

Easter Vigil Preparation and Planning

I. The Service of Light

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: In columbarium if weather permits

Brazier for new fire

Fire builder:

Leader for *Exultet*:

Ushers: (pass out programs, lead worshippers to location of fire, have parents with children follow first after leader moves to worship center...)

II. The Service of the Word

Location: Sanctuary

Readings

Lesson 1 – Gen 1:1-2:2 (*The Creation*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 2 – Gen 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 (*The Flood*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 3 – Gen 22:1-18 (*Abraham Sacrifices Isaac*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 4 – Exod 14:10-15:1a or Exod 13:17-15:1a (*Exodus and Crossing the Red Sea*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 5 – Isaiah 55:1-11 (*Come to the Waters*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 6 – Baruch 3:9-37 (*The Command to Israel in Exile*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 7 – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*The Dry Bones*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 8 – Isaiah 4:2-6 (*The Future glory of Zion*)

Read by:

Music and musicians: *The Song of the Vineyard*

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 9 – Exodus 12:1-14 or Exod 12:1-24 (*The First Passover*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 10 – Jonah 3:1-10 (*The Conversion of Nineveh*)

Read by:

Music and musicians:

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 11 – Deut 31:19-30 (*The Charge to Moses and Joshua*)

Read by:

Music and musicians: *The Song of Moses*

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

Lesson 12 – Daniel 3:1-29 (*The Three Youths in the Fiery Furnace*)

Read by:

Music and musicians: *Benedicite, Omnia Opera (All You Works of the Lord)* is sung as the worshippers gather around the baptismal font; worship leader brings the paschal candle.

Prayer: (worshippers stand)

Special preparations:

III. Affirmation of Baptism

Begins with the thanksgiving, #9, page 122; the profession of faith, #10, page 123; and asperges or sprinkling.

Music and musicians: none needed; all leave after the Affirmation, but could use hymn #192, 189, or 194.

All leave. Service resumes with Holy Communion on Easter – 6:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

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