

The Easter Triduum

Day Three Easter Day

Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Holy Communion



Unknown Artist. The Myrrh-Bearing Women at the Tomb.
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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In darkness, fire is kindled.

The presider may greet the people and may address them in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites believers throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

We remember his death and celebrate resurrection,
confident that we shall share his victory
and live with him forever in God.

The presider may say the following prayer.

Holy God,
you gave your Name to Moses from the burning bush.
By the blessing of this new fire, ✠
bring us to stand with awe on this holy ground,
our eyes alight with the glory we have seen in Christ,
and our hearts aflame with resurrection joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Paschal candle is brought to the presider, who marks a cross and traces Alpha and Omega and the numerals of the current year on it [see facing page].

The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire and the presider says

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

The minister takes the Paschal candle, lifts it high and sings or says

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*The Paschal candle is carried into the building,
and the people follow.*

*The procession may pause a number of times:
in each case the minister announces*

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

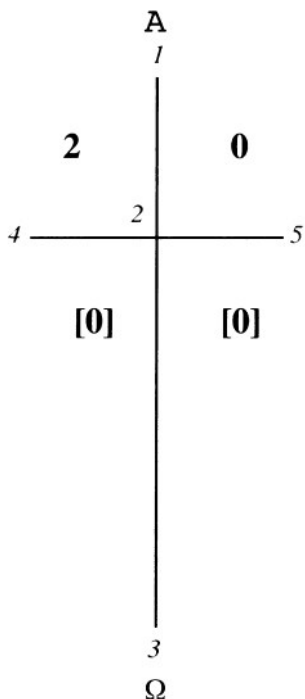
The peoples' candles are lit from the Paschal candle.



THE MARKINGS ON THE PASCHAL (or Easter) CANDLE

The Greek letter ALPHA is written above the cross,
and the Greek letter OMEGA below.

The numbers of the current year are marked in the space between the
arms of the cross, as seen in the diagram below.



As the vertical of the cross is traced the Priest says

Christ, yesterday and today

As the horizontal is traced the Priest says

the beginning and the end

As the Alpha is traced

Alpha

As the Omega is traced

Omega

As the first number of the year is traced the Priest says

all time belongs to him

As the second number is traced

and all ages

As the third number is traced

to him be glory and power

As the fourth number is traced

through every age and for ever.

Amen.

*Five nails or incense studs may then be inserted
into the candle reminding us of the five wounds of Christ. Each stud is placed
in the Candle at the points marked and as each is inserted the Priest says*

- 1 By his holy
- 2 and glorious wounds
- 3 may Christ our Lord
- 4 guard us
- 5 and keep us

All say: AMEN.

When the Paschal candle is placed in its stand, the Exsultet is sung using this or another version.

**Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!
Salute your king in glorious symphony!**

**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 light is here!**

**Sing Church of God! Exalt 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 loud Amen!**

(Tune: Woodlands AHB 109 or TiS 161)

Alternative version

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory,
revealing the splendour of your creation
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church!
Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

Choirs of angels, stars and planets:
all God's people sing and dance.

All creation, Church of God:
all God's people sing and dance.

We praise you Lord of life and death:
we glorify your name:
all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night you set us free,
bringing us home in love;
holy night, when you led your people
through the fearsome sea:
all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night you brought your Son
through the doors of death;
O holy night, when death takes flight
and hope is born again:
all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night our tears of sadness
turn to shouts of joy;
holy night, when the choirs of earth
sing the songs of heaven:
all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night when Christ our Light
makes the darkness bright:
all God's people sing and dance.

Christ is the life that knows no end.
Christ is the love that burns within.
Christ is the peace that floods the world.
Christ is the Lord who reigns on high.
All God's people sing and dance. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Before the readings begin, the presider may say

Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how God saved humanity throughout history and,
in the fullness of time,
sent Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

Exodus 14.10—15.1a

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into

dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

Canticle: The Song of Moses and Miriam

Response: I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.
**I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.**

I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.**

This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
The Lord is a warrior, the Lord is his name.

**I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

**I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.**

In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

**I will sing to the Lord,
who has triumphed gloriously.**

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [6. 3-11]

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: AHB 290 (i) tune, St George's, Windsor

- 1. 'Christ the Lord is risen today,'
sons of men and angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heavens, and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won:
vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**
- 2. Lives again our glorious King;
where, O Death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where's your victory, O grave!
Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
chapter 28, verses 1-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of
the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the
stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his
clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and
became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do
not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was
crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell
his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed
he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."
This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon,

a period of silent reflection may follow the Sermon.

When there has been no baptism, water is poured into the font, and the presider begins this Thanksgiving.

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.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;
you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom,
and brought them through the River Jordan
to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ:
for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death,
Jesus delivered us from our sins
and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit
who forms us in the likeness of Christ
and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

✠ Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing,
that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism.
May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in his baptism,
so that we may rise with him to new life.

Now that our Lenten observance is ended,
let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?
Do you repent of your sins?
Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord.
who was conceived by the holy spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
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;
from there he will come 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. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Water may be sprinkled over the people.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

*The gifts of the people are brought to the Table,
which is then prepared for the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn TiS 380 *alt*

1. **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.*

2. **See, 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 the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.**

Refrain

3. **No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.**

Refrain

Edmond Budry (1854-1932), 1884; trans. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939), 1923;
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Offertory prayer

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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 our and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour Christ has taught
us we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
your Kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, then says

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The invitation to Communion is given:

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Come, let us celebrate the feast.

Draw near with faith,

to feed on Christ on your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most glorious Lord of life,

we thank you that you nourish us

in these Easter mysteries.

Fill us with the Spirit of love

and unite us in faith,

that we may witness to the resurrection

and show your glory to all the world.

Living God,

make us apostles of the risen Christ.

Give us joyful hearts, words of hope,

and grace to recognize the Lord Jesus

when he meets us,

wherever we are on the road. Amen.

Hymn TiS 387, tune TRURO 84

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring;
Love drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more
and lives, where even hope has died.

4. **Women and men, in age and youth
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
5. **Christ is alive! And comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Brian Wren. 1936-

The Blessing

The blessing of the Living God,
who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing of the risen Christ,
who sends you as apostles into all the world
be upon you now and for ever.

Amen.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,
who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you now, and forever. **AMEN!**

The Dismissal

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

