

***Sunday by Sunday* on the web Celebrating the Easter Vigil**



The Church of England's *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* offers a rich provision of twenty-two readings for use at the Easter Vigil, from which five suggested themed 'routes' through the readings are drawn. Local churches are encouraged to select from these lists, bearing in mind that there should be at least three Old Testament readings; the readings from Genesis 1 and Exodus 14 are common to all sets and the Exodus passage should always be read. The routes include freedom, baptismal and renewal themes.

For each of these readings *Times and Seasons* offers (pages 376–397) a related Psalm with response, versicles and responses, and prayers. The accompanying notes emphasise the need for a creative approach to the readings, which 'could be read dramatically using different voices, or enacted. Each reading could be followed by silence, inter-active Bible Study, artistic activity (including the marking of the Easter Candle), discussion, testimony, drama, intercession, singing or whatever is appropriate for the context. Choruses, spiritual songs or appropriate hymnody could replace the Psalm.' A variety of approaches to the Easter Vigil is explored in David Kennedy and Jeremy Haselock, *Using Common Worship: Times and Seasons (volume 2)* (Church House Publishing, 2008) and – especially with all-age congregations in mind - in Gill Ambrose et al, *Together for a Season (volume 2)* (Church House Publishing, 2007). Other publications worth looking out for include an Alcuin Liturgy Guide, *Celebrating Christ's Victory: Ash Wednesday to Trinity* (Benjamin Gordon-Taylor and Simon Jones, SPCK 2009) and *Introducing Times and Season 2: The Easter Cycle* (Grove Books Worship Series 190, 2007). Those looking for help in singing psalms and canticles at the Easter Vigil might find another Grove booklet useful, *Recovering the Lord's Song: Getting Sung Scripture Back into Worship* (Anne Harrison, W198, 2009).

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Freedom Theme readings

Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a

Genesis 3

Exodus 3.1-5

Exodus 12.1-24

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21

Isaiah 54.5 - 15

Ezekiel 47.1 - 12

Zephaniah 3.14 – 20

The Creation

The Fall

Moses and the burning bush

The Passover

Crossing the Red Sea

I will save you from all your afflictions

The river of life

Jerusalem praises God

Those wishing to plan a Vigil using the 'Freedom Theme' readings may find the following suggestions of hymns and songs helpful:

	rdg	AMNS	BPW	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate					422											
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing			244		416	140	190	96				260	32			
Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands												235				
Cry 'Freedom!' in the name of God								138							240	
Freed in Christ from death and sin															122	
Freedom and life are ours			528						544				171			
Freedom for my people (LHON 266)	Ex 3															
Glorious things of thee are spoken	Zeph	172	480	195	738	435	817	205	494	173	362	560	35	127		691
God of freedom, God of justice			623		263	447		224				625			242	
I will sing the Lord's high triumph	Ex 14, 15														72	
Let the chimes of freedom ring														882		857
Longing for light (Christ, be our light)					543										13	1409
Praise the One who breaks the darkness					348										304	
Send down the fire of your justice	Zeph															1495
Sing for God's glory	Gen				172			598								
Taste and see the goodness								628								
The Lord is risen indeed!		84				158		652			118					
There's a song in the heart of creation								660								
We have sung our songs of victory	Is 54									1014				1092		1037
Word that formed creation	Zeph														81	

Those wishing to plan a Vigil using the 'Freedom Theme' readings may find the following suggestions of anthems and vocal music helpful:

Title	Composer	Voices	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher
UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
I will walk in the presence of God	Haugen	U/SAB#	E	C, MHS	GIA
Let my people go	Trad arr Weaver	2 part	E	RTF	
Lift your hearts this Easter morning	Walsh	U	E	RE	
Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour	Farrell	U#	E	CFE, L, LHON, RITH, SPR, BFS	OCP
There is a longing	Quigley	U/SATB#	E	CH4, L, SG	OCP
Vos sos el destazado	Trad arr Weaver	U	E	IECS	
THREE / FOUR PARTS					
Christ the Lord is risen again	Rutter	SATB	M	AC4, AWTE	OUP
Come to the feast	Haugen	SATB#	E	L, MHS	GIA
Hamba nath'inkululi (Go with us, Lord)	Trad arr Weaver	SAB		SFL2	
I will sing the Lord's high triumph	Morgan	SATB	E	SBSE, SPR	
If you believe and I believe	Trad	SATB	E	C, CG, CH4, IECS, SBTL; RTF (2 part)	
Praise our God and Saviour	Taizé	SATB + cantor#	E	C, CLM	
We are waiting	Farrell	SAB#	E	GBU, BFS	

Taizé, Iona and the world church:

