

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH



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8:00 in the evening*

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The vigilance, fasting, and prayer that have gone on since Holy Thursday night— all culminate in the great liturgy of this holy night. On this night the Church assembles to spend much time listening to Scripture, praying psalms, and acclaiming the death and resurrection of the Lord.

Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with the Easter fire, five wax nails of incense are embedded, and it becomes the symbol of the crucified Christ. The Paschal Mystery, already celebrated in various ways since the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, is clearly and joyfully announced from the very beginning of this Vigil liturgy. It is in the light of the Paschal candle that the liturgy continues to unfold.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

PART ONE THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL (LUCERNARIUM)

The Celebrant and ministers gather in the Cathedral Courtyard, where a fire is kindled. The faithful are instructed in the meaning of the Vigil. The fire is blessed. The Easter Candle is lit from the new fire. The Easter Candle is carried into the darkened Cathedral.

GREETING

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE

PREPARATION AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PROCESSION



The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.



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.

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Cantor:' and the second part is labeled 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor: Lift up your hearts. *Assembly:* We lift them up to the Lord.

Cantor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Assembly:* 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.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

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

O 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, O 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.

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

Therefore, O 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.



All are seated and the candles are extinguished.

PART TWO

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the Vigil, the Liturgy of the Word is an extended time of readings and the singing of psalms. On this night when the faithful know the death and resurrection of the Lord in Baptism and Eucharist, the Church needs first to hear these scripture readings, which are the foundation of our life together: the creation story, the dividing of the sea, the poetry of Isaiah, the proclamation of Paul to the Romans and the Gospel account of Jesus' Resurrection.

INSTRUCTION

READING I

Genesis 1:1—2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35



Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

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Music: Leo Nestor, © 1984

PRAYER


(Assembly Standing)

READING II

Exodus 14:15—15:1

CANTICLE

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18



Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered him-self in glo - ry.

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PRAYER

(Assembly Standing)

READING III

Isaiah 55:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6



You will draw wa-ter joy-ful-ly from the springs of sal - va-tion.

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PRAYER

(Assembly Standing)



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,
heav'n - ly King, O God, al - mighty 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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Tune: *A New Mass for Congregations*, Carroll Thomas Andrews, revised by Ronald F. Krisman, © 1970, 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.

COLLECT

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA OF EASTER

*The solemn Easter Alleluia is intoned; the assembly responds.
The Alleluia is repeated twice, each time at a higher pitch.*




ALLELUIA PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

*A new Alleluia is intoned: the assembly answers.
This Alleluia is repeated after each verse of the psalm,
as the deacon proceeds to the ambo with the Book of Gospels.*



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures forever.
Let the sons of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed,
his right hand raised me.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
I shall not die. I shall live and recount his deeds.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-7

HOMILY



PART THREE


THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

LITANY OF SAINTS




Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.




Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
(continued invocations)




Lord, be mer - ci - ful, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
(continued intercessions)



Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
(continued intercessions)



Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.



Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us. Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us.

BLESSING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

*After the water in the font has been blessed,
the choir and assembly acclaim:*

Cantor: *ALL:*

Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord! Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord!

Give God glo - ry and praise for ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH BY ELECT

*After words of introduction, the celebrant addresses the elect to be baptized
and questions them on their faith in Christ Jesus and rejection of sin.*

BAPTISM

CLOTHING WITH BAPTISMAL GARMENT

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After words of introduction, the celebrant addresses the assembly and questions them on their faith in Christ Jesus and rejection of sin. To each question, the assembly responds: "I do."

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

The celebrant sprinkles the assembly with the blessed water, while all sing the following acclamation:

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat

I saw wa-ter flow-ing from the right side of the tem-ple, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Text: Based on Ezekiel 47:1-2, 9, © 1973, ICEL
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CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

FORMAL WELCOME

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

PART FOUR

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
 3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be -
 4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can



to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go
 neath you lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
 sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Praise we him, whose
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
 You have brought us life and light. Now no more can
 New - born souls in you to be. Fa - ther, who the



love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast:
 With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 You have o - pened par - a - dise,
 Spir - it, guide through all our days:



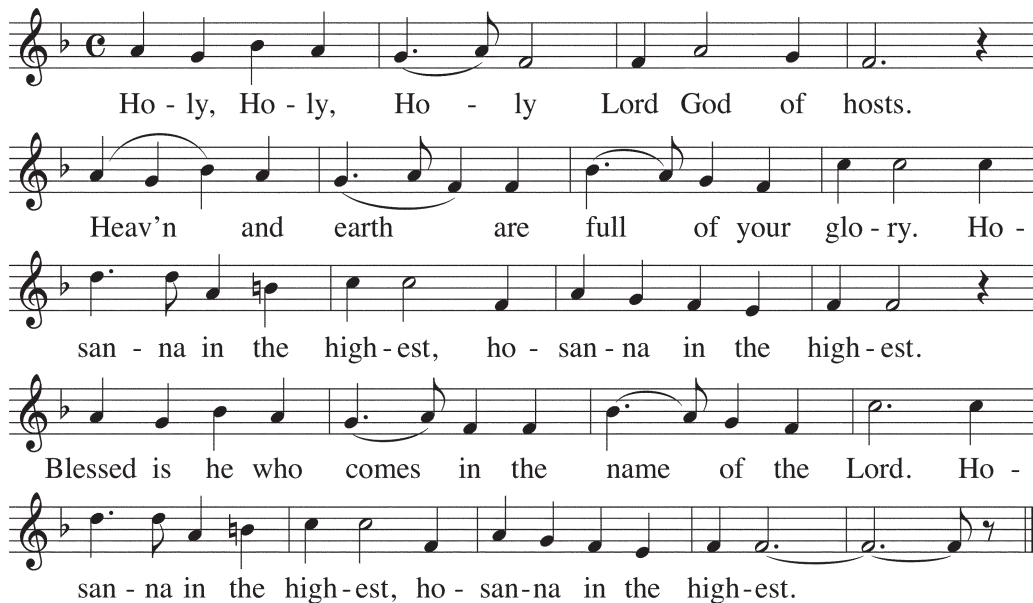
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 Eat we man - na from a - bove.
 And in you your saints shall rise.
 Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: *Ad regias agni dapes*; Latin, 4th C.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868
 Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI



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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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia.
Therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Ye Sons and Daughters



Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 888 with alleluias; Mode II

(Schola)

Regina Caeli
Gregor Aichinger (1565-1628)

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING

DISMISSAL



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1-3, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C., para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



Prayerful congratulations to
Andrew Haley
and
Mary Lough
who were fully initiated
into the Church!



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