

THE EASTER VIGIL

8 PM – April 4, 2026

I. SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL: SERVICE OF LIGHT

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD – see [Readings](#)

The First Story (Creation - Genesis 1:1-22)

Responsorial Psalm I “*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!*”

The Second Story (Abraham’s sacrifice - Genesis 22:1-18)

Responsorial Psalm II “*You are my inheritance, O Lord*”

The Third Story (The Red Sea passage: Exodus 14:15-15:1)

Responsorial Psalm III “*Let us sing to the Lord who is covered in wondrous glory!*”

The Prophet (Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4)

Responsorial Psalm IV “*With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life!
With joy you shall draw water from the living well of God!*”

GLORIA “Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and on earth, peace to people, to people of good will!”

The Epistle - Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Acclamation “*Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*”

The Gospel - Matthew 28:1-10

Homily

III. THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

We celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Alleluia! Alleluia!

IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

All Things New

Refrain: Sing a new song! Rejoice! The dawn is breaking, the earth is waking,
its dreams come true. And do you hear the voice, darkness surprising, sing in its rising:
“See, I’m making all things new!”

1. Whom shall we live for? Whose mighty hand made the moon, the sun and stars on high? Who made a way for us through water and the sand, brought us out of slavery and fed us from the sky?
2. Who found us wanderers and made us into one? Who is ever near with strength to save? Whose love adopted us as daughters and as sons, family to the Firstborn who is risen from the grave?
3. Who is known to every heart and called by many names? Who has called the lowly ones “My own”? Breathes a dream of justice into us like tongues of flame? Who is tender mercy?
Only God and God alone.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Communion

Taste & See

- Refrain:* Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.
1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.
 3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

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Solemn Dismissal: *“Go in peace, Alleluia! Alleluia!”*
“Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Sending Forth Song

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!