



The Blyth Valley  
Team Ministry

# An Order for Easter Eve to use at home



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## THE EASTER LITURGY

THE VIGIL *(You will need a candle to light at the appropriate time)*

On this holy 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 age past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

### READINGS

Exodus 14.15 - 15.1a;

Romans 6.3-11

Matthew 28.1-10

### PRAYER

Grant, Lord,  
that we who are baptized into the death  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
may continually put to death our evil desires  
and be buried with him;  
that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass to our joyful resurrection;  
through his merits, who died and was buried  
and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Eternal God,  
who made this 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. Amen.

*At this point light a candle*

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

EASTER SONG OF PRAISE *(Can be sung to the tune 'Woodlands')*

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your king in glorious symphony!

Sing choirs of earth! Behold the light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past; the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people shout the long Amen!

### COLLECT

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 for ever. Amen.

### PRAYER For our Baptism

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship  
in the household of faith with all those who have  
been baptised in your name.  
Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready  
for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect  
in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ENDING

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.  
Amen.