

Special Events

March 30, 2024 - 8am Easter "Sonrise Vigil"

Length
in mins

0:00 Gathering and Introduction

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My brothers and sisters in Christ: On this most holy morning in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, we gather as the Church to watch and pray. This is the Passover of Christ, in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

0:00 Opening Prayer

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

0:00 Opening Hymn #302 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)

0:00 Introduction to the Service of the Word

0:00 Reading: Psalm 104:1-13

0:00 The Creation

L: With a word God creates order out of the primeval, watery chaos.
God's good creation reaches its pinnacle in humankind,
the bearer of God's image.

P: 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 Savior. Amen.

0:00 Reading: Exodus 14:10-16; 21-22

0:00 Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

L: The ruler who kept God's people in slavery
pursues them to the Red Sea as they try to escape.
Despite a hopeless situation, God rescues God's people, leading them on dry land through the parted sea and closing the waters on their former masters.
Miriam then sings a song about God's marvelous deliverance.

P: 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. Amen.

0:00 Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

0:00 New Life For God's People

L: The prophet Ezekiel sees a vision: God will take the dry bones of God's people, reconnect them, breathe into them, and restore them to life.

P: Eternal God, you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus and by your Holy Spirit brought to life your Church. Breathe upon us again with your spirit and give new life to your people, through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

0:00 Hymn #420 Breathe On Me, Breath of God

0:00 Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8; Romans 4:25-5:2

0:00 Message: Resurrection Rescue | Rev. Adam Knight

0:00 Buried and Raised with Christ in Baptism

The apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ we have already died, drowned in baptism. Yet we who have died are raised to newness of life.

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0:00 Reading: Romans 6:3-11

0:00 Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Book of Common Prayer, 2019
Meditative Music

0:00 Closing Hymn #327 Crown Him with Many Crowns vs. 1 & 4

0:00 Dismissal With Blessing

We are sent forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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