

HOLY SATURDAY



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VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER

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By very ancient tradition, this is THE night of keeping vigil for the Lord (Ex 12: 42), in which, following the Gospel admonition (Lk 12: 35-37), the faithful, carrying 'lighted lamps', should be like those looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them sit at his table.

This Vigil, the greatest and most noble of all solemnities, and is arranged, in such a way that after the first part of this Vigil, the Lucernarium (Blessing of Light) and Exultet (Easter Proclamation), holy Church then, in the second part (the Liturgy of the Word) meditates on the wonders the Lord God has done for his people from the beginning, trusting in his word and promise until, as day approaches, with new members reborn in Baptism (the third part), the Church is called to the table the Lord has prepared for his people, the memorial of his Death and Resurrection until he comes again (the fourth part).

After nightfall, the building being in darkness, the ministers and people gather around the Easter Fire in silence.

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also you.

Dear brothers and sisters,
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.

Then the Priest blesses the fire, saying

Let us pray.

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

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Marking of the Paschal Candle

As each part is traced the Celebrant says

Christ yesterday and today;

(he marks a vertical line)

the Beginning and the End;

(he marks a horizontal line)

the Alpha;

(he marks the letter Alpha)

and the Omega.

(he marks the letter Omega)

All time belongs to him;

(he marks the first numeral)

and all the ages.

(he marks the second numeral)

To him be glory and power

(he marks the third numeral)

through every age and for ever. Amen.

(he marks the fourth numeral)

*Five incense studs are be inserted into the
Candle*

1

4 2 5

3

1 By his holy

2 and glorious wounds

3 may Christ our Lord

4 guard us

5 and keep us

Incense is blessed before the Candle is lit

The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness

from our hearts and minds.

The minister bearing the Candle enters the

building, followed by the other ministers.

They pause just inside the entrance.

The minister bearing the Candle raises it and

sings

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Priest alone lights his hