

EASTER VIGIL PROCLAMATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD AT 7:51 PM

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Siblings in Christ...

The new fire is lighted.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister may trace the inscription.

Christ, yesterday and today, ✠

the beginning and the ending. A Ω

To Christ belongs all time 2

and all the ages; 0

to Christ belongs glory and dominion 2

now and forever. 1

Amen.

PROCESSION

The procession from the fire to the nave will begin. Each person will light their taper from the Christ candle, and proceed to the church doors. The paschal candle is placed in its stand.

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Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever.

Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice
we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord; who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from
bondage to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.



This is the night [**This is the night**]
in which, in ancient times,
you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel,
and led them, dry-shod, through the sea.

This is the night [**This is the night**]
in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising
brightness.

This is the night [**This is the night**]
in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the
gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holi-
ness.

This is the night [**This is the night**]
in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in
triumph. O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know
the time and hour in which Christ arose again from hell!

This is the night [**This is the night**]
of which it is written: "The night is as clear as the day,"
and, "then shall my night be turned into day."
The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness;
washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace;
and humbles earthly pride. Therefore, in this night of grace,
receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving
for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
reflected in the burning of this candle.
We sing the glories of this pillar of fire,
the brightness of which is not diminished
even when its light is divided and borrowed.
For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants,
have made for the substance of this candle.



This is the night [**This is the night**]
in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things
divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O God,
that this candle, burning to the honor of your name,
will continue to vanquish the darkness of night
and be mingled with the lights of heaven.
May Christ the Morning Star find it burning,
that Morning Star who never sets,
that Morning Star who, rising from the grave,
faithfully sheds light on the whole human race.
And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve
with your continual protection your whole church,
giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing;
through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly departs.

