

The Easter Triduum

Day Three Easter Eve Vigil

Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Baptism of Kelly Scott, Vincent Florance, Hank Scott
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Holy Communion



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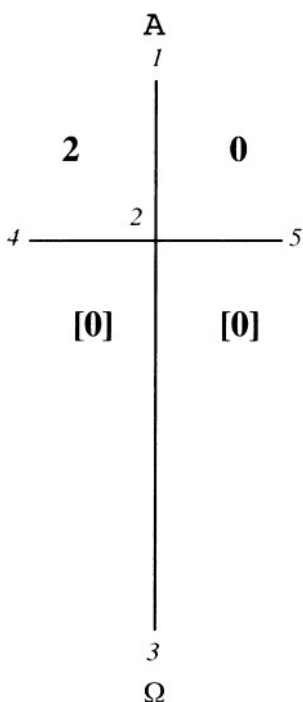
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THE MARKINGS ON THE PASCHAL (or Easter) CANDLE

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 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

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.

AMEN.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In darkness, fire is kindled.

The presider greets the people and addresses them

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 His 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 Priest, 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 Priest says

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

*The priest 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.

*When the Paschal candle is placed in its stand,
the Exsultet is said and sung.*



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.

- 1. 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!**
- 2. 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!**

- 3. 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)

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.

Psalm 136. 1-16, 26

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endures for ever.**

**O give thanks to the God of gods:
for his mercy endures for ever.**

**O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**To him who alone does great wonders:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Who by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Who stretched out the earth upon the waters:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Who made the great lights:
for his mercy endures for ever,**

**The sun to rule the day:
for his mercy endures for ever,**

**The moon and the stars to govern the night:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Who struck down Egypt and its firstborn:
for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Who brought out Israel from among them:
for his mercy endures for ever,
With a strong hand and with outstretched arm:
for his mercy endures for ever;
Who divided the Red Sea into two parts:
for his mercy endures for ever,
And made Israel pass through the midst of it:
for his mercy endures for ever;
Who cast off Pharaoh and his host into the Red Sea:
for his mercy endures for ever;
Who led his people through the wilderness:
for his mercy endures for ever;
O give thanks to the God of heaven:
for his mercy endures for ever.**

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.

HOLY BAPTISM

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

One God and Father of all.

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.

Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.

As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

So we welcome you, Kelly, Vincent and Hank,
with your sponsors and godparents.

We give thanks for you, and pray
that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors to stand.

The minister may say these or similar words.

Children and adults are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents, godparents and sponsors who have responded to that love come now to bring these people for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time the children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

The priest says to Kelly

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

The priest says to the sponsors

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Vincent and Hank for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Vincent and Hank?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Kelly, Vincent and Hank in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION AND REAFFIRMATION

The priest says

Before God and this congregation, those seeking baptism and those who are sponsors must affirm that they turn to Christ and reject all that is evil.

And at this Easter Vigil, let us all reaffirm the promises made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? **I do.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you renounce all that is evil? **I do.**

I ask you all now to affirm or 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 from the dead;
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.**

The priest says to the candidate and sponsors

Do you affirm this faith as yours?

I do.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

THE PRAYERS

The minister says

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that these persons may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give to their sponsors and their families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church.

May they proclaim, by word and example,
the good news of God in Christ.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world in which we live, for peace and harmony
among all people. Bring healing and wholeness to the sick, to
those who mourn and to all in need.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each
other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole
creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

THE BAPTISM

*At the place where the water for baptism is, the priest begins the
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 you 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 you 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 you have called Kelly, Vincent and Hank to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Each candidate is brought to the water.

The minister baptises the candidates pouring water over them, saying

Name, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

AFTER BAPTISM

When all have been baptised, the priest makes a cross on the forehead of each person, saying

Name, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

The priest addresses all the newly baptised

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

The congregation responds,

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The minister says

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The congregation joins the minister in saying

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

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!

