

THE EASTER VIGIL AND THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

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The Church being in darkness, the Sacred Ministers go in silence to the main entrance.

I. THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R^X. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

R^X. **And with thy spirit.**

Dear brethren, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

Let us pray.

O God, who through thy Son bestowed upon thy faithful the fire of thy glory, * sanctify this new fire, we beseech thee, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain thy festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our Lord.

R^X. **Amen.**

Tracing the marks on the candle, the Celebrant says

1. Christ yesterday and today,
2. the Beginning and the End,
3. the Alpha
4. and the Omega.
5. All time belongs to him,
6. and all the ages.
7. To him be glory and power,
8. through every age and for ever.

R^X. **Amen.**

Inserting five grains of incense, the Celebrant says

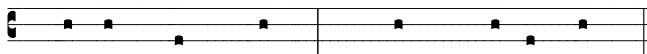
1. By his holy
2. and glorious wounds
3. may Christ our Lord
4. guard
5. and protect us.

R^x **Amen.**

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle, saying

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

Processing into Church and at three stations the Deacon sings



The Light of Christ. R^x **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing as Deacon sings

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (THE EXSULTET)

Rejoice now, all ye heavenly legions of Angels: all things that pass understanding: for the King that cometh with victory, let the trumpet proclaim salvation.

Sing with joy, O earth, illumined with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God, thy glory, believe and know thou hast put away the darkness of all mankind. So likewise let our Mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with the praises of his people.

I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly beloved, that all ye who here are present seeking this heavenly brightness, make your supplication with me to the Almighty, that he would shew forth his mercy toward me.

That he who in my unworthiness numbered me among his Ministers and called me to do him service: so also may vouchsafe to lighten my darkness, making me meet to praise this gift of fire with thankfulness.

The Lord be with you:

R^x **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

R^x **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R^x **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet and right, that with the service of our lips we should glorify and should praise with heart and soul God the Invisible and Almighty; and likewise his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt of Adam's transgression: and with his dear Blood wiped away the reproach of our former offences. Now therefore we sacrifice our Passover, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood the doors of his faithful people are made holy.

The night is come, wherein, when our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of Egypt, thou dividest the sea and madest them to pass over as on dry land. Yea, the night is come, that with the fiery pillar hath purged away the darkness of our condemnation. The night is come, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all the earth, delivered from this naughty world and out of the shadow of death, are renewed unto grace, and are made partakers of eternal life. The night is come, wherein the bonds of death, were loosed, and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph. For wherefore should man be born into this world, save that being born he might be redeemed?

How wonderful then, O God, is thy loving kindness unto us thy children! Behold, what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us: who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son! O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression, that by such a death sin might be done away! O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Saviour!

O night verily blessed, to thee alone that time and that hour were made manifest, when our Saviour Christ rose again from death unto life! The night is come whereof David said: 'Behold the night is as clear as the day: Then shall my night be turned into day.'

The mystery therefore of this most holy night putteth to flight the deeds of darkness, purgeth away sin: restoreth innocence to the fallen, and gladness unto them that mourn: casteth out hatred, bringeth peace to all mankind and boweth down mighty princes.

Therefore, in this favourable time, accept, O Father, this our evening sacrifice of incense: which as at this time thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees thy creatures.

Ye hear, brethren, the meaning of this pillar we have set up, whereunto in God's honour the bright flame of fire doth set light. Which though it be never so much divided, yet knoweth not variableness nor loseth ought of its splendour. For the wax that melteth doth but feed the flame, for thereunto have the creatures of God's hand brought it forth, that it should give light in darkness.

O night, verily blessed, which did spoil the people of Egypt and magnified the Hebrews! O night, wherein heaven and earth are joined, and mankind partaketh with the Godhead.

We pray thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that this candle which we have lighted and consecrated before thee in thine own Name, may continue to shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness. That being accepted before thee as a sweet savour, it may be numbered with the lights that thou hast kindled.

