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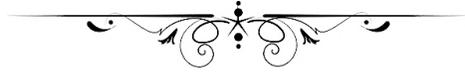
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 11 AT 8:30PM
AND
THE SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER DAY – APRIL 12 AT 11:00AM

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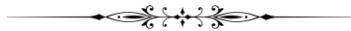
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL



This holy night is the most solemn memorial in the entire year of the central mystery of our redemption. We begin with the blessing of the new Paschal/Easter candle. The large, new candle symbolizes Christ's victory over sin and death through His glorious Resurrection, and the flame reminds us that He is the "Light of the world" (St. John 8:12).

The faithful at home are encouraged to obtain a candle and light it when the Paschal candle is lighted. We will light our candles again later for the renewal of our baptismal promises. If you have blessed water (holy water) at home, you may wish to bring it close in preparation for this renewal.

FIRST PART: THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL



"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." – St. John 1:5

PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE – The priest solemnly blesses the new candle, tracing various parts of the candle while saying:

Christ yesterday and today (*vertical arm of the cross*)
 the Beginning and the End (*horizontal arm of the cross*)
 the Alpha (*alpha above the cross*)
 and the Omega (*omega below the cross*)
 All time belongs to him (*numeral 2 in upper left corner of cross*)
 and all the ages (*numeral 0 in upper right corner of cross*)
 To him be glory and power (*numeral 2 in lower left corner*)
 through every age and for ever. Amen. (*numeral 0 in lower right corner*)

He then inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, saying:

1. By his holy
2. and glorious wounds,
3. may Christ the Lord
4. guard us
5. and protect us. Amen.

The priest lights the candle, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
 dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

EXSULTET – The Deacon now proclaims the ancient Easter hymn, the Exsultet.

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.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your spirit.**

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. **It is right and just.**

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.

○ wonder of your humble care for us! ○ love, ○ charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! ○ truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

○ happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

○ truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

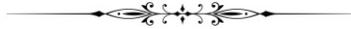
This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, ○ 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.

○ truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

Therefore, ○ 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.

R. **Amen.**

SECOND PART: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Seven readings are traditionally given for the Easter Vigil, though not all are obligatory. Tonight, we will hear the first, third, fifth, and seventh reading from the Old Testament.

READING I – GENESIS 1:1 – 2:2

IN THE BEGINNING, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." Thus evening came, and morning followed – the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed – the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed – the third day.

Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed – the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed – the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I

give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed – the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

R. The word of the Lord.

V. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE – PSALM 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You fixed the earth upon its foundation,
not to be moved forever;
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;
above the mountains the waters stood.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You send forth springs into the watercourses
that wind among the mountains.
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;
from among the branches they send forth their song.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

You water the mountains from your palace;
the earth is replete with the fruit of your works.
You raise grass for the cattle,
and vegetation for man's use,
Producing bread from the earth.

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all—
the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

R. **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

PRAYER – ... Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. **Amen.**

READING III – EXODUS 14:15 – 15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

R. The word of the Lord.

V. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE – PSALM 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

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

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.

He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him.

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

The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

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

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

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

You brought in the people you redeemed
and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance
the place where you made your seat, O LORD,
the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established.
The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

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

PRAYER – ... Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

READING V – ISAIAH 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

R. The word of the Lord. V. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE – ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

PRAYER – ... Through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

READING VII – EZEKIEL 36:16-17A, 18-28

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came.

Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

R. The word of the Lord. V. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE – ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

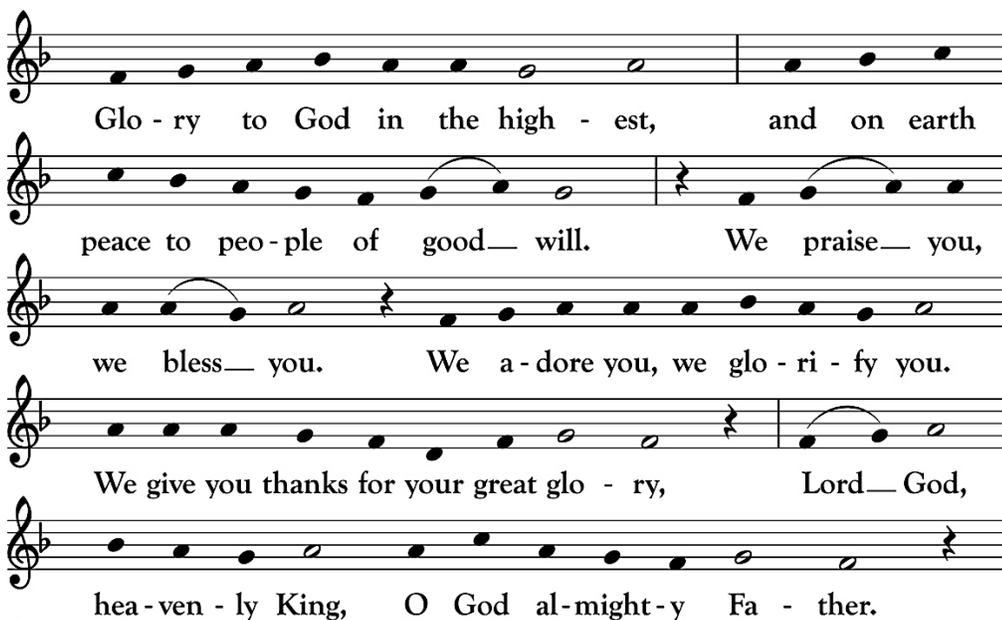
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
should I offer a holocaust, you would not accept it.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

