



CHRIST CHURCH
Amherst, N.S

EASTER EVE

4:00 p.m.

March 31st, 2018

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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Lighting the fire of Easter - We begin outside, gathered around the unlit fire

Blessing of the Paschal Candle *(at the back of the church)*

Christ yesterday and today the beginning and the end Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him and all the ages to him be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

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

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The Paschal Candle Procession

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(During procession congregation lights their candles)

The Liturgy of the Word

Dear friends in Christ,
let us now listen attentively to the word of God,
recalling how he saved his people throughout history
and in the fullness of time,
sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (14: 10 - 31; 15: 20 - 21)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 572 “Let There Be Light”

The Collect

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37 : 1 - 14)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark. (16 : 1 - 8)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Presentation of Bibles

**OFFERTORY HYMN # 482 - "Come and Journey with
a Saviour"**

Redressing of altar and chancel

Prayer Over the Gifts

**God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people,
and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be
perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the
risen Lord. Amen.**

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The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

- 73 - One Bread One Body;**
- 61 - As We Gather At Your Table**

Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

Prayer after Communion

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of Love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN # 7 - CC Song Book - "Christ Triumphant"

SUNDAY, April 1st - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Children's Easter Egg Hunt,
Coffee Hour
- 11:00 a.m. - **Holy Eucharist with Procession**

MONDAY, April 2nd - EASTER MONDAY

The church office will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, April 4th

- 10:30 a.m. - **Bible Study**

THURSDAY, April 5th

- 6:30 p.m. - **Choir Practice**

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th

- 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, Coffee Hour
- 11:00 a.m. - **Easter Festival of Lessons and Hymns**

Forward Day by Day, Daily Bible Readings, for May, June and July are available at the back of the church or in the office. Cost is only \$1.50. Remember to pick yours up.