May the daystar find it burning when he dawneth into today. The daystar that riseth and knoweth not his going down. But coming forth from the places of darkness gladly giveth forth light unto all creation.

We beseech thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that thou wouldest direct and guide us thy servants, and the hearts of all thy faithful family: and all those also that minister in thy service: especially N., the Chief Bishop, and thy servant N., our Bishop, so helping us with continual grace, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness, in

the glad solemnity of our Redemption.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end.

R^c. Amen.

II. THE VIGIL OF READINGS

Dear brethren, now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, hath sent to us his Son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON  *The Creation*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

1.1&26-2.3

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.' And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat:' and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

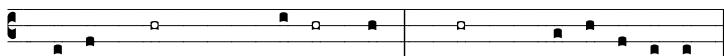
And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

This is the word of the Lord.

R^x **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 104.1-7, 30



Praise the LORD, O my soul * O LORD my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment *
and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters *
and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of
the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits * and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth *
that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment *
the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee * at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made *
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who didst wonderfully create us in thine own image and yet more wonderfully restore us through thy Son, Jesus Christ: grant that as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R^E Amen.

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON  *The sacrifice of Abraham, our Father in Faith*
A reading from the Book of Genesis. 22.1-19

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, 'Abraham:' and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, 'Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.' And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, 'Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.' And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, 'My father:' and he said, 'Here am I, my son.' And he said, 'Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:' so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and

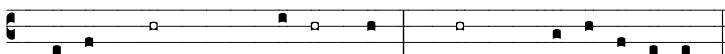
said, 'Abraham, Abraham:' and he said, 'Here am I.' And he said, 'Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.' And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, 'In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.' And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, 'By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.' So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

This is the word of the Lord.

R^x **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 16.1,6,9-2



Preserve me, O God * for in thee have I put my trust

The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and my cup *

thou shalt maintain my lot.

I have set God always before me *
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

**Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced *
my flesh also shall rest in hope.**

For why, thou shalt not leave my soul in hell *
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

**Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness
of joy ***
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Please stand.

Let us pray.

O God, Almighty Father of them that put their trust in thee, who hast spread abroad throughout all the world the grace of adoption to the increasing of thy children of promise: who dost likewise, through this Paschal Sacrament, fulfil the oath which thou didst swear unto Abraham thy servant, to make him the father of all nations; grant, we pray thee, unto all thy peoples that they may rightly and worthily enter upon the grace of thy calling; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R^c. **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE THIRD LESSON  *The passage through the Red Sea*

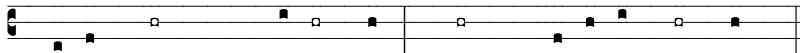
A reading from the Book of Exodus.

14.15-15.1a

And the LORD said unto Moses, ‘Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.’ And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: and it

came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.' And the LORD said unto Moses, 'Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.' And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses. Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying,

Immediately, the Canticle is taken up by the cantor



I will sing to the LORD * for he has tri-umphed gloriously.

I will sing unto the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously *
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation * this is my God and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a man of war * the LORD is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host he has cast into the sea * and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone *

thy right hand, O LORD, is glorious in power; thy right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

The LORD will reign * for ever and ever.

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Lord God, our Redeemer, who didst hear the cry of thy people and didst send thy servant Moses to lead them out of slavery; free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of thy Spirit, bring us to our promised land; Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

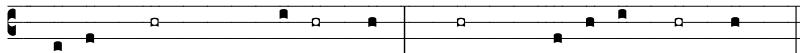
Please sit.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 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 cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

R^c. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.



Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid *
for the LORD is my strength and my song; he also is become my
salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water *
from the wells of salvation.

And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name,
declare his doings among the people; * make mention that his name
is exalted.

Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things *
this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion * for great is the Holy
One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who didst speak to the prophets that they might
make thy will and purpose known: inspire the guardians of thy
truth, that through the faithful witness of the few, the children of
earth may be made one with thy saints in glory: by the power of
Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who alone hath redeemed mankind
and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world
without end.

R. Amen.

Please sit.

