

# Easter Vigil St. Anne's



**“ Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”**

## Easter Vigil

*(Gather outside)*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Blessing of the Fire

Almighty God, who through your Son, Jesus Christ, has revealed to all your people the fire of your brightness: Bless this new fire; Father + Son + and Holy Spirit + and grant that this Easter feast we may be drawn near to your Son, Jesus Christ, The true light of the world. **Amen.**

Reading:                Genesis 1:1– 2:4

### ***Blessing of the Easter Candle***

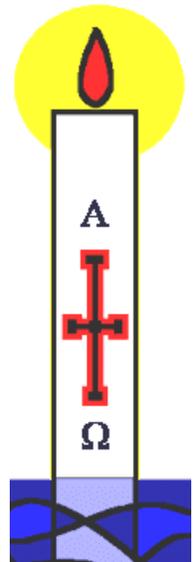
Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.  
**Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is lit from the fire*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.



*All process into the Church followed by the reader carrying the Scriptures and the celebrant carrying the Easter Candle. The people collect a candle and return to their seats. As the Easter candle is brought towards the altar the procession will stop three times and the people will light their candles from the Easter Candle. At each stop there will be a reading:*

*During the procession at each stop sing (following cantor)*

The light of Christ

**Thanks be to God**

At the back of the Church      Exodus 14: 10—31

Half way down the church      Ezekiel 37: 1-14

At the front the Church      Romans 6: 3-11

**Hymn** - The Exsultet

Sing Choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!

Around God's throne exult and sing

Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave

Salute your King in glorious sympathy

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines radiantly

Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.

The night is past; the day of life is here

Sing Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!

The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.

Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore

Let all God's people shout the long Amen



### ***Easter Acclamation***

Alleluia Christ is Risen

**He is risen indeed Alleluia**

*The lights are put on and the church bell is rung then all sing.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

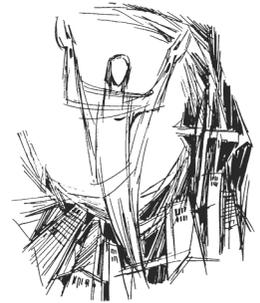
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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.**



## ***Proclamation of the Easter Gospel***

### ***Sermon***

### ***Hymn***

Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won.  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids him rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our victorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following out exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise,  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection thou!

Brothers and sisters in Christ let us ask the Lord our God to bless this water He has created which we shall use to recall our baptism. May He renew us and keep us faithful to the Spirit we have all received.

*The Celebrant lowers the Easter Candle into the water*

We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon these waters. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of Baptism rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*The candle is placed in its stand.*

### ***Renewal of Baptismal promises***

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

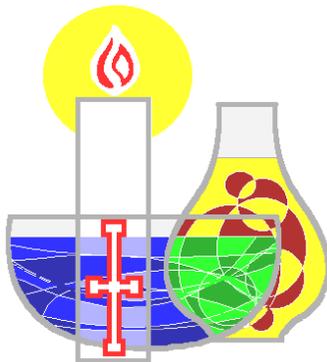
**I renounce evil.**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow. Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

**I believe and trust in him**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

**I believe and trust in him.**



Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*The people are then sprinkled with the newly blessed water:*

### **Hymn**

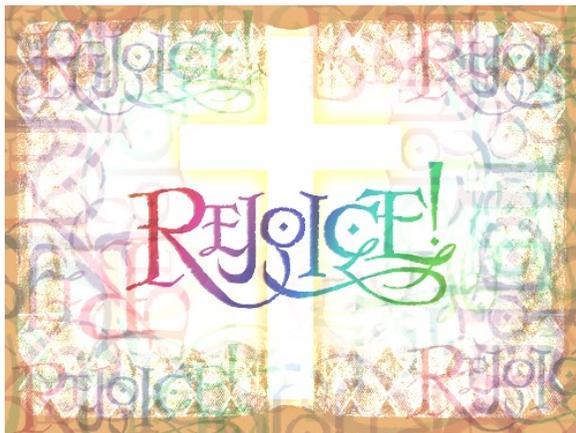
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green*

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; *Chorus*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: *Chorus*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *Chorus*



Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you Alleluia, Alleluia **and also with you. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## ***The Liturgy of the Eucharist***

**Hymn**

*Preparation of the gifts*

Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can no more, O death, appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal;  
this shall calm our trembling breath  
when we pass its gloomy portal.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
nought from us his love shall sever;  
life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever.  
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven.  
Alleluia!



Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.**

**Amen.**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, 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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**



Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne St Andrew, St Edmund and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### ***Communion Rite***

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The celebrant and people receive communion.*

*Visitors: If you normally receive communion in your own church then you are welcome to receive the sacrament here.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing; please keep your hands down.*

*Please note—all are welcome to come forward.*

### **Concluding prayer**

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**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Final Hymn**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.  
Who didst 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 that he endured, Alleluia  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia



*To each and to all;  
A very happy Easter*

*And may the love and joy of the Risen Christ be in your  
hearts and your homes this day and ever more.*