

Holy Saturday The Great Vigil of Easter

The service will begin in darkness, like the tomb of Jesus, and then we will kindle the new fire, the Light of Christ breaking into our lives. Candles will be lit and will remain burning until after the Exsultet is sung.

The Service of Light

Lillian, no processional hymn please.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

Psalm 33

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Collect #1

Exodus 14:10-15:1

The Canticle of Moses

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Collect #4

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 143

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Collect #9

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm 98

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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 a 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.**

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114

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Gradual Hymn: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

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Luke 23:55-24:9

Sermon – Rev. Michelle Bull

Hymn for Procession to the Font: IN CHRIST ALONE SB 72

Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

Prayer over the Water

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Reaffirmation of Vows

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Asperges

Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn: ALLELIUIA SING TO JESUS

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Dismissal

In this very ancient service, always celebrated after sunset Easter Eve, we begin with the light of Christ breaking into the darkness, and sing the Exsultet, which tells how God's remarkable love breaks into our lives. Then we retell the story of God's salvation, beginning with the Creation and the Exodus, and ending with the Resurrection of Jesus, which happened sometime during the night. Then we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows and be sprinkled with the holy water, our recommitment to live in the Light of Christ. On Easter morning we will celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.