## **Easter Vigil**

## Saturday, April 19, 2025

The Easter fire is lit outside. The Easter Candle is lit. Then we move in procession into the church. The choir joins the procession **AFTER** the servers. The procession stops before the temporary baptismal font.

Cantor (priest) sings "The Light of Christ", all respond, "Thanks be to God"
The priests light their candles, from the priests the servers light their candles.
The servers will then light the candles of the choir. After the choir has lit their candles, they will proceed directly to the choir area by walking down the side aisle. "The Light of Christ" and the response "Thanks be to God" are sung two more times.

Easter Proclamation/Exultet: Deacon/Priest/Cantor

Five readings from the Old Testament will be used this evening.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, the Genesis acclamation will be sung.

**Psalms:** People of Israel

After the last psalm, the Gloria is sung. *Ring your bells during the Gloria*.

Glory to God TM 858 (Acc 821)
Gospel Acc: Celtic Alleluia (sheet)(Acc 122)

Litany of the Saints: Litany of Saints TM 707 (Acc 353)

Blessing of the Water: Alleluia response

After the Blessing of the Water, the choir will follow the candidates for baptism and their sponsors to the baptismal font.

**Baptism:** Baptism acclamation is sung after every baptism

After the final baptism, the choir moves back to the choir area, singing the round "Gloria" as they go. The choir will sing the following songs until the newly Baptised have dried themselves and changed their clothes.

**Interlude:** Rise Up with Him (choir only)

Down to the River to Pray TM 644 (Acc 177)

River of Glory **TM 639** (Acc 479) Enter the Journey **TM 638** (Acc 185)

Sing the Baptismal acclamation when the newly Baptised are half-way to the altar.

Receive Candle: Christ, Be Our Light TM 168 (Acc 127)

Sing softly and continuously.

Finish singing when all the newly baptized have received a candle.

**Confirmation:** Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Sing softly and continuously during Confirmation

Neophytes will then go out and light congregation's candles.

Finish singing when newly confirmed return or when most candles have

been lit. Entire congregation renews baptismal promises.

Offertory: Resucito/He Is Risen TM 192 (Acc 477)

**Eucharistic Accl:** Holy, Holy **TM 861** (Acc 824)

We Proclaim Your Death TM 862 (Acc 825)

Amen TM 865 (Acc 828)

Lamb of God TM 866 (Acc 829)

**Communion:** Bread of Angels **TM 376** (Acc 112)

Come All You Thirsty TM 303 (Acc 145)

Alleluia No.1 **TM 590** (Acc 59)

"Alleluia" refrain from TM 927 (Acc 867)

**Solemn Dismissal:** Missal

Sending Forth: Jesus Christ is Risen Today TM 194 (Acc 313)