

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**

**Mass Readings**

- 1) Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
- 2) Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18
- 3) Exodus 14:15—15:1
- 4) Isaiah 54:5-14
- 5) Isaiah 55:1-11
- 6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32–4:4
- 7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

**New Testament Readings**

- 8) Romans 6:3-11
- 9) Luke 24:1-12

**FOCUS:** The mighty power of God has given us new life in the risen Christ.

The Exultet proclaims that on this holy night, Christ has broken the prison bars of death and risen victorious. This is the night when the light of the Resurrection dispels wickedness, restores innocence, drives out hatred, and brings down the mighty. Here in the light of the paschal candle, we gather to

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In Genesis and Exodus, God creates everything that is, making man and woman in his likeness. He makes a promise to Abraham and his descendants; and frees the Israelites from slavery. The prophets speak of God's love and relationship to his people, his invitation to turn to him in all things, and his promise of salvation. The Scriptures recall our salvation history. Saint Paul writes that we were baptized into Christ's death so as to enjoy the *newness of life*. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James go to the tomb with spices to care for the body of Jesus; it is not there. *Two men in dazzling garments* ask them why they are seeking the living among the dead, and they remember Jesus' words to them.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** With confidence we bring our prayers before the Lord.

- 1) For the Church, the presence of the risen Christ in the world, may God's mercy and grace be upon her in her sacred mission, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all those who were received into the Church this night, may the promise and grace of the sacraments of initiation fill their hearts with faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all in need: the sick, the lonely, the unemployed, the refugee, may they find solace and consolation in the promise of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

- 4) For this assembly, may the love and truth that God has poured into our hearts sustain us in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died marked as Christ's own forever, may the risen Lord receive them into the fullness of life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious and loving God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, hear our prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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