

# Easter Vigil Rite

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A separate liturgical PDF prepared for clergy, catechists, servers, missions, and lay study. This text is arranged for practical use with clear rubrics, prayers, and responses in dignified Prayer Book English.

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*Rubric. The Easter Vigil is the great service of light, Scripture, Baptismal renewal, and first Eucharist of Easter.*

### The New Fire and Paschal Light

Dearly beloved, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death unto life, the Church calleth her children to watch and pray.

Deacon. The Light of Christ.

People. Thanks be to God.

### The Lessons

The great readings of salvation history are read: Creation, the Flood, the Exodus, the Prophets, and the promise of new heart and new spirit. Psalms and collects follow each reading.

### Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest. Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works?

People. I renounce them.

Priest. Dost thou believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

People. I believe.

### The First Eucharist of Easter

Alleluia is restored. The Gospel of the Resurrection is proclaimed. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated with Easter joy.