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*Easter Vigil and Service of Light*

*Welcome to our service, which is being held in All Saints' Marseille and shared live on Zoom. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for the Easter Vigil and Service of Light. There is also a reflection by our Reader Christine Portman, published also on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

*The Vigil is probably the oldest feature of the Easter celebrations. From its earliest times the Church would keep watch through the night and meditate on the mighty works of God. Christians would pray until the earliest hours of the morning, when Christ's resurrection was acclaimed. The Vigil is a service for the night, so those taking part on Zoom are invited to begin the service in low light. The heart of the service is the reading of key passages from Scripture telling of God's saving love.*

*Since the second century Easter has been associated with Baptism, and in this service we re-affirm our Baptismal Vows as a declaration of our union with Christ in his death and resurrection.*

*The Service of Light which follows proclaims the resurrection of Christ from the dead in word and action, in silence and sound. The Easter Candle, symbolising Christ, the light of the world, is lit. The light is then be carried through the church and progressively passed to the whole congregation as their candles are lit. As some of us are not in church, everyone at home is invited to light a candle or other light when we reach this point in the service. The Exsultet, an ancient Easter song of praise, is then proclaimed, after which those taking part on Zoom*

*are invited to turn up their lighting and extinguish their candles. We will then say the Gloria together, hear the Easter readings and a reflection, before concluding the service in joyful anticipation of the Eucharist of Easter tomorrow.*

## **The Vigil**

*The lights by which the readings are to be read are lit.*

*The minister says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens  
and your faithfulness never ceases.  
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom  
and strengthen our lives with your word,  
for you are the fountain of life;  
in your light we see true light.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*    **Blessed be God for ever.**

This is the night in which 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.

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. Let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

### **First Reading**

### **The Creation**

### **Genesis 1.1–2.4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the

dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given

every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*The minister says*

Let us pray that we may see God’s image restored.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation.  
Your love cannot be contained  
and overflows in the wonder of creation.  
You formed the universe out of nothing  
and moulded us from the clay of the earth.  
All you have made sings of your marvellous deeds,  
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*All Amen.*

**Second Reading**

**Crossing the Red Sea**

**Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.’

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came

between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously.'

*The minister says*

Let us pray that God will give freedom to his enslaved people.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.  
You heard the agony of your people  
as they cried out from their slavery,  
and you gave them Moses  
to lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey.  
Hear the cry of the enslaved and the homeless today  
and lead us through the turbulent sea of life  
to our true home with you,  
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*All Amen.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

*The minister says*

Let us pray that God will fill sad hearts with songs of joy.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.  
You are the King who dwells in the midst of the people  
as one who brings victory from the jaws of defeat.  
Heal the sick and gather the outcast  
and turn our shame into praise,  
that we may sing aloud and exalt your name,  
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.

**All Amen.**

## The Service of Light

*The new fire is lit.*

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

*The Easter Candle is marked.*

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.

*All*    **Amen.**

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Standing before the Candle, the minister 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. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*All*    **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*All*    **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

*All*    **I repent of them.**

*The minister lights the Easter Candle, saying*

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

*The minister says*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*All*    **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*All*    **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*All*    **I come to Christ.**

*The minister says*

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you the strength to continue in the way.

*The minister raises the Easter Candle and sings three times, during which all are invited to  
light their candles.*

The light of Christ.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Exsultet**

*The deacon says*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
O Universe, dance around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,  
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!  
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!



Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!  
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

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

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

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

*All*    **Amen.**

### **The Easter Acclamation**

*The minister says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All*    **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Bells are rung.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9X-01gOuQ8>

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*during which lights are turned up and candles extinguished.*

*All say together*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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 Collect**

*The minister says*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**All Amen.**

## **New Testament Reading**

### **Romans 6.3-11**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

**Mark 16.1-8**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Reflection**

This night, Christian communities all around the world are gathering in darkness, a darkness that represents all that we have been reflecting upon since Good Friday. In that darkness we read the scriptures to prepare us to celebrate the glorious light of Easter Day. We hear the story of the goodness of God's creation and the account of the rescue of his people from slavery in Egypt. We listen to prophecy which tells of God's plan to save us from the power of sin and death. And there, into that darkness, a fire is lit. Tonight, those flames are being shared until the light fills the spaces where we worship, in homes and churches worldwide. A song of exultation is sung, proclaiming Christ as the true light of the world.