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

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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 our thanks 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 in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Author of life divine,
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

Concluding Hymn: Tune, St Peter (AHB 158ii).

- 1. In Christ we died; with Christ we live
from sin made truly free,
our claim with all who follow him:
"Not I, but Christ in me!"**
- 2. The grain of wheat into the ground
must fall alone and die,
before it can attain new life
and grow and multiply.**
- 3. They crucified the Lord of life,
then in the tomb he lay,
until the resurrection news
rang out on Easter Day.**

4. **At this baptismal font, the rite proclaims that we have died, yet live no more in Christ's dark tomb, but risen at his side!**
5. **In Christ we died; with Christ we live, from sin made truly free; our claim with all who follow him: "Not I, but Christ in me!"**

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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!**

¶ *Pastoral Introduction*

This may be read by those present before the service begins.

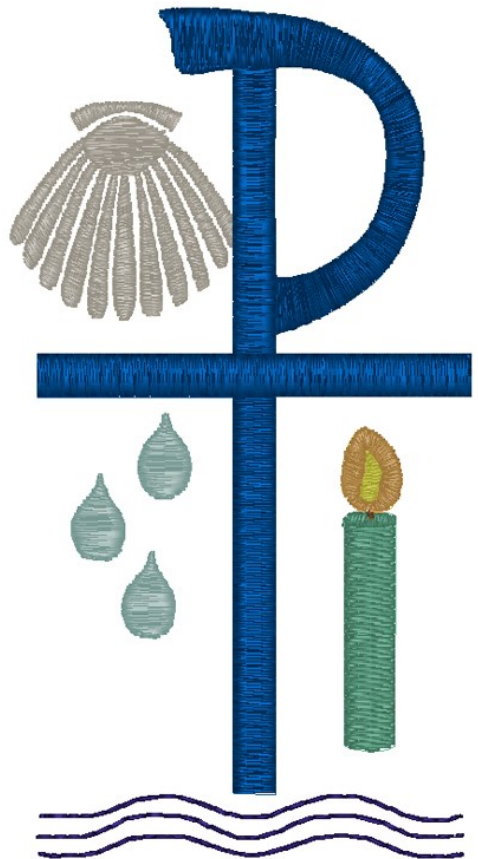
Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10



WHERE IS CHRIST TODAY?

Jesus never was where He was supposed to be! The Wise Men thought they would find a King in Jerusalem, but He was in a stable in a small village.

When He was 12, His family expected Him to go home with them, but He was still in the Temple.

During His ministry He was constantly with the poor and the outcast, with “sinners” than with saints.

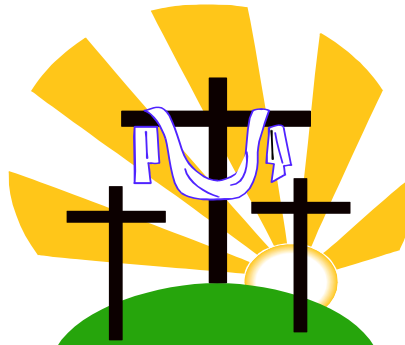
His disciples thought He was going to Jerusalem to sit on a throne, but instead He hung upon a cross. After His burial, some women went to His tomb expecting to find His body. But He was not there. He had risen.

This does not mean that Jesus was capricious and undependable.

He constantly refused to be bound by what others considered appropriate. If Jesus really is our leader today, we have to be prepared to take some sharp turns in unexpected directions. Just when we think we know Him well, we may find that we have missed the point.

Today we have come to Church expecting to find and to acknowledge the Risen Christ. Yet if this is the only place that we can do this, we have misunderstood Him, just as the first disciples did.

Jesus is with us at our work, on the highways, and in our homes. Above all, He is present wherever persons hurt, “in haunts of wretchedness and need.” If we want to find and serve Him, we must seek Him there.





Resurrection – Surprised by Hope!