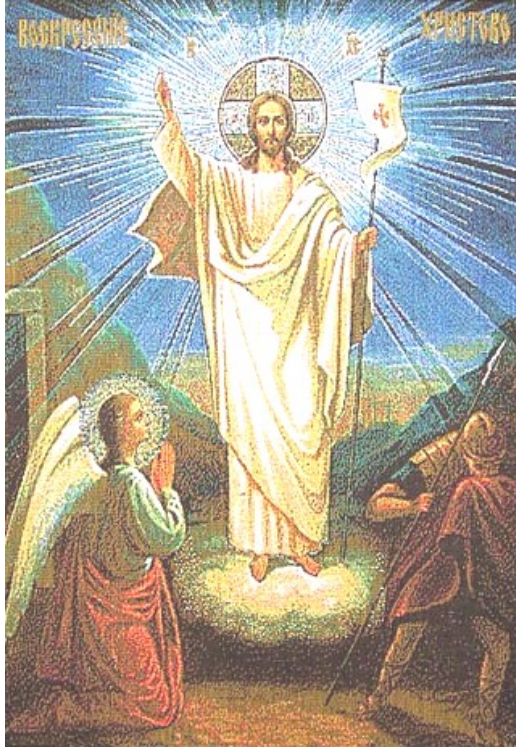


Easter Vigil

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.**

2) 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.**

3) 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 Exultet

**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,

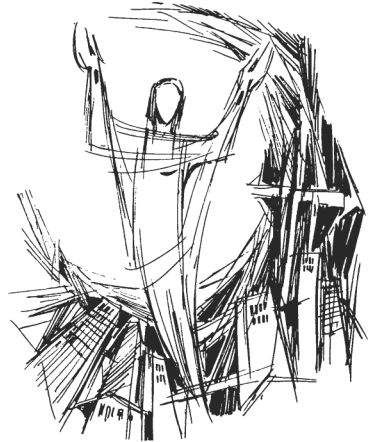
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

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.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

With the help of God I will

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?

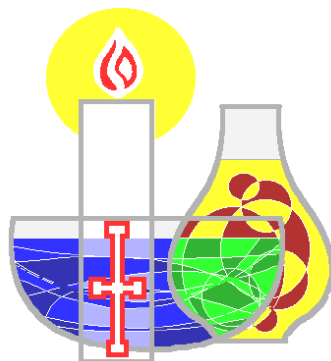
I believe and trust in him.

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:

**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

***Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.***

**1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Alleluia...***

**2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Alleluia...***

**3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Alleluia...***

**4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! *Alleluia...***

**5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Alleluia...***



Preparation of the gifts

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

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

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



Communion Rite

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many,

we are one body,

because we all share

in one bread.

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 below the altar rail. Please note—all are welcome to come forward.

Concluding prayer

**Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness,
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us
may raise us to eternal joy. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Final Hymn

- 1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.
Who didst once, upon the cross, Alleluia.
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.**
- 2) 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**
- 3) 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 evermore.*

