

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael, Musselburgh

St Martin of Tours, Tranent

Easter Vigil 2021



The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Dear brothers and sisters,
on this most sacred night,
in which our Lord Jesus Christ
passed over from death to life,
the Church calls upon her sons and daughters,
scattered throughout the world,
to come together to watch and pray.
If we keep the memorial
of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way,
listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,
then we shall have the sure hope
of sharing his triumph over death
and living with him in God.

Then the Priest blesses the fire, saying with hands extended:

Let us pray.
O God, who through your Son
bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory,
sanctify ✠ this new fire, we pray,
and grant that,
by these paschal celebrations,
we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires,
that with minds made pure
we may attain festivities of unending splendour.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

1. Christ yesterday and today
2. the Beginning and the End
3. the Alpha
4. and the Omega
5. All time belongs to him
6. and all the ages
7. To him be glory and power
8. through every age and for ever. Amen

**Priest inserts five grains of incense into the candle
in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying:**

1. By his holy
2. and glorious wounds,
3. may Christ the Lord
4. guard us
5. and protect us. Amen.

May the light of Christ rising in glory
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

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The Liturgy of the Word

Dear brothers and sisters,
now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people
and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son
as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this
paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me so?" Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expenses of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord"

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. "Let us flee from the Israelites" the Egyptians cried "the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!" "Stretch out your hand over the sea" the Lord said to Moses "that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen". Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord, they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord.

R. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him
praise. **R**

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
The flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. **R**

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Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
Your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. **R**

You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain,
The place, O Lord where you have made your home,
The sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **R**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3-11)

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy the sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him; Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God, and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end" **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
And recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes. **R**

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, "There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you. The Gospel of the Lord.

The Blessing of Water

The Renewal of Our Baptismal Promises

Brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Do you reject Satan? **I do**
And all his works? **I do**
And all his empty show? **I do**

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? **I do**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

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