



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 4, 2015 (Easter Vigil)

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

Leader (singing): Light of Christ.

People (singing): **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The Exsultet

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Selections from the Old Testament are read, each followed by a simple prayer, then a selection from Romans, and, finally, a Gospel passage concludes.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

In our baptism, God called us out of death to life, out of darkness into his light. In our baptism we were washed with the blood of the Lamb and set apart as Holy to the Lord. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. We are called to live out of our baptism as people of hope and purpose in Christ. Let us now find ourselves renewed in the resurrection of Jesus as we reaffirm our baptismal vows together. Therefore I ask:

Leader: Do you reject the devil, all his works and spiritual rebellion against God?



People: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the vanities of our fallen world and culture?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce of the sinful lusts of our fallen nature that separate us from God and neighbour?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I do.

Do you come to Christ who is the way, the truth and the life?

I do.

Prayer over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan:
We thank you for the gift of water through which you cleanse and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea and the Jordan River you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you for the example of Jesus who, as the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith, was baptized by John in the Jordan. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.



Bless this water, that your servants who are blessed with it in it may be renewed by faith as being one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, and cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, keep them in the household of faith, and bring them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Profession of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?



I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Asperges

Dear brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:19-23).

PRAYER

All: Almighty God, by Your power You raised Jesus from death to life. Through His victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In His rising to life, You promise eternal life to all who believe in Him. We praise You that as we walk out our baptisms in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.



THE STREPITUS

PRAYER

All: God of our salvation, You have restored us to life, You have brought us through the valley of the shadow of death into Your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ: Continue to walk beside us as we go forth to live and work in the power of your Holy Spirit, to Your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Leader: "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

All those who believe in Christ will never perish. May you pass with Christ from death to life.

Alleluia! Amen.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May His resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

Alleluia! Amen.

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

ALL DEPART IN THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

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