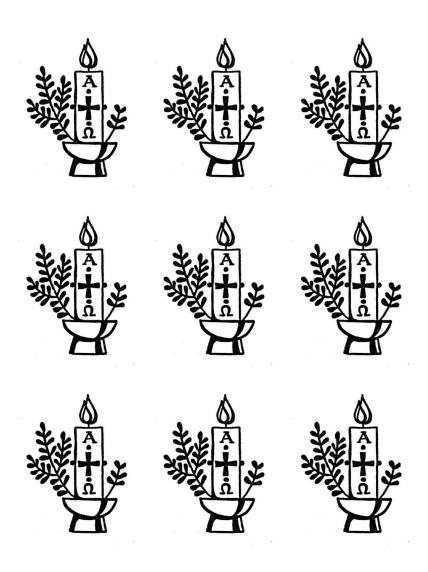
Holy Saviour Church, Croydon

The Service of First Light With Vigil Renewal of our Baptismal Vows with anointing Easter Eucharist



The Church is in darkness. this year outside in Vicarage Grden at dawn

Easter Fire is prepared outside and the congregation is invited to gather round – this year at home with own candle - with unlit hand held candles.

The minister and servers process outside in silence, led by Crucifer & Acolytes. Deacon holding the Paschal candle flat, MC with 5 studs, taper & candle holder

All stand to face the minister and servers.

Dear Friends in Christ
On this most holy night
When our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life
The Church invites her children throughout the world
To come together in vigil and prayer.
This is the Passover of the Lord
We remember his death and resurrection
By hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries
Confident that we shall share his victory over death
And live with him for ever in God.

The new fire is kindled

Blessing of the new fire

Blessing: Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness or 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

The new Paschal Candle is trace marked by the President

Vertical: Christ yesterday and today

• Horizontal: The beginning and the end

• First number: All time belongs to him

• Second number: and all ages

• Third number: to him be glory and power

• Fourth number: though every age for ever

Amen

The five studs are inserted into the candle reminding us of the five wounds of Christ; as they are inserted the president says:

- By his holy
- And glorious wounds
- May Christ
- our Lord
- Guard us and keep us

Amen

With a taper the president lights the Paschal candle from the fire

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

The Paschal candle is carried by the President into Church, followed by Servers & Congregation

The servers take 3 tapers and from the Paschal candles, light the choir and congregation hand held candles light you own at home

The President will pause and sing

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God

The procession continues. The President will pause for the 2^{nd} time and sing

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God

The procession continues. The President will pause for the $3^{\rm rd}$ time and sing

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God

The Paschal candle is placed

Alleluia Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Alleluia Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Alleluia Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Lights are switched on in Church -

and Church candles lit by servers



All: Musical Instruments and noise of appreciation! At home

The Exultet: The Easter Song of Praise is read

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels.

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King is risen!

Sound the Trumpet of salvation

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the might song of all God's people!

The Lord is here

His spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices, we should praise you the unseen God, the Father Almighty, and your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has ransomed us by his death and paid for us the price of Adam's sin.

For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God, by whose blood the homes of all the faithful are hallowed and protected.

This is the night when of old you saved our fathers, delivering the people of Israel from their slavery, and leading them dry shod though the sea

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell and rose triumphant from the grave.

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This the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin and restored to grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all nights. When wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained and mourning turned to joy. Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and all creation is reconciled to God

Therefore heavenly Father, in the joy of the night, accept our sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering and grant that the Paschal candle may make our darkness light for Christ the Morning star has risen, never to set again, and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Gloria in Excelsis
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

Easter 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 in all eternity.

The Vigil

Dear friends in Christ we have begun our Easter Vigil. Let us now hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how he saved his people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer and let us pray that though this Easer celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work he has begun.

Genesis 1-5 & 26-end

Silence

Exodus 14:15-end & 15:1a

Silence

Isaiah 55:1-11

We say together **Psalm 19:1-6 The heavens are telling the glory of God;**

and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

- ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Silence

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Hymn 1

Gospel: at the Easter Garden - something like....

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you O Lord. Alleluia Alleliua

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia Alleliua**

Please sit for the **Reflection**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows The lecturn is moved to the side and minister and servers move to the font—something like...