PRAYER – ... Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. **Amen.**

Bells, which until now have remained silent since Holy Thursday, now ring in joy and candles are lighted as we transition from the readings of salvation history in the old covenant to their fulfillment in the proclamation of the Resurrection of the Jesus Christ in the new covenant.

GLORIA


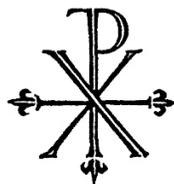
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good - will. We praise - you,
we bless - you. We a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you.
We give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord - God,
hea - ven - ly King, O God al - might - y Fa - ther.



Lord— Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten - Son. Lord— God,
 Lamb— of God, Son— of the Fa - ther, you take—
 a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take—
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COLLECT – ... Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
 R. Amen.



EPISTLE – ROMANS 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved

from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

R. The word of the Lord.

V. **Thanks be to God.**



SOLEMN EASTER ALLELUIA – After forty days, the Alleluia is brought back in a solemn manner in celebration of the Resurrection.

Priest: Al-le - lú - ia.

All: Al-le - lú - ia.

Sung three times, each time a step higher (musically), rising in joy.

Then, a special Psalm is sung before the Gospel:

PSALM – 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever." R.

The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. R.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. R.

GOSPEL – ST. MATTHEW 18:28:1-10

AFTER THE SABBATH, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

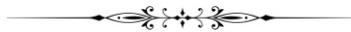
R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Due to the unusual circumstances surrounding this year's celebration of the Triduum, the baptism of Catechumens and the reception of baptized Candidates into full, visible communion of the Catholic Church is delayed until Pentecost. Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers.

The Mass continues with the blessing of water and the renewal of our baptismal promises.

THIRD PART: THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES



THE BLESSING OF WATER

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled upon us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people who keep vigil on this most sacred night, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration. Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters, who at Easter have received their Baptism.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

V. Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R. I do.

V. Do you reject the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R. I do.

V. Do you reject Satan, the author and prince of sin?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

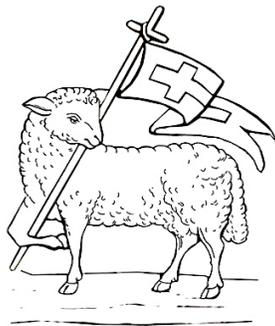
V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace for eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the Deacons with the blessed water. The faithful at home may wish to make the Sign of the Cross with holy water, if available.

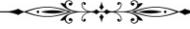


*I saw water flowing from the right side of the Temple, alleluia.
It brought God's life and His salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise:
Alleluia, alleluia. (see Ez. 47:1)*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Please respond to each petition, "Lord, hear our prayer."

FOURTH PART: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



OFFERTORY HYMN – THE STRIFE IS OVER



The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the
Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst, And Je - sus
On the third morn He rose a - gain, Glo - rious in



Vic - tor's tri - umph won; O let the song of praise be
has His foes dis - persed; Let shouts of praise and joy out -
maj - es - ty to reign; O let us swell the joy - ful



sung:

