

# 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.

## A New Heart and A New Spirit

*Ezekiel 36:24–28*

**L** A reading from Ezekiel, chapter thirty-six.

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by the death and resurrection of Your Son You cleansed our hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Grant that all who are brought to newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; 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.