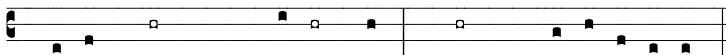
THE FIFTH LESSON ☩ *Gathered from the nations and given a new heart*
A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel. 36.16-28

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ‘Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings. Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: and I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, “These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.” But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the LORD God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the LORD God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.’

This is the word of the Lord.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.



Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks *
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night *
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me *
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my
joy and gladness; * and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee,
O God, my God.

Please stand.

Let us pray:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably
on thy whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and
by the peaceful operation of thy providence, carry out the work of
thy salvation. And let the whole world feel and see that the things
which were cast down are being raised up, and the things which
have grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to
perfection through him from whom they took their origin; even
Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

R^x **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Glory be to God in the highest.

An organ fanfare is sounded as the lights are turned on and the bells are rung.

Please sit.

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te.
Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.
Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee, we give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou alone art the Holy One, thou alone art the Lord, thou alone art the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please stand.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who as on this most holy night hast sent forth the glorious light of the Resurrection of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: preserve, we pray thee, in all those made incorporate in thy family, the spirit of adoption which thou hast given them; that they being regenerate both in body and soul may in all sincerity obey thy holy will. Through the same thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end.

R. Amen.

Please sit.

A reading from the epistle of Blessed Paul the apostle to the Romans.

Brethren: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

R^x. **Thanks be to God**

Please light your candle and stand.

THE SOLEMN ALLELUIAS are intoned three times at three ascending pitches, repeated by all.



Al - le - lu - ia.

Confitemini

Psalm 117.1

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

R^x. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you:

R^x **And with thy spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R^x **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, 'Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R^x **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please sit and extinguish your candle.

HOMILY

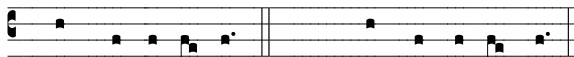
III. THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

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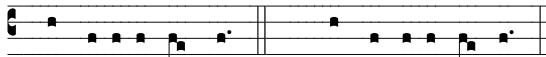
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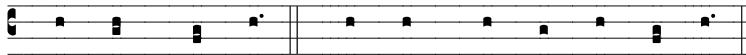
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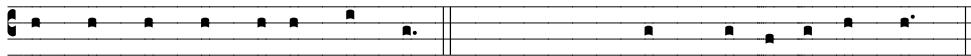
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O Christ hear us R^X O Christ graciously hear us



O God the Father of Heaven

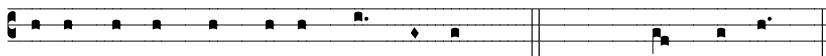
have mercy upon us

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World

have mercy upon us

O God the Holy Spirit

have mercy upon us



Holy Mary, Mother of God

pray for us

Saint Michael

pray for us

Holy Angels of God

pray for us

Saint John the Baptist

pray for us

Saint Joseph

pray for us

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

pray for us

Saint Andrew

pray for us

Saint John

pray for us

Saint Mary Magdalene

pray for us

Saint Stephen

pray for us

Saint Ignatius

pray for us

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Saint Gregory

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Saint Augustine

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Saint Athanasius

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Saint Basil

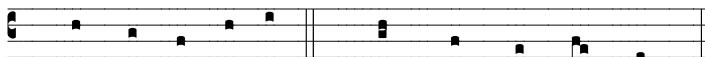
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Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian

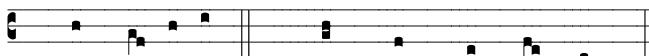
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Saint Martin
Saint Benedict
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic
Saint Catherine
Saint Teresa
Saint George
Saint Edward of Westminster
Blessed John Henry Newman
All holy men and women

