



The Great Vigil of Easter - Jerusalem Version

We welcome to the Communion Table all those who have been baptized and have made Jesus Lord.

Lighting the Pascal Candle

Call to Praise

On this most holy night our Lord passed over from death to life.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

Rejoice now, all heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, let your trumpets shout Salvation! Yeshua! The victory of our mighty King.

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

It is right and good, always and everywhere with our whole heart to praise You the invisible almighty and eternal God, and your only begotten Son Jesus, the true Pascal Lamb, who at the feast of Passover paid for us the debt of sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night 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 night, when all who believe in the Messiah are delivered from the gloom of sin and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night when He broke the bonds of death and hell and rose victorious from the grave.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Story of Creation

(Gen. 1:1-2:2)

Let us pray: **O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of Him who humbled Himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus the Messiah our Lord. Amen.**

Abraham's Sacrifice of Issac

(Gen. 22:1-18)

Let us pray: **God and Father of all believers, for the glory of Your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of Your children; that Your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled Your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. Amen.**

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

(Ex. 14:10-15:1)

Let us pray: **O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, You once delivered by the power of Your mighty arm Your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. Amen.**

Salvation Offered Freely to All
(Is. 55:1-11)

Let us pray: **O God, You have created all things by the power of Your Word, and You renew the earth by Your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for You, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus the Messiah? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus the Messiah, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Messiah?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Messiah in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Messiah Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

At the Eucharist

Hallelujah! He is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Scripture Sermon

The Shma

Let us proclaim together the Shma:

Shma Israel, Adonai Eloheinu,

Adonai Echad. Barukh shem kevod malkhuto, le'olam va-ed.

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Blessed is His Name whose glorious Kingdom is forever.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the entire Torah and Prophets.

Prayers of Penitence

Almighty God, Creator of all, You marvellously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and distorted Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbour.

We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us through the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west; strengthen our life in Your kingdom and keep us upright until the last day; through Jesus our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to Your table as Your children, not presuming, but assured; not trusting ourselves but Your Word. We ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Jesus the Messiah, and we pray that we may know Him in the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. Amen.

Offering

The Peace

On the first day of the week Jesus came and stood among His disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' He showed them His hands and His side and they were glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the Lord be always with you; **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus our risen High Priest, make Yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

Is the Father with us?

He is with us!

Is the Son among us?

He is with us!

Is the Spirit here?

He is with us!

He is our God!

Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

We are His people;

We belong to Him.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, King over all the earth; Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver.

And now we praise you for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world: You raised Him to everlasting life and through Him You have poured out Your life-giving Spirit to fill us with light and life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We thank You for giving Your only Son even though we were not worthy of Your generosity. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on these gifts of Your creation as we remember Him in the way He commanded.

At Passover on the same night that He was betrayed, He took the bread and gave You thanks:

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam, ha'motzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
King of the universe, who brings forth
bread from the earth.

He broke the bread and gave it to His
disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My
body which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of Me."

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper He took
the cup and recited the blessing giving
You thanks: *Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu
Melekh ha'olam borei pri ha'gefen.*
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of
the universe, who creates the fruit of the
vine.

He gave it to them saying, "Drink 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."

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Messiah has died, Messiah is risen,
Messiah will come again.**

We are brothers and sisters through His
blood. **We have died together, we will
rise together, we will live together.**

Therefore, heavenly Father hear us as we
celebrate this covenant with joy and await
the coming of our Lord and Saviour. He
died in our place, the perfect sacrifice, once
and for all. You accepted His offering by
raising Him from the dead, granting Him
great honour, authority, and sovereign
power; all nations and people of every
language shall worship Him. His dominion
is everlasting, and His kingdom is one that
will not be destroyed.

Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory.

**The Lamb who was slain has begun His
reign. Hallelujah!**

Draw near with faith and receive the
body and blood of Jesus the Messiah.

After Communion

**We thank You, Holy Father, that in You
we are kept safe for ever, and that the
broken fragments of our history are
gathered up in the redeeming act of
Your beloved Son.**

**We long for the day that You will
prepare a feast on this mountain for all
people. You will destroy the shroud that
enfolds the nations; You will swallow up
death for ever, and will wipe away our
tears. We now say, You are our God; we
trust in You; let us rejoice and be glad
in Your salvation. Send us out with Your
blessing, to live and witness for You in
the power of Your resurrection. Amen.**

Blessing

Hallelujah! He is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

God the Father, by whose glory Jesus 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.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Hallelujah!

**In the name of Jesus the Messiah.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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