

What Have You Done?

What have you done with my fears?
I left them on the dresser last night and now, they are gone!

What have you done with my death?
It has suddenly disappeared, and I've ransacked the house trying to find it!

What have you done with my name?
It was ground underfoot by the taunters and tormentors of Friday...
my fears have become wildflowers in Eden's garden, my death is the
tattered shirt now used to mop up spills at the Lamb's Table;

And my name is that sweet whisper in my heart, as you take my hand to
dance the Resurrection Waltz.

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EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

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7:00 PM

Greeting and Introduction

The new fire is lighted.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ, you have given the light of life to all the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

People: Amen.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle ~ *(The Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire, and these words are spoken :)*

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Music ~ #2002

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

(Please sing as we enter the sanctuary)

Easter Proclamation

One: Rejoice now, all heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in thy brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O Mother 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.

People: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

One: It is right and just that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, the all-powerful Father, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord... 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.

People: Amen.

Opening Set ~ #2034 "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" , "Alleluia He is Coming"
(words projected on screen)



These Easter plants were donated in memory or honor of our Loved ones to glorify God as they symbolize the joy and splendor of His Resurrection.

- Darlene Hughes.....In Memory of Don Wolff*
- Woody & Web Cole.....For All The Saints!*
- Mike & Barb Roadruck.....The Memory of Love*
- Pat Gibson.....The Day of Resurrection! Thanks Be To God!*
- Sally Kille.....In Loving Memory of Estella Hall*
- Fred & Bew King.....Hosanna In The Highest!*
- Anna Jones.....In Loving Memory of Jim and Greg Jones*
- Rick & Kay Amendola.....Gratefully*
- Marilyn McAfee.....In Loving Memory of My Parents*
- Connie Winslow.....Joy!*
- Ken & Mary Ellen Campbell.....In Loving Memory of Don Campbell*
- Jean Burtch.....Hallelujah!*
- Sharon Durrant.....In Loving Memory of My Parents and John Durrant*
- Maud Pearson.....In Memory of My Son*
- Stacy Skinner.....Christ Is Alive!*
- Don & Barbara Gorrell.....In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- Gayle Bell.....In Memory of My Family*
- Jan & Len Anderson.....In Loving Memory of*
Philip & Regina Anderson and Edna Mae Kinzie
- Jackie Campbell.....In Loving Memory of Don*
- Ed & Betty Wolff.....Rejoice In Our Risen Lord!*
- Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer.....For All The Saints At Fairgreen*

Pour out your Spirit of resurrection on us and on these elements, that we may experience newness in our own lives and bear your good news to the world.

Alleluia!

Thanks be to you, God of creative newness!

Thanks be to you, Christ, reborn among us!

Thanks be to you, Comforting and Challenging Spirit!

Thanks be to you, Holy God, Three-in-One.

Alleluia! Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing of the Bread and the Cup

The Communion of the People of God

(AS YOU COME FORWARD USING THE CENTER AISLE TO RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GOD
PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE OFFERING PLATE AND RETURN BY USING THE SIDE AISLE)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Charge and Blessing

Closing Set ~ Celebrate Jesus; Sanctuary

Postlude

Service of Readings

Introduction

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, and pray that each of us may receive the fullness of this grace.

The Story of the Creation ~ Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Our Response ~ Psalm 33

One: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Men: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Women: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

One: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Men: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Women: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all human kind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth— he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

One: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in God's steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad

in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Prayer

Let us pray. (*Silence*) Almighty God, you wonderfully created, yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. Grant that we may share the divine life of the One who shared our humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Israel's Deliverance At The Red Sea ~ Exodus 14:10-31

Canticle Of Moses and Miriam

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying
"I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation;

This is my God whom I will praise.

I will exalt my father's God who is a mighty warrior, whose name is the Lord.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host the Lord cast into the sea; and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Sing Response ~ #2022 "Great Is the Lord"

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

In your steadfast love, you have led the people whom you have redeemed;

You have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Sing Response ~ #2022 "Great Is the Lord"

You will bring them in, and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us today, the paradox of life from death and of community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and the rising which brings us to life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Mathew 28: 1-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Homily ~

"Standing Present"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

Anthem ~

"In Me"

Praise Band

Service of Eucharist
The Giving and Receiving of Gifts

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 a joyful thing to praise you, Holy God, who through your Spirit anointed Jesus of Nazareth to tell your good news of grace and love through his life, death, and resurrection.

Alleluia!

Break open the tombs of our lives by your earthquake and lighting that we may know your power and take courage from Christ's resurrection to live new lives.

Alleluia!

Grant us the fear and hop of the Marys as they heard the angels word:

Christ was not in the tomb! Christ is risen! Christ will go before us into the world!

Prayers of the People

Let us Pray: Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of our world, asking for renewal and saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia! God of life, with gratitude and great joy we thank you for the gift of Christ's resurrection. On this day, give us hope, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the Church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

For all who have need of Easter's gift; for those who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love. May we help them to hear that death has lost its power over us, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

your hands have established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

Then Miriam, the prophet, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing, and Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea."

Sing Response ~ #2022 "Great Is the Lord"

Prayer

Let us pray. God our Savior, as once you delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen Israel through the waters of the sea, so now deliver your Church and all the peoples of the earth from bondage and oppression, to rejoice and serve you in freedom, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer.

People: Amen.

A New Heart and a New Spirit ~ Ezekiel 36:24-28

Our Response ~ Psalm 143

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Save me, O LORD, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to

do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble. In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant.

Prayer

Let us pray. (*Silence*) God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they process by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Anthem ~

"And Now My Lifesong Sings"

Praise Band

Service of Baptism

The Renewal of our Baptismal Vows

Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and give new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

People: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

People: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to all people of all ages, nations and races?

People: I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

People: I do.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in 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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People: Amen.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Announcement of the Resurrection

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*First Hymn of Easter~ #123

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"