

# THE SUNDAY PAPER

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GREAT  
VIGIL OF  
EASTER

The night before Easter is the most special night of the year. In it, God did the mighty act that makes the world new. He undid death and raised Jesus from the tomb. He gave him new life to share with us forever. Alleluia!

In our church we gather at night to watch and wait as we re-live God's mighty works. We light a big candle in the darkness, to stand for Christ's new life. We listen to stories of God's wonderful plan for his people. And we spread Jesus's new life, by baptizing new Christians into his Kingdom!

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

... THIS IS THE NIGHT WHEN CHRIST BROKE THE BONDS OF DEATH ...

... AND ROSE VICTORIOUS FROM THE GRAVE!

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

## GENESIS 1:1-2:2

(God has wonderfully made the world and filled it with life)

## EXODUS 14:10-15:1

(God leads his people with a pillar of fire through the Red Sea)

## ISAIAH 55:1-11

"Everyone who is thirsty, come to the water"

## EZEKIEL 36:24-28

God says, "I will wash you with water; I will give you my Spirit and put a new heart into you"

Then we celebrate Easter joy. CHRIST IS RISEN! Alleluia, alleluia!

## THE EMPTY TOMB

MARK 16:1-8

JESUS DIED ON A FRIDAY. SATURDAY WAS THE SABBATH, SO HIS FRIENDS STAYED HOME. EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING, THE WOMEN WENT TO HIS TOMB!

AT LEAST NOW WE'LL HAVE TIME TO WRAP HIM PROPERLY, AND USE THE VERY BEST SPICES WE COULD FIND...

HERE'S THE GATE...

OH NO! WE FORGOT! (MARK 16:3)??!

LOOK! THE STONE ISN'T OVER THE DOOR!

WHO COULD HAVE MOVED IT?!

QUICK! LOOK INSIDE!

MARY... SALOME... THE BODY'S GONE!! ...AND... HELP! WHAT'S THAT??!

DON'T BE AFRAID! YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS. LOOK! HE ISN'T HERE! HE IS RISEN!!

NOW GO AND TELL HIS FRIENDS!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?!

I DON'T KNOW! COME ON!

PETER! JAMES! JOHN!

IT MEANS CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!