

Easter Vigil

Introduction

Some will find it helpful to have a space as a focus for their prayer. This might include a crucifix, icon or other holy image, and a lighted candle.

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

The Easter Vigil which begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle is followed by a series of reading from the scriptures. Some will have time to read and reflect on all of the day's readings, these can be found on the Liturgy Office website [<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/index.shtml#HW-Pr>]. Others will wish to take time with just one of them: the Gospel follows. First the final psalm which also serves as an acclamation for the Gospel. Try to sing the response using an Alleluia you are familiar with from your parish.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

℟: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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| 1 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.' ℟: | 3 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
The work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. ℟: |
| 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. ℟: | |

Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

Silent reflection

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

Profession of Faith

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Intercessions

Pray for all those who have died from Coronavirus.
Pray for all those who are grieving.
Pray for all those waiting for new life.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

O God,
your saving plan has brought us
to the glory of this night.
Slaves, we become your sons and daughters,
poor, your mercy makes us rich,
sinners, you count us among your saints.
Bring us to know the place that is ours
in the unfolding story of your purpose,
and instil in our hearts
the wonder of your salvation.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, our passover and our peace,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.