The President blesses the water

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his church. Now we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins

Do you renounce evil

I renounce evil

And now I ask you to make profession of the Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the World?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives lifeto the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son

and Holy Spirit.

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.

Please extinguish your candles.

The Anointing with the blessed water. All who are renewing their baptismal vows are now invited to come forward for anointing with the blessed water.

The Intercessions

Father, we praise you and thank you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. May his glorious light shine on us all. On this night we have renewed our baptismal vows and have been anointed with your Holy Spirit, so help us to shine as a light in the world.

For we are your people

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, we pray for all who are near and far off, those in despair and have lost their sense of hope, those who we know and those who we will never meet but yet for whom we pray this night. Help us to be outward looking, compassionate and forgiving, for such is your way for us. For we are your people

Hear our prayer

We remember those who struggle on body, mind or spirit- may your healing and reconciliation strengthen them, may we use the gifts you have given us to bring the care and companionship and love that is your Gospel call.

For we are your people

Hear our prayer

We pray for the blessing of our homes
For this place of worship, for fellowship and faith
For risks taken and bold steps made in your name
For courage and for a sense of humour
For the sheer joy of the Easter hope fulfilled
For we are your people

Hear our prayer

At the end: This is our endless song of praise To you Lord of life. Alleluia!

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you' then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia! The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you And also with you.

When exchanging the peace say:

The Lord is risen
He is risen indeed

Hymn 2

Prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

The Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Your face is turned towards your world
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
To rescue us from sin and death
Your Word goes out to call us home
To the city where angels sing your praise
We join with them in heaven's song:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, good Father to us all

Father of all, we give you thanks
For every gift that comes from heaven
To the darkness Jesus came as your light
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story

This is our song

Hosanna in the highest

The crowds came out to see your Son Yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed He came to supper with his friends To celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story

This is our song

Hosanna in the highest

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine: he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all For the forgiveness of sins Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story

This is our song

Hosanna in the highest

Send your Spirit on us now
That by these gifts we may feed on Christ
With opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
Offer ourselves to live for you
And be welcomed at your feast in heaven
Where all creation worships you.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us form evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body
Because we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world Have mercy on us

Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world Have mercy on us

Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world Grant us peace

Draw near with faith
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
Which he gave for you
And his blood which he shed for you
Eat and drink
In remembrance that he died for you
And feed on him in your hearts
By faith with thanksgiving

The Giving of Communion

Communion Hymn:

Prayer after Communion

We say together: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the Kingdom of your son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy. Amen

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ Risen
He is Risen indeed

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised for the dead Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life And the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit Be among you and remain with you always

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord - Alleluia! Alleluia! In the name of Christ - Alleluia! Alleluia!



Service of First Light - Vigil Readings

1st Reading Genesis 1:1-5 & 26-end

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- 26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
- ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Service of First Light – Vigil Readings 2nd Reading Exodus 14: 15-end & 15.1

- 14. 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' **19** The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.
- 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'
- 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the

sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

15 1. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: 'I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. Silence

Service of First Light – Vigil Readings 3rd Reading Isaiah 55: 1-11

55Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

- Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
- Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
- I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

- For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
 - giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
- so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty.

silence

Service of First Light – Vigil Readings 4th Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

- 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.
- 11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you,

and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Silence

Service of First Light – Vigil Readings (5th Reading) Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Silence

Service of First Light - Gospel (year...) Luke 24:1-12 The Resurrection of Jesus

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 44But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 2But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Service of First Light – Gospel Year A

Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' 8So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Service of First Light - Vigil - First Eucharist

Servers Preparation notes

For Outside:

Congregation hand held candles on little table (they take them unlit)

Outside: Churchwardens prepare fire in brazziere with paper, wood and last year's oils (unlit)

Liturgical hangings - white

Thurible and incense

Prepare priest's cope

Prepare Pascal candle - MC: 5 studs, 4 Tapers & Candle cover

Inside:

Musical instruments

Font – fill inner basin with luke warm water – silver bowl for holy water – bunch of Rosemary

Lectern central to start – then move to usual place after end of Vigil readings & Reflection

Set up for Communion

Easter Garden (Gospel goes there)