



Easter Dawn
Lighting of the New Fire
Blessing of the Paschal Candle
Renewal of Baptismal Promises,
High Mass and
Feast of Title

April 3rd 2021
6.15 am Church of the Resurrection
Macedon

The Service of Light

*The building being in darkness, the ministers go in silence to the main entrance, one of them carrying the unlit Easter Candle.
All stand and face the ministers.
The president says*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
on this most holy day,
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord.
We remember his death and resurrection
by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
confident that we shall share his victory over death
and live with him for ever in God.

The new fire is kindled. The Presider prays:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens
and your faithfulness never ceases.
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom
and strengthen our lives with your word,
for you are the fountain of life;
in your light we see true light.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

A minister brings the Easter Candle to the president, who traces the cross and then the Greek letter Alpha (Α) above and the Greek letter Omega (Ω) below it. The numbers of the current year are marked in the space between the arms of the cross, as in the diagram below.

As the vertical of the cross is traced the president says

Christ, yesterday and today,

As the horizontal is traced the president says

the beginning and the end,

As the Alpha is traced

Alpha

As the Omega is traced

and Omega,

As the first number of the year is traced the president 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.
All Amen.

Five nails or incense studs may then be inserted into the Candle, reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.

By his holy
and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord
guard us
and keep us. Amen.

The president lights the Easter Candle, saying
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The minister bearing the Candle enters the building, followed by the other ministers, and they pause just inside the entrance.

The minister bearing the Candle raises it and says or sings

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The procession of the Easter Candle moves further into the building and then stops. The versicle and response are repeated (if sung, at a higher pitch), and the candles of those around are lit from the Easter Candle.

The procession continues to the centre of the building and stops once more. The versicle and response are again repeated (if sung, at a yet higher pitch), and the candles of those around are lit.

The Easter Candle is placed on a stand in the midst of the building and censed. The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) may be sung or said by a minister standing near the Candle.

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 al-so 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 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.
For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain

whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**



A - men.

The president may introduce the Vigil using these or other appropriate words

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

All sit for the reading/s from the scripture. After each reading from the Hebrew scriptures, the people remain seated and sing the printed hymn verse.

Lesson 1 Genesis 1.1-2.4a *Creation*

When God made the world in goodness,
dark and chaos everywhere,
came the light of love's creation
showed forth beauty, love and care.

Verses sung to Laus Deo

How marvellous are your works, O God!
Throughout the order and beauty of creation,
each day sings of your glory,
each night utters your praise.
Teach us now,
how much greater in wonder
is the new creation,
by which in the fullness of time
you gave us eternal life in Christ, your Son,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lesson 2 Genesis 7:1-5; 11-18; 8:6-18; 9.8-13 *Salvation*

Noah trusted God's commandment,
built the ark to save our race.
After flood came rainbow's glory
showing us God's loving face.

God of steadfast love,
in the waters of the deluge
you swept away the world's corruption,
and in the saving flood of Baptism
you give us a new beginning in holiness.
Keep us faithful to your covenant;
purify all that is corrupt in us;
make us live according to your justice
and pursue the things that make for peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Through the Red Sea came God's people,
 out of slavery to be free,
 singing songs of exaltation
 to proclaim God's victory.

God of wonders,
 whose right hand parted the waters of the sea
 and saved your people from their oppressor;
 unlock for us the meaning of this marvel,
 and grant that every nation
 may come to share the faith and joy of Israel,
 by coming to new birth in water and the Holy Spirit.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prophets, too, tell of God's goodness
 bringing triumph out of strife.
 Sprinkled with God's cleansing water
 with new hearts we're brought to life.

God of the Covenant,
 renew your people by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
 and gather us together in Christ
 in whose heart and spirit we receive
 the gift of your new and immortal life.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Easter Acclamation

The president says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A joyful fanfare may be played, bells rung, cymbals clashed, noise made.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis is used, during which all the candles in the church are lit from the Easter Candle, the lights are switched on and the people's candles extinguished.

**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.**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

New Testament Readings

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

After the lesson, the reader says

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

In response to the first reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17 is said.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

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

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

**'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 6.3-11

After the lesson, the reader says

May your word live in us
and bear much fruit to your glory.

The people stand for the following hymn.

The day of resurrection!
tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

earth,

Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.

Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

The people sing the 'Alleluias' for the gospel procession.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The appointed minister proclaims the gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The appointed Gospel from **Luke 24.1-12** is now proclaimed.*

After the Gospel, the minister says

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Breaking open the Word

A short time of silence follows the sermon.

The Prayers of the People

The people may stand or sit for the prayers.

The Presider says

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Response:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers

**Almighty God,
who in the Passover of Christ
have begun new creation;
grant to your whole Church
the gifts of joy and peace this Easter,
and by our celebration at the beginning of this new day,
prepare us for the feast of the age that is to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The people stand and sing the baptismal hymn and turn toward/gather around the font.

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit
cleansed in the blood of Christ our king
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit
dead in the tomb with Christ our king
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit
marked with the sign of Christ our king
born of one Father, we are his children
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Water is poured into the font.

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.

The Presider says the prayer over the water.

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 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
forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and
forever. **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?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

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
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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.

**We believe in one God:
✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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.

God the creator,
the rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water by the Spirit,
and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
May God keep us faithful to our calling
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled with water from the font. As the priest impels the water, the following may be sung:

ANESTE CHRISTOS

Christ is ris - en, ris - en from the dead, con - quer - ing death by
4 death, and to those in the grave re - stor - ing life.
7
Christ.is.risen| from the dead,|Trampling.down| death by death| And.upon.those |in the tombs| Bel-stow-ing life.

Chant: from Psalm 68/118

ANESTE CHRISTOS: ALITHOS ANESTE!

Christ is risen / from the dead,
Trampling down /death by death,
And upon those /in the tombs
Be-/stowing life!

(refrain):

Christ is risen, risen from the dead,
conquering death by death,
and to those in the grave
restoring life.

Orthodox Easter Troparion
Melody: Russian Orthodox Church

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Χριστος 'ανεστη!

'Αληθως 'ανεστη!

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people exchange a simple greeting of peace with those next to them, followed by the offertory hymn during which the gifts of the people are brought forward.

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who so lately on the cross alleluia!
suffered to redeem our loss, alleluia!**

**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!**

**But the pain that he endured alleluia!
our salvation has procured; alleluia!
now exalted he is king, alleluia!
and the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

The gifts of the people are presented and the Presider says

With this bread that we bring:
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring:
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood;
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**With joy, O God,
we prepare the table
of the Lord's Passover.
Joyful you have made us;
joyful now be pleased to keep us
unto the eternal life of your kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing and the Presider sings:

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy
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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.
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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The minister says

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus come in glory,
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

The Fraction Anthem is led by the President



The dis - ci - ples_ knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, Alleluia!
is the communion of the body of Christ.

We are one body, alleluia!
For though many, we share one bread. The invitation to communion is
given in these words.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Come, this is the table, not of the Church but of the Lord. All are
welcome to his table. Alleluia! Draw near with faith! Come.

Anthems

Come away to the skies, MIDDLEBURY, setting by Richard Erickson
[from The Augsburg Choirbook] Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis.

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Richard Shephard.
[from The Oxford book of flexible anthems, OUP]

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray:

God of the Covenant,
you have nourished us
with the sacraments of Easter.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
and unite us in your peace and love.
Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The people sing the hymn.

Yours 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.

Refrain

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory over death you've won.

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.

Yours be the glory, ...

During the last verse of the hymn, the ministers proceed to the font. The people turn towards the font for the prayer for the departed followed by the seasonal blessing.

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.

Yours be the glory, ...

The Presider says a prayer for the departed followed by the seasonal blessing.

God of all that lives and dies,
you sent Jesus to share our earthly life.
Christ facing death on the cross gives us courage;
Christ rising from the dead brings us hope.
Because Jesus lives, nothing can separate us
from your love,
which unites us now with those
who have gone before us.
The dawn breaks and gives us light for the new day.
Help us to share his victory,
and rejoice with all your saints
in the promise of a glorious resurrection;
through your Son our Redeemer. **Amen.**

May the souls of the faithful through the mercy and love of God rest in
peace and rise in glory. **Alleluia!**

The blessing of the Living God,
who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and for ever. **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 for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God,
✠ the holy and glorious Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you
now, and for ever. **Amen.**

The minister says or sings:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Erstanden ist der heilige Christ (Christ is risen)

J S Bach BWV 628