

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.

Job Confesses the Redeemer

Job 19:20–27

L A reading from Job, chapter nineteen.

²⁰My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,
and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

²¹Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!

²²Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?

²³"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Your Son You put to death our wretched flesh and in His rising restored our life. Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life, that at the last we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see You face to face; 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.**