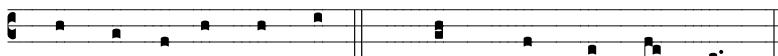
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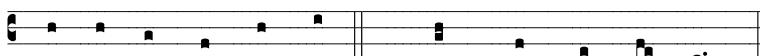
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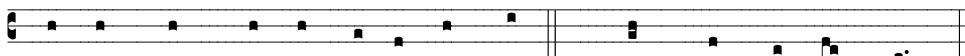
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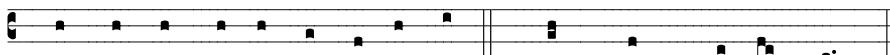
From e-verlasting death Rx. Lord, save thy peo-ple



By thy co-ming as man Rx. Lord, save thy peo-ple



By thy death and ri-sing to new life Rx. Lord, save thy peo-ple

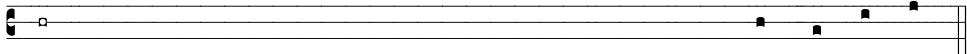


By the gift of the Ho-ly Spi-rit Rx. Lord, save thy people

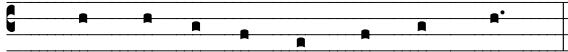


Be mer-ci-ful to us si-nners Rx. Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer

If there are candidates to be baptised

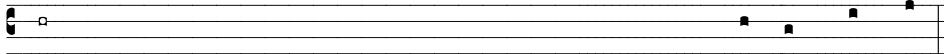


Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Baptism

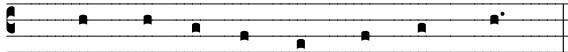


R^x **Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer**

If there is no one to be baptised



Make this font holy by thy grace for the new birth of thy children.

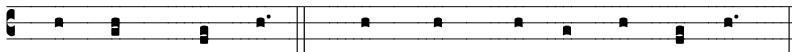


R^x **Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer**

The litany continues



Jesus, Son of the li-v-ing God R^x **Lord, in thy mercy, hear our prayer**



O Christ hear us R^x **O Christ graciously hear us**

If there are candidates to be baptised

Almighty and eternal God, be present by the mysteries of thy great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought forth for thee in the font of Baptism so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfilment by thy mighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

R^x **Amen.**

If there is no one to be baptised

Dear brethren 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.

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

O God, who by invisible power dost accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways hast prepared water, thy creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit at the very beginning of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take unto itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood didst foreshadow regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

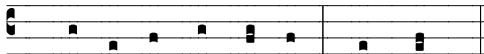
O God, who didst cause the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptised.

O God, whose Son, baptised by John in the waters of the Jordan, was anointed with the Holy Spirit, and, as he hung upon the Cross, gave forth water from his side along with blood, and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples: 'Go forth, teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,' look now, we beseech thee, upon the face of thy Church and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of thine only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in thine image, and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of new born children through water and the Holy Spirit.

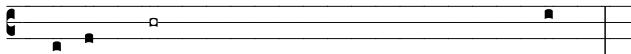
May the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord we beseech thee, come down through thy Son into the fullness of this font, so that all who have been buried with Christ by Baptism into death may rise again

to life with him. Who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

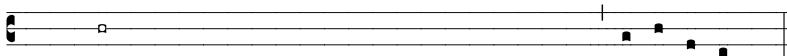


...for ever and ever. **R. A-men**

ACCLAMATION



O ye springs of water, bless ye the Lord:



R. Praise him and magnify him for ever. Alleluia!

Please light your candle.

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 renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in his holy Catholic Church

Do you renounce Satan?

R. I do.

And all his works?

R. I do.

And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father?

R^X. I do.

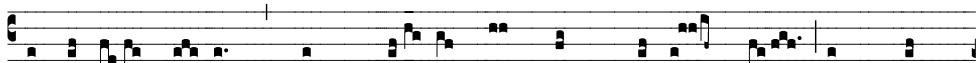
Do you believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R^X. I do.

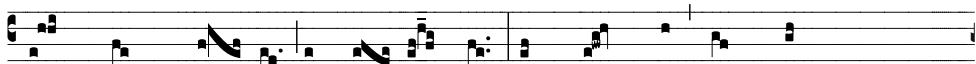
And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins keep us by his grace in Christ Jesus our Lord for eternal life.

