

# Holy Saturday

April 4, 2026; 8:00 pm

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## Service of Light

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### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P: Let us pray.... and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Blessing of the Paschal Candle

P: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P: Let us pray.... but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Light candles from the paschal candle and process into the church.*

P: The Light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Exsultet

P: Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation;

C: **Sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.**

P: Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King;

C: **Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.**

P: Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light;

C: **Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.**

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## Service of the Word

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*Congregation be seated and please extinguish candles.*

### 1. The Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:3

L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us pray... who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### 2. The Promise of the Woman's Offspring

Genesis 3:1-15

L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us pray... until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### 3. The Promise of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us pray... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

4. The Promise of the Passover Exodus 12:1-13  
L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**  
P: Let us pray... in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

5. The Promise of a King 2 Samuel 7:1-16  
L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**  
P: Let us pray... and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

6. The Promise of Jonah Jonah 1:1–2:10  
L: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**  
P: Let us pray... and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

Holy Gospel Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-10  
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, selected verses from chapters twenty-three and twenty-four.  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### Litany of the Resurrection

P: Let us pray...

P: O Lord, C: **have mercy.**

P: O Christ, C: **have mercy.**

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P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: **hear us.**

P: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: 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.**

P: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: 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.**

P: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,  
 C: **have mercy on us.**

P: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,  
 C: **good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By Your victory over sin and death,  
 C: **good Lord, deliver us.**

P: By the majesty of Your risen body,  
 C: **good Lord, deliver us.**

P: We poor sinners implore You  
 C: **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.**

P: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving as we have been served by You,  
 C: **grant us, good Lord.**

P: 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.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
 C: **have mercy on us.**

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P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
 C: **grant us Your peace.**

P: O Lord,           C: **have mercy.**  
 P: O Christ,        C: **have mercy.**  
 P: O Lord,           C: **have mercy. Amen.**

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Service of Holy Baptism

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**Baptismal Address**

P: Dearly beloved... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Renunciation**

P: Do you renounce the devil?

C: **Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all his works?

C: **Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

C: **Yes, I renounce them.**

**Profession of Faith**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

### Blessing

P: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace ☩ be with you.

C: **Amen.**

*The paschal candle is returned to its place.*

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## Service of Holy Communion

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying—

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored, Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. ...  
Remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

### The Lord's Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Distribution

### Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

### Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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