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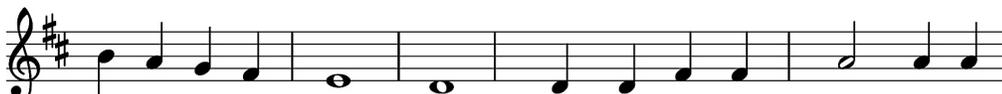
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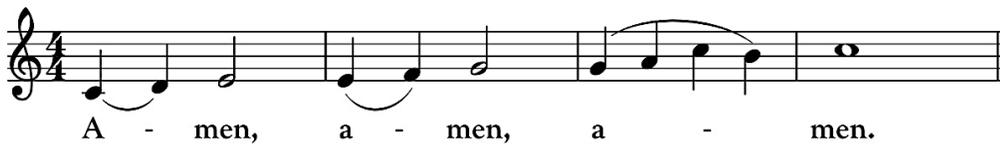
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We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
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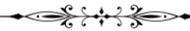
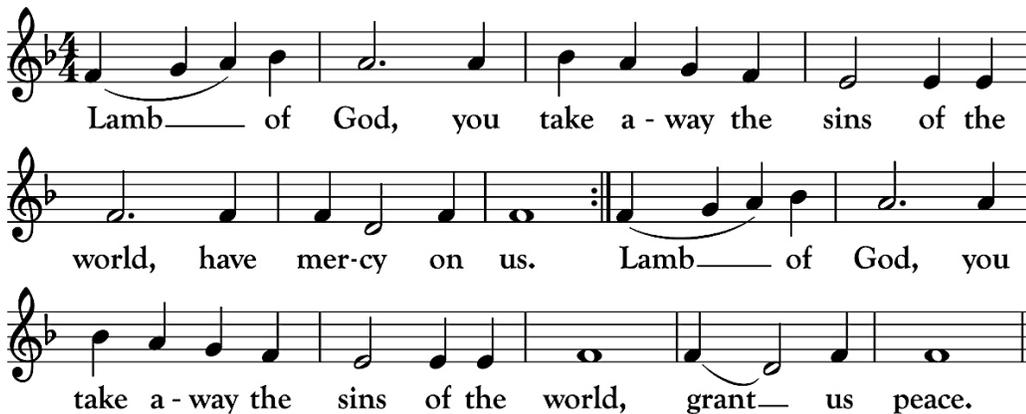
Priest: Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



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THE COMMUNION RITE

*AGNUS DEI – Heritage Mass by Owen Alstott*


Lamb— of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb— of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant— us peace.

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN – BE JOYFUL MARY

1. Be joy - ful, Ma - ry, heav'n - ly Queen,
 2. The Son you bore by heav - en's grace,
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*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
 For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia!
 Has risen as He said, alleluia!
 Pray for us to God, alleluia!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

V. ... Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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R. And with your spirit.

The people bow their heads.

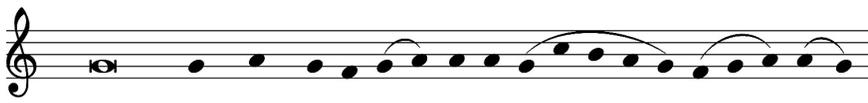
V. May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in His compassion, defend you from every assault of sin. R. Amen.

V. And may He, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of His Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality. R. Amen.

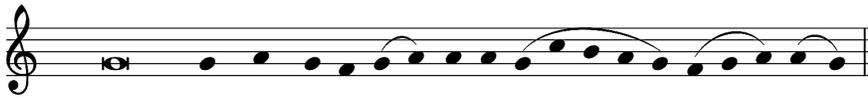
V. Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. R. Amen.

V. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.



Go in peace, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.—



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN – JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,—
Hymns of praise, then let us sing,— Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing we to our God a - bove,—



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,—
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,— Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love,—



Who did once up - on the Cross,
Who en - dured the Cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,—
Sin - ners to re - deem and save.— Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE MASS OF EASTER DAY



If available, the faithful may wish to have holy water nearby for the renewal of baptismal promises after the homily of the Mass.

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EASTER HYMN
 LYRICA DAVIDICA, LONDON, 1708



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


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GLORIA



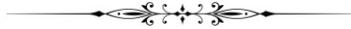
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
 peace to peo - ple of good - will. We praise - you,
 we bless - you. We a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you.
 We give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord - God,
 hea - ven - ly King, O God al - might - y Fa - ther.
 Lord - Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten - Son. Lord - God,
 Lamb - of God, Son - of the Fa - ther, you take -
 a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take -
 a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive - our prayer;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of - the Fa - ther,
 have mer - cy on us, For you - a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry
 of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



READING I – ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

R. The word of the Lord.

V. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE – PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD."

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

READING II – COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

R. The word of the Lord.

V. **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER SEQUENCE – VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

bright angels attesting,

The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL – ST. JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

The Mass continues with the blessing of water and the renewal of our baptismal promises, which replaces the Creed.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

V. Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R. I do.

V. Do you reject the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R. I do.

V. Do you reject Satan, the author and prince of sin?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace for eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the Deacons with the blessed water. The faithful at home may wish to make the Sign of the Cross with holy water, if available.

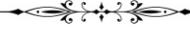


*I saw water flowing from the right side of the Temple, alleluia.
It brought God's life and His salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise:
Alleluia, alleluia. (see Ez. 47:1)*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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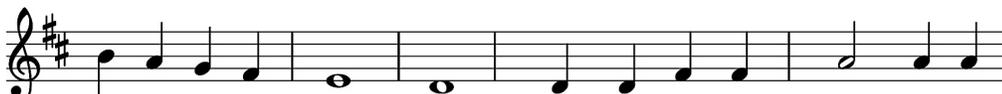
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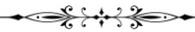
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RECESSIONAL HYMN —CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
Love's re - deem - ing work is done,



Sons of men and an - gels say!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high
Once He died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,



Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth re - ply,
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.