But before we can really experience the joy of life in Christ, we have had to travel with him through dark days, to witness our Saviour's agony and to face, in our mind's eye, the brutal reality of his broken body lying lifeless in the tomb. These days of waiting have been good, just as Good Friday is *good*. The temptation may be to race ahead like children desperate for their Easter eggs. But our faith tells us that there's no short-cut to the joyful celebration of Easter. On Holy Saturday in particular, we're called to face full-on something we rarely want to contemplate. In his tomb, Jesus lay dead, in exactly the way each of us will be dead. Breathing stops, and in an instant, life as we know it is gone. The body grows cold and nothing remains but the shell that once held life.

Death is our ultimate fear. Holy Saturday has been a day to face our own mortality. It is very real and its approach holds great power in our lives. And it's what drives so much human lust and greed, so much denial and arrogance, so much silly clinging to power and hectic and anxiety-driven activity. Yet it is the one, inevitable reality we all will face – and the Good News of Easter Day has no real power in our lives *unless* we face the reality of death. As Pope Francis has written in a Lenten reflection: *The Resurrection of Jesus is not the happy ending to a nice story, it is not the happy end of a film; rather it is God the Father's intervention where human hope is shattered.* We have to contemplate Jesus' body, there in that tomb, to look our own death in the face and understand the life-giving promise of our faith.

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us:

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. *Romans 6.3-11*

When we don't shrink from looking upon the body of Jesus in the tomb, when we contemplate the mystery of our own death, we prepare our hearts to receive the Good News of a new and risen life. We know that tomb will be empty and remain empty forever. We understand the Resurrection as a sign that our lives are being transformed through God's grace. One day, we will all rest in the embrace of Jesus, who has known our death, and who prepares a place for us in everlasting life.

When we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we can truly celebrate his gift of life, not only tonight and on Easter Day, but throughout our lives. Our faith in the Resurrection brings immense peace and joy, powerful freedom and vitality to our lives. For when we truly believe that death holds no true power over us, we can walk each day in the grace being offered us – grace to follow his example and give our lives away in love.

Amen.

*Christine Portman, Reader*

## Prayers

On this holy night, when Jesus Christ rose from the dead and restored our life of grace, we turn to God our Father in prayer.

We pray for all who believe in the Resurrection, that through our sharing in the life of the Risen Lord, this Easter may be for us a new beginning in our life of faith.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray that the people of every nation may come to share the joy of this night, and that the good news of the Resurrection of Christ may gladden the hearts of all.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for our world, that war and violence may cease, and the peace promised by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, may become a reality for all people.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those who lack food, work, or shelter, and for those who are caught up in the darkness of despair, that they may not be forgotten, and that they can find a path to new life and hope.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray that you may reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort, strengthen them and give them hope.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all whose lifelong vigil for the Lord has ended, that they may live forever in Christ who has destroyed the power of death and opened the gates of heaven to all.

Lord of life,

*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

God our Father, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ your Son, we ask you to strengthen us in faith, that we may proclaim the pardon and peace you have given us. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever.

Merciful Father,  
*All* **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*The minister says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
*All* **and also with you. Alleluia.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The minister says*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite,  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd’hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,  
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;  
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c’est à toi qu’appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,  
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

## **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPjTfw4a2ZE>

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 now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is naught 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.

*Words: Edmond Budry, tr Richard Hoyle*

*Tune: Maccabaeus - G F Handel*

## **The Blessing**

*The minister says*



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Picture: The women at the tomb, icon

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