

# **EASTE SATURDAY VIGIL – Year B**

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**Celebrant**

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**THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)**

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends,  
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,  
invoke with me, I ask you,  
the mercy of God almighty,  
that he, who has been pleased to number me,  
though unworthy, among the Levites,  
may pour into me his light unshadowed,  
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just,  
with ardent love of mind and heart  
and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,  
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,  
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night  
that with a pillar of fire  
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night  
that even now, throughout the world,  
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices  
and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace  
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night  
of which it is written:  
The night shall be as bright as day,  
dazzling is the night for me,  
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,  
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,

an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,  
which glowing fire ignites for God's honour,  
a fire into many flames divided,  
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,  
for it is fed by melting wax,  
drawn out by mother bees  
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,  
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,  
we pray you that this candle,  
hallowed to the honour of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.  
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.  
May this flame be found still burning  
by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Genesis 1:1-2:2

***God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.***

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light "day," and darkness he called "night." Evening came and morning came: the first day. God said, "Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two." And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault "heaven." Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, "Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear." And so it was. God called the dry land "earth" and the mass of waters "seas," and God saw that it was good.

God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: seed bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth." And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds.

God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth." And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day

God said, "Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven." And so it was. God created great sea-serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth." Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said "Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast." And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth."

God created man in the image of himself,  
in the image of God he created him,  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth." God said, "See, I give you all the seed bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food." And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day,

Thus heaven and earth were completed; With all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
Clothed in majesty and glory,  
Wrapped in light as in a robe.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You founded the earth on its base,  
to stand firm from age to age.  
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:  
The waters stood higher than the mountains.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow in between the hills.  
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;  
from the branches they sing their song.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

From your dwelling you water the hills;  
earth drinks its fill of your gift.  
You made the grass grow for the cattle  
and the plants to serve man's needs.

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul!

**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

### **PRAYER**

Let us pray,

Almighty ever-living God,  
who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,  
may those you have redeemed understand  
that there exists nothing more marvellous  
than the world's creation in the beginning  
except that, at the end of the ages,  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **THE THIRD READING**

A reading from the book of Exodus 14:15-15:1

***Tell the sons of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.***

The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord."

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase; after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could

scarcely make headway. "Let us flee from the Israelites," the Egyptians cried, "the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians." "Stretch out your hand over the sea," the Lord said to Moses, "that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen. "Mose stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptian, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Let us sing to the Lord He has covered himself in glory.**

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him praise.

**Let us sing to the Lord He has covered himself in glory.**

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea!  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.  
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone.

**Let us sing to the Lord He has covered himself in glory.**

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
you right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your glory.  
you crushed the foe.

**Let us sing to the Lord He has covered himself in glory.**

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,  
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home.  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

**Let us sing to the Lord He has covered himself in glory.**

### **PRAYER**

Let us pray,

O God, whose ancient wonders  
remain undimmed in splendour even in our day,  
for what you once bestowed on a single people,  
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution  
by the power of your right hand  
now you bring about as the salvation of the nations  
through the waters of rebirth,  
grant, we pray, that the whole world  
may become children of Abraham

and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **THE SEVENTH READING**

A reading from the book of Ezekiel 36:16-28

***I shall pour clean water over you 'and shall give: you a new heart.***

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions; to me their conduct was unclean. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries; I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, 'These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land.' But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, 'The Lord says this: I am not doing this for your sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord God who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave to your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God'."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, My soul longs for you, my God.**

My soul is thirsting for God,  
The God of my life;  
When can I enter and see  
the face of God.

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, My soul longs for you, my God.**

These things will I remember  
As I would pour out my soul;  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God,  
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy.

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, My soul longs for you, my God.**

O send forth your light and your truth:  
let these be my guide  
Let them bring me to your holy mountain  
to the place where you dwell.

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, My soul longs for you, my God.**

And I will come to the altar of God,  
the God of my joy.  
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,  
O God, my God.

**Like a deer that longs for running streams, My soul longs for you, my God.**

### **PRAYER**

Let us pray,

O God of unchanging power and eternal light,  
look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work  
of human salvation,  
which you planned from all eternity;  
may the whole world know and see  
that what was cast down is raised up,  
what had become old is made new,  
and all things are restored to integrity through Christ,  
just as by him they came into being.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **THE EPISTLE**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-11

***Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again***

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we  
were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was  
raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We  
must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to  
free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know,  
having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.  
When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too  
must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen***

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

William Boyce arr Mark Schweizer – Alleluia

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Ralph Vaughan Williams – "Antiphon" from Five Mystical Songs

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither flie;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
No doore can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King.

## POST COMMUNION HYMN

1 I am the Bread of life,  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father draw him.

### *Refrain*

And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.

2 The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live for ever,  
He shall live for ever.

### *Refrain*

3 I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life,  
He who believes in Me  
Even if he die,  
He shall live for ever.

### *Refrain*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today: Alleluia!  
Let all earth and heaven say: Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done: Alleluia!  
fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!

3 Now he lives, our glorious king; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Louis Vierne – 'Final' from Symphony No 1 Op 14

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### **Mass Setting**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Coronation Mass in C KV 317  
Colin D Smith cfc adapted Paul Mason – Mass Shalom

### **Reading 1 – Responsorial Psalm**

*Music: Percy Jones*

### **Reading 3 – Responsorial Psalm**

*Music: Douglas Mews*

### **Reading 7 – Responsorial Psalm**

*Music: Kathleen Boschetti MSC*

### **I am the Bread of Life**

*Words: Based on John 6 Suzanne Toolan; Music: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE Suzanne Toolan*

### **Christ the Lord is ris'n today**

*Words: Charles Wesley; Music: EASTER HYMN Later form of melody from 'Lyra Davidica 1708 as altered in Arnold's Psalms 1741*