Praise our God and Saviour CLM

Goodness is stronger than evil LAA, TIOAU

Ewe thina (We walk his way) WWHW

Freedom is coming IECS, VFLSI

Baptismal Theme readings

Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-19; 9.8-13

Jonah 1.1 – 2.10

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Ezekiel 47.1-12

The Creation

Noah and the flood

Jonah and the fish

Crossing the Red Sea

Sprinkled with the water of life

The river of life

Those wishing to plan a Vigil using the 'baptismal route' through the readings may find the following suggestions of hymns and songs helpful:

	rdg	AMNS	BPW	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
At the dawning of creation	Gen 1,2							52				424			118	
Awake, awake, fling off the night	Ex 14,15	342	404	64		334		57							119	
Baptised in water				67	636				381				492			
Born of the water, born of the spirit									382							
Just as I am, without one plea		246	346	339	553	308	697	374	440	396	294	364	507	316		306
Now is eternal life	Gen 7	402				152	203	470			114	432				
Now through the grace of God	Ezek 36				637				390							
O wash me (L 513)	Ex 14,15															
River, wash over me	Ezek 47									581				487		441
Water of life, cleanse and refresh us	Ezek 36/47			401							655				124	
We know that Christ is raised					635				389			426				
When to the sacred font we came					630											

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UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
Crashing waters at creation	Cross	U	E	A	
Grant to us, O Lord	Deiss	U/SATB	E	MHWE, CFE, L, LHON	
I beheld water	Plainsong	U + cantor	E	NEP	
I saw water	Plainsong arr Scott	U + cantor	E	AWTE	
O God, for you I long	Farrell	U#	E	GBAN, BFS	

Out of the depths	Walker	U	E	C	
Risen from death with Christ	Inwood	U#	E	RE	
Springs of water, bless the Lord	Haugen	2 part + descant#	E	L, RE, MHS	GIA
Water of life	Dean	U/SATB#	E	CSF, CFE, NEP, L, SPR	OCP
We shall draw water joyfully	Inwood	U#	E	CFE, CRP, L, LHON, SPR	
With joy you will draw water	Murray	U	E	NEP, MHWE	
THREE / FOUR PARTS					
As water to the thirsty	Coleman arr Barnard	SATB	E	SC, WIS, SBSE	S&B
Do not be afraid	Willcock arr Barnard	SATB	E	SBSE	
The River of the Water of Life	Archer	SATB	M		OUP
Word of God, renew your people	Farrell	SATB (unacc)	E	C, GBU, SPR, BFS	
You have put on Christ	Dean	SATB#	E	EM	

Taizé, Iona and the world church:

Tu sei sorgente viva (Lord, you are living water) CLM

Baptised in water WWHW

Set me as a seal WWHW

Wash me in the water WWHW

Renewal Theme readings

Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a

Genesis 22.1-18

Exodus 12.1-24

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Ezekiel 47.1-12

The Creation

Abraham and Isaac

The Passover

Crossing the Red Sea

God promises a new heart

Sprinkled with the water of life

The valley of dry bones

The river of life

Those wishing to plan a Vigil using the 'Renewal Theme' readings may find the following suggestions of hymns and songs helpful:

	rdg	AMNS	BPW	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR
From the beginning, God's most holy Word	Gen 1													154	
Word that formed creation	Gen 1													81	
Send forth your Spirit, Lord	Gen 1, Ps 104						593								
Lord, I come to you (Power of your love)	Jer 31								880			689	895		329
Deep within I will plant my law	Jer 31, Ezek 36		145												
Return to God with all your heart	Ezek 36		905												
At the dawning of creation	Ezek 47						52				424			118	
Flow river flow	Ezek 47		155												
Glorious things of thee are spoken	Ezek 47	172	195	738	435	817	205	494	173	362	560	35	127		691
Lord of the church, we pray	Ezek 47							499	442			577	1433	161	
The stream of life is flowing here (SS 13)	Ezek 47														
With joy you shall draw water (L 399)	Ezek 47														
Word of God, renew your people	Ezek 47													126	
Spirit of the living God (<i>Iverson</i>)	s			619		295	615	S 23	613		308		510		462
We turn to Christ anew	s													125	

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UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
Create in me a clean heart	Ogden	U	E		WLP
Give me a new heart, O God	Walker	U#	E	OOD, L, CFES	
Give us, Lord, a new heart	Farrell	U/SATB#	M	SLG, RITH, L, BFS; LOL (refrain only)	OCP
Grant to us, O Lord	Deiss	U	E	MHWE, CFE, L, LHON	
I beheld water	Plainsong	U + cantor	E/M	NEP	
I saw water	Davis	U	E	MHWE	
I saw water (Vidi aquam)	Plainsong arr Scott	U	E	AWTE	
Life of Christ renew me	Rizza	U/SATB#	E	ROP	
THREE / FOUR PARTS					
Lord, I am poured out	Harper	SATB + cantor	E	SOTL	
Word of God, renew your people	Farrell	SATB		BFS, C, GBU, SPR	
You make all things new	Haas	SATB + cantors#			GIA

Taizé, Iona and the world church:

Kristus, din Ande (Jesus, your Spirit in us) CLM
Amen, amen, it shall be so (Blest are the poor in spirit) LAA
Behold, I make all things new CAYP
Create within me a clean heart OITB
God to enfold you LAA, CG, IAMB
Let your restless hearts be still EOA, WGIR
O taste and see LFB
Take this moment, sign and space LFB, OITB, IAMB, CG
Will you come and follow me HSNW, IAMB, CG
You are the God of new beginnings OITB
All who are thirsty WP, IECS