

# Easter Vigil

## Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

## Israel's Deliverance at The Red Sea

*Exodus 14:10–15:1*

**L** A reading from Exodus, chapters fourteen and fifteen.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

<sup>15:1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,  
"I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** Let us pray.

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Litany of the Resurrection

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C hear us.**

**L** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

**C have mercy on us.**

**L** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

**L** By Your victory over sin and death,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

**L** By the majesty of Your risen body,

**C good Lord, deliver us.**

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**C to hear us, Lord Jesus.**

**L** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

**C grant us, good Lord.**

**L** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

**C grant us, good Lord.**

**L** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly

Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

**C** **grant us, good Lord.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

### **Concluding Collect**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, You fulfilled the Sabbath by resting in the tomb on Holy Saturday and then proclaimed victory over Satan during Your descent into hell. At the hour when our eyes rest in death, may we find consolation in Your perfect fulfillment of God's Law and mighty defeat of sin, death, and the devil and look forward to seeing You face to face in the resurrection; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** **Amen.**