



THE EASTER VIGIL

**Sit before an unlit candle and a bowl of water.
Take a centring breath.**

Light the candle, saying:

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the

darkness of our hearts and minds.

Thanks be to God.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

One: Exult, all heavenly choirs of angels!

Christ has conquered; the risen Saviour shines

upon you.

All: This is the night in which the true Lamb is

slain.

This is the night: this is the night.

One: This the night in which the children of

Israel were led through the sea.

This is the night: this is the night.

All: This is the night in which all who believe in

Christ are

renewed in grace.

This is the night: this is the night.

One: The holiness of this night restores joy to

those who mourn and

humbles earthly pride.

Therefore, this night, O God, receive our praise

for the resurrection

of Jesus Christ.

May Christ, the Morning Star, rising from the

grave, shed light

on the whole human race.

All: And we pray, O God: preserve and protect

your church,

giving us peace, in this time and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER:

Mysterious Presence, you reveal yourself to us

in our darkest hours,

you call to us by our names, you meet us at

the point of our own despairing.

Shine on us, and awaken our hearts to your

quicken presence. In the Spirit

of the Christ, the Resurrection and the Life we

pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Reflection: We long for freedom from fear and

confusion, sin and death. The resurrection of

Christ brings us through the sea to new life,

and baptism has enacted that exodus.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Reflection: Mary is afraid and weeps; so do we.

But do not weep. The Risen Christ calls each of

us by name. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Then, in remembrance of your baptism,

recite THE APOSTLES' CREED:

Make the sign of the cross on your forehead

with water from the bowl.

Please note, that this action may be entirely

omitted, especially if someone in your house

has tested positive for the coronavirus. Or

make the sign of the cross without the use of

water from the bowl.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this most holy night, we pray for the

Church, the earth, the world, those in need,

and all the members of God's family,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray, O God for all who are facing the

coronavirus: for all who mourn their dead; all

who have contracted the virus; those who are

quarantined or stranded away from home;

those who have lost their employment; those

who fear the present and the future. We pray

for physicians, nurses, and home health aides;

medical researchers; and the World Health

Organization. Fill the aching in our hearts with

your healing power.

All: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, . . .

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Behold, the Lord is nearer than you knew;

whisper

"Rabbouni!" and heed his instructions. As you

go forth, let

the awe and wonder of the empty tomb stay

with you,

bless you, and turn you toward God's

liberating love.

And now, may God's power to roll away that

which

imprisons you, Christ's power to offer you

saving love, and

the Holy Spirit's power to lead you into all

truth grant you

life abundant, both now and forever more,

Amen.

One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**It is Easter. Do Celebrate! Have at least one
piece of chocolate or something else you love.**



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