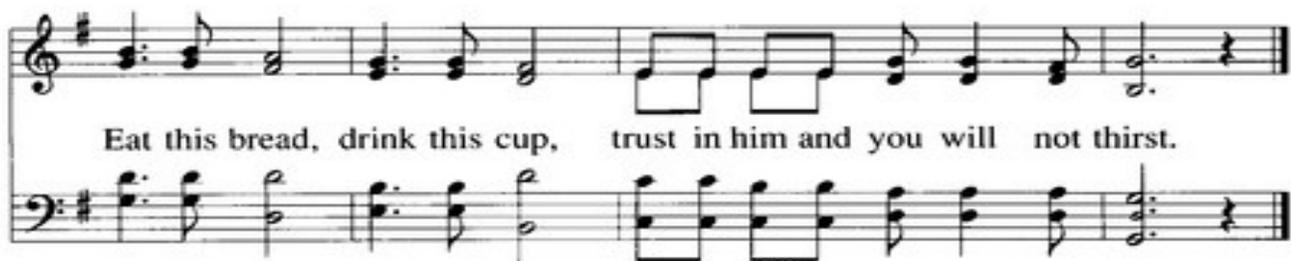
Then may be sung or said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Keftain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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O God, sanctify this solidified milk, solidifying us also unto your charity. Grant also that this fruit of the olive depart not from your sweetness, this fruit which is the type of your fatness which you have caused to flow from the tree for the life of them that hope in you. To you be the glory, to the Father and to the Son and with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church now and forever the world without end. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Optional return to hymns of the night.

Share Communion, Pray and then Share the Feast!

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia!

Sources: Common Worship, Church of England; BCP 1979, the Episcopal Church