

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All: Now we are raised to new life.
Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.
All: Now we share in your resurrection.
Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn during Communion: 48 (All Verses)

Choir Anthem: *At the Table of the Lord*

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 217 (vs. 1, 5, 6)

Leader: Go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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The Easter Vigil - April 16, 2022

The Parish of the Ascension

7:00 p.m.

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The Service of Light

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In the darkness, fire is kindled. The paschal candle is lighted from the new fire. The celebrant may then greet the people, takes the paschal candle, lifts it high, and sings;

Priest: The light of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

The procession continues, led by the lighted paschal candle. At a suitable place the priest sings a second time;

Priest: The light of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

The candles held by the choir members and members of the congregation may be lighted now or when the procession passes by your pew. The procession continues to the altar. Turning to face the people, the priest sings a third time;

Priest: The light of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

The paschal candle is placed in its stand next to the altar. An appointed person, standing near the candle, sings the Exsultet.

Exsultet: Keith Noel

After the Exsultet, the candles being held by the choir and congregation are extinguished and other candles in the church may now be lighted. The lights in the church are turned on and a hymn may be sung.

Hymn: 207 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading: Genesis 1.1—2.4a *Tasker King*
A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Hymn: 412 (vs. 1, 3, 4)
Prayer (Please remain standing)

Second Reading: Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 *Fronie Squibb*

Hymn: 471 (vs. 1 & 2)
Prayer (Please remain standing)

Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1 – 11 *Margaret Yetman*

Hymn: 43 (vs. 1 & 3)
Prayer (Please remain standing)

Fourth Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28 *Ruby Kucurko*

Psalm 42: Refrain: *As the deer longs for waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.*
Prayer (Please remain standing)

Fifth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *Sheri Debruijn*

Hymn: 649 (All Verses)
Prayer (Please remain standing)

Sixth Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Stewart Button*

Psalm 98: Refrain: *Lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.*
Prayer (Please remain standing)

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as light in the world;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3-11 *Erma Luffman*

Psalm 114: Refrain: *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Hymn: 210 (vs. 1 & 2)

The Easter Gospel

(The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24: 1-12)

Homily: *Reverend Mark Nichols*

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Offertory Hymn: 205 (All Verses)

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and health,
accept the offering of your holy people,
and grant that we who are baptized into Christ
may be perfected in your salvation,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #6

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The Lord's Prayer