

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW FIRE, VIGIL

AND

FIRST MASS OF EASTER



**THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS
SOUTH HOBART**

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

The Celebrant says,

Brothers and sisters in Christ, at this most holy time when our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which through word and sacrament we share in his victory over death.

The new fire is blessed.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the light of the world and to bring to your people the radiance of your glory. ✠ Bless this new fire, and set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and minds we may come to the feast of everlasting light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant traces the sign of the Cross, the alpha and omega and the year as he says,

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

The five nails are then inserted with these words.

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying,

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Paschal Candle is carried into the Church. The procession pauses three times for following versicle and response.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*The Easter Proclamation
is then sung by a minister who stands near the Candle*

THE EXSULTET

Rejoice now heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now all the round earth; bright with a glorious splendour, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts in radiant light resound with the praises of your people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is not only right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty and eternal God, and your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of

sin, and delivered by his own blood your faithful people.

This is the hour, when you brought our Fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the hour, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the shade of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the hour, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this hour, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this hour, when earth and heaven are joined, and all people are reconciled to God!

Holy Father, accept our celebration, and the offering of this candle in your honour. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning - he who gives his light to all creation.

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We pray you, Lord, to direct, sanctify and govern us your servants, and all your faithful family, with your continual grace: that we may pass our time in peace and gladness, in the festival of our redemption. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says,

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

THE VIGIL

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

The following psalm is sung, the cantor leading .

PSALM 33

Antiphon

The earth is filled with the goodness, the goodness, of the Lord.

Verses

The word of the Lord is faithful,
And all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
And fills the earth with his love. *Response*

By his word the heavens were made,
By the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He collects the waves of the ocean;
He stores up the depths of the sea. *Response*

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
The people he had chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,

He sees all the children of men. *Response*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you. *Response*

Following a short silence the Celebrant says,

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1a

“LET US SING TO THE LORD”

(from Exodus 15)

Antiphon

Let us sing to the Lord, he has covered himself with glory.

Verses

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength my song, my salvation.
This is my God, I will extol him,
My father's God and I give him praise. *Response*

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea!
The flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. *Response*

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
Your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory
You crushed the foe. *Response*

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,
The place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
The sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. *Response*

Following a short silence the Celebrant says,

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE THIRD READING

Ezekiel 36: 25-28

PSALM 42 VERSES 1-7

Antiphon

Like a deer that longs for running streams,
So my soul longs for you, my God.

Verses

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
When can I enter and see
the face of God. *Response*

These things I will remember
As I pour out my soul;
How I would lead the rejoicing crowd
Into the house of God. *Response*

O send forth your light and your truth;
Let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,
To the place where you dwell. *Response*

And I will come to the altar of God,
The God of my joy.
My Redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God. *Response*

Following a short silence the celebrant says,

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit,
that we who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All join in singing 'Gloria in Excelsis'

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant then sings the Collect.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6: 3-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord's right **hand** has triumphed;
his right hand has **raised** me up.

I shall not die, **I** shall live
and re-**count** his deeds.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The stone which the build-**ers** re-jected
has be-**come** the corner stone.

This is the work **of** the Lord,
a marvel **in** our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE LITANY OF BAPTISM

God the Father

have mercy on us.

God the Son,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy, Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, and all the saints; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the eternal life of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

At the Font the Celebrant says,

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God, the almighty Father, to bless this Font, that those reborn in it may be made one with his adopted children in Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the

grace you give us in this sacrament. At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters, making them the well-spring of all holiness. The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung on the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples, "Go out and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created us in your own likeness: cleanse us from sin in a new birth of innocence by water and the Spirit.

The Celebrant takes the Easter Candle and lowers it into the water.

We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this Font.

The Celebrant then holds the Candle in the water while saying,
May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following chant is sung.

Springs of water bless the Lord.
Give him glory and praise for ever.

**Springs of water bless the Lord.
Give him glory and praise for ever.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant says,

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made in our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

God, the all powerful Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and forgiven all our sins.

May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

VIDI AQUAM

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple,
Alleluia.

It brought forth God's life and salvation,
And the people sang in joyful praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with the words

The Lord is risen / He is risen indeed.

The Offertory Hymn is sung.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia,
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia,
deep and wide
flows the tide
severing us from bondage past, alleluia.

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia,
through the billows Israel led, alleluia,
by his tomb
Christ makes room,
souls restoring from the dead, alleluia.

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia,
buried and baptized were we, alleluia,
earthly night
brought us light
shall be ours eternally, alleluia.

Then, deceitful world, adieu, alleluia,
Egypt's land in distant view, alleluia,
Christ our love
draws above,
dead with him, and risen anew, alleluia.

*When all is prepared,
the Celebrant says the following prayer.*

Lord,
accept the prayers and offerings of your people.
With your help may this Easter mystery of our redemption
bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter,
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
and so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples saying,

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world.
✠ Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**✠ Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you said to your apostles,
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

During Holy Communion an anthem is sung.

THE POST COMMUNION

Jesus said, Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has
eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.
Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love;
give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her lord is living, death has lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**