R^X. Amen.

SPRINKLING OF THE PEOPLE *Vidi aquam*



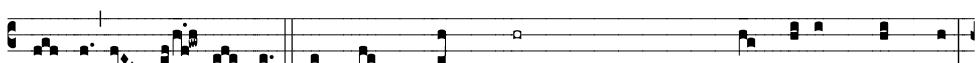
I beheld wat-er, which pro-ceeded from the temple, on the



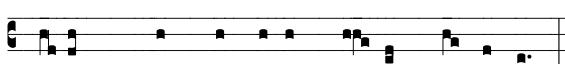
right side there- of, al-le- lu- ya: and all they to whom



that wa- ter came were healèd ev'ry one, and they say al-le-



lu-ya, al-le- lu-ya: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious

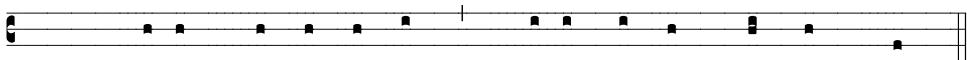


because his mercy endu-reth for ever.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us pray to Christ the Author of life. God raised him from the dead, and he himself will raise us to life in his own power.

After each petition is sung:



Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord. Rx. **Risen Saviour, hear our prayer.**

Christ is the light that drives out darkness and leads us to holiness. Let us pray that he will help us to make our lives a living hymn of praise. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Rx.

Our Lord followed the way of suffering, even to the cross. Let us pray that we might die with him and that all within us which is at enmity with God may be destroyed. May we come with him to a new and eternal life. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Rx.

Christ alone can reconcile humanity and create a new spirit within us. May the conflicts which divide the world be ended and the spirit of peace and goodness abound. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Rx.

May the Risen Lord comfort the sick, renew their strength and bring them healing. May he help the anguished and oppressed, uphold the needy and come to us with his salvation. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Rx.

May Christ our Saviour, who descended into hell and opened wide its gates and hath called all mortals to imperishable life, shed eternal light on our departed brothers and sisters. *Let us pray to the Lord.* Rx.

May our Lady and all the saints of God pray for us and may we gladly worship and serve our Risen Saviour in fellowship with them.

Merciful Father:

Rx. **Accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

III. THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY *Dexterā Domini*

Psalm 118

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord, Alleluia.

OFFERTORY MOTET AND HYMN

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

R^c. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and oblations of thy people: that this beginning of thy Paschal Mysteries may by the operation of thy grace be unto us a wholesome medicine unto everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

R^c. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you:

R^c. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

R^c. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R^c. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord:

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection

of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world: who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.</i>
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Please kneel.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and

for many for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

R^c. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee: humbly beseeching thee, that all we who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end.

R^c. AMEN.

Please stand.

The Communion Rite

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say.

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 this day 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 from evil.

Deliver us, O Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In thy mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as
we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine apostles, ‘Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you,’ look not on our sins but on the faith of thy Church and grant to her that unity and peace which is according to thy will; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest for ever and ever.

R^c. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

R^c. **And with thy spirit.**

The peace is exchanged with those nearby, saying, ‘Peace be with you.’

Please kneel.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

R^c. **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Please come forward to the Communion rail in front of the High Altar or to the Seven Sorrows Chapel on your left (where there are no steps) to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion or a Blessing.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION MOTET

Please stand for the

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts thy spirit of charity: that as thou hast now fulfilled us with this Paschal Sacrament, so we may by thy mercy be enabled to dwell together in unity and concord. Through Christ our Lord.

R^x. Amen.

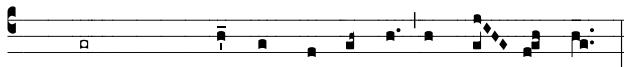
THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you:

R^x. And with thy spirit.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, ¶ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

R^x. Amen.



Ite missa est al-le-lu-ya, al-le- lu-ya.

R^x. Deo grati- as al-le-lu-ya, al-le- lu-ya.