

The Easter Vigil

2026



OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night Saturday, April 5, 2026

The Easter Vigil is arranged in four parts:

- 1) The service of light;
- 2) The Liturgy of the Word;
- 3) Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Water;
- 4) The Liturgy of Eucharist.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Blessing of Fire

The Preparation of the Candle

**Procession : “The Lord is my Light, my Light and Salvation;
In Him, I trust, In Him, I trust.”**

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

**ALL: Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Psalm Response:

**“LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT,
RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH
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RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH”**

Prayer

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Psalm Response:

**“YOU ARE MY INHERITANCE.
YOU ARE MY INHERITANCE, O LORD.”**

Prayer

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Psalm Response:

Verses: Solo

RESPONSE DURING VERSES:

ALL:

TO GOD BE PRAISE AND GLORY!

REFRAIN ALL:

**I WILL SING TO THE LORD, TRIUMPHANT IS HE;
THE HORSE AND CHARIOT HE CAST INTO THE SEA!**

(Repeat)

Prayer

A Reading from the book of Samuel

Psalm Response:

**“FOREVER I WILL SING
THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD.”**

Prayer

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Psalm Response:

**“SPRINGS OF WATER, BLESS THE LORD!
PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD
FOREVER AND EVER!”** (Repeat)

Prayer

A Reading from Baruch

Psalm Response:

**“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD,
A CLEAN HEART, O GOD CREATE IN ME.”**

Prayer

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Psalm Response:

**“AS THE DEER LONGS FOR RUNNINGS STREAMS, SO I
LONG, SO I LONG, SO I LONG FOR YOU.”**

Prayer

Procession into Sanctuary

Glory to God

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest! Peace to all people on earth.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God on high!**

**1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**2. 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. (Refrain)**

**3. 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. (Refrain)**

Epistle:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Psalm Response/ Gospel Acclamation

please stand

“ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!”

The Gospel Reading

Deacon/ Priest:

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**All sing: “ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!”
ALLELUIA!**

Homily

please be seated

Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Profession of Faith

Priest/Deacon: Do you reject Satan?

ALL: I do.

Priest/Deacon: And all his works?

ALL: I do.

Priest/Deacon: And all his empty promises?

ALL: I do.

**Women: Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?**

**ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO
BELIEVE.**

**Men: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was born of Mary,
was crucified and died, and was buried? –**

**ALL: YET HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE
FATHER.**

**AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO
BELIEVE.**

**ALL: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE
HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF
SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
RESURRECTION, AND LIFE EVERLASTING? AMEN!
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.**

Blessing of Water

Acclamation for Blessing of Water:

Water Of Life

**Water of life, holy reminder;
Touching, renewing the body of Christ.**

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Touching, renewing the body of Christ.**

Song for the Sprinkling :

COME TO THE RIVER

**Refrain: Come, O come,
come to the river
flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.**

**1. Washed in the waters of rebirth,
we have put on Christ Jesus.**

2. Priestly people are we, sealed and sent by the Spirit.

**3. Blest are those who thirst
for the reign of God's justice.**

4. Let us walk in the light of God's holy promise.

5. Those who sow in tears reap the harvest rejoicing.

The Sign of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts

please be seated

The Song at Offertory: Rise Up With Him

**1. People, wait no more.
God has shown you the glory of the Lord!
By the cross we claim our freedom.
Christ has risen to everlasting life!**

Refrain

**And we'll rise up,
rise up with him, and we'll rise,
rise to new life!
And we'll rise up,
rise up with him, for with Jesus
who leads us
by grace we will rise up with him.**

**2. Ev'ry knee shall bend.
Ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
Lord and Savior of all nations,
our salvation to everlasting life!**

**3. Jesus, whom we love,
we proclaim your word
for ages all to come.
Alleluia, sing a new song.
Glory to our God of everlasting life!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.

Introductory Rite

Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE WORLD

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna on High!

Blessed is he who comes in the name,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna on High!

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.

THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."

The Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, but He is risen, Christ will come again.

Doxology

**Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Oh Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.**

Communion

Communion Song:

1. I am the Bread of life.

**You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**

**No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.**

Refrain:

**And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

**2. The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever.**

**3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man and
drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

**4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever.**

**5. Yes, Lord, I believe that
You are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come into the world.**

CONCLUDING RITE
Prayer after Communion

please stand

Dismissal

Closing Song: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

- 1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al – le- lu- ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al –le –lu -ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al –le –lu -ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al – le – lu – ia!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al – le – lu – ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al – le – lu – ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al – le – lu – ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al – le – lu – ia!**
- 3. But the pains which he endured, Al – le – lu- ia!
Our salvation have procured, Al – le – lu – ia!
Now he reigns above as King, Al – le – lu – ia!
Where the angels ever sing. Al – le – lu – ia!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, Al – le – lu – ia!
Praise eternal as his love; Al – le – lu – ia!
Praise him all ye heav'nly host, Al – le – lu – ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al – le – lu – ia! Al –
le – lu – ia!**

***A Joyous and Blessed Easter to you from all of us
At Saint Matthew Church***