The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati

HOLY SATURDAY
April 3 • 8:45 PM
Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica

❖ We are happy you have come to the Cathedral Basilica for this celebration of the Easter Vigil. Please consider joining us regularly for Sunday Mass.

❖ To register as a member of the cathedral parish, call the parish secretary for a registration form at 421-5354.

❖ If you are not a Catholic but interested in possible membership in the Catholic Church, please call the cathedral office for information at 421-5354.

❖ If you have been away from the Church for some time and would like to talk to a priest about returning to regular participation, please call 421-5354 for an appointment.

❖ Parking is free for Sunday Masses in the Parking Company of America lot next to the cathedral.

❖ An elevator entrance for access by the handicapped is on the parking lot side of the cathedral.

❖ A restroom for women is on the main floor level in the right transept, near the baptismal font. The men’s restroom is down the stairs from the women’s.

❖ The Cathedral Basilica Choir sings each Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass mid September through mid June, Christmas, Holy Week and special services throughout the liturgical year.

❖ The Latin inscription on the mosaic behind the main altar "Et Petrus Quidem Servabatur in Carcere Vinctus Catenis" translates "And Peter was kept in prison and bound in chains."
The long preparation of the catechumens / the elect, the lenten disciplines and fast of the faithful, the vigiling and prayer that have gone on since Thursday evening – all culminate in the great liturgy of this night. On this night the Church assembles to spend time listening to scriptures, to pray psalms, to initiate new members into the Church, to celebrate the Eucharist and acclaim the death and resurrection of the Lord.

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Candidate for Baptism
Denise Underwood

Candidate for Full Communion
Steven Erbeck
Paige Kinzer

Candidates for Confirmation
Geoffery Sabourin
The Lucernarium

Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

The assembly will remain in their pews while the ministers, catechumens and candidates (along with their sponsors) will gather and socially distance on the plaza outside and around the fire.

Procession into the Cathedral

The ministers and others outside begin the procession into the basilica. The following is sung at three stations during the procession.

Deacon

All respond

The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

or

Easter Proclamation  *Exsultet*  

*In this ancient text the Church gives thanks and praise to God for all that is recalled this night: Adam’s fall, the deliverance from Egypt, the passover of Christ, the wedding of earth and heaven, our reconciliation.*

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.  
(Therefore, dearest friends,  
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,  
invoke with me, I ask you,  
the mercy of God almighty,  
that he, who has been pleased to number me,  
though unworthy, among the Levites,  
may pour into me his light unshadowed,  
that I may sing this candle’s perfect praises).

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It is truly right and just,  
with ardent love of mind and heart  
and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.  
Who for our sake paid Adam’s debt to the eternal Father,  
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,  
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.  
These, then, are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.  
This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel’s children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.  
This is the night that with a pillar of fire  
banished the darkness of sin.
This is the night that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.
This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.
Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!
O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!
This is the night of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.
On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants’ hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.
But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God’s honor,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.
O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.
Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death’s domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A - m e n____
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Genesis 1:1, 26-31a

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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Prayer
Stand

Second Reading
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 16

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

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Prayer
Stand

Third Reading
Exodus 14:15-15:1

Responsorial Psalm
Exodus 15

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

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Prayer
Stand

Fourth Reading
Isaiah 54:5-14

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 30
Gloria

Peter Jones

Mass VIII

Missa de Angelis

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Alleluia and Psalm 118
Romans 6: 3-11
Prayer
Homily
Gospel

Baptismal Liturgy

After the homily the catechumen is called forward. The assembly chants the litany of the saints, invoking the holy men and women of all centuries. Patron saints of the church and of the faithful are included in the litany.

Cantor: Assembly:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Saint Michael, pray for us.
Holy angels of God, pray for us.
(additional names of saints are added)
All holy men and women pray for us.

RESPONSE 

[Response sung three times]

Missa de Angelis
Mass VIII

Luke 24:1-12

Stand

Prayer
Epistle

Romans 6: 3-11
Blessing of Baptismal Water

The archbishop gives praise and thanks to God over the waters of baptism. This acclamation is then sung by all:

**Assembly:**

Lord, be merciful, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From every lasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of baptism, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear Christ, graciously hear us.

Springs of water bless the Lord; give him glory and praise for ever. Alleluia! Alleluia.
Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

The candidate for baptism is asked to reject sin and the ways of evil and to testify to faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

The candidate is led to the font, and water is poured over her as the archbishop says: "N. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." After the baptism, the congregation sings this acclamation:

Bless ed be God who chose us in Christ.

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Presentation of the Lighted Candle

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

All respond to the baptismal promises: I Do.

Sprinkling Rite

Springs of wa ter bless the Lord; give him glo ry and praise for ev er. Al le lu ia! Al le-

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Reception of Candidates into Full Communion

Those who have received baptism in other Christian churches but who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church are now called forward.

Rite of Confirmation

The newly baptized and those received into full communion are now confirmed. The archbishop prays and lays hands on each candidate for confirmation, then anoints each with chrism saying: "N. be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Universal Prayer
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Choral Anthem
Hallelujah from the Mount of Olives  Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah! Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim his grace and glory, Hallelujah, unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy!

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Archbishop:  The Lord be with you.
All:  And with your spirit.
Archbishop:  Lift up your hearts.
All:  We lift them up to the Lord
Archbishop:  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All:  It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations  A Community Mass

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Doxology

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

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Communion Antiphon

Pascha nostrum 1 Cor 5:7, 8

[Latin trans.] Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Procession

Text: Finita iam sunt praelia, 12th C.; Tr. by Francis Pott
Music: VICTORY; Palestrina, adapt. by William H. Monk

Communion Hymn

Text: Ad regias agni dapes
Music: SALZBURG; Jakob Hintze, Harm. by J. S. Bach
Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

Easter Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

Response

Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Recessional Hymn

1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives; What joy the blest as-sur-ance gives! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! He lives, he lives who once was dead; He lives my ev-er-last-ing Head! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

2. He lives, to plead for me a-bove; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! He lives, my hun-gry soul to feed; He knows that my Re-deem-er lives! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

3. He lives, all glo-ry to his name; He lives, My Sav-i-or, still the same; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! What joy the blest as-sur-ance gives; I

Postlude Toccata (Organ Symphony V)  
Charles-Marie Widor
Celebrant
The Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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Reverend John Bullock, LC
Reverend Thomas Flynn, LC
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Mary Wiley, Psalmist
Sarah Scofield, Psalmist

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.” Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.