

Easter Vigil

Invocation

I In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

I 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.

Salvation Offered Freely to All

Isaiah 55:1–11

I A reading from Isaiah, chapter fifty-five.

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to Me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for He has glorified you.

⁶"Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your Word You created and sustain all things, and by Your Spirit You renew Your creation. Grant now the water of life to all who thirst for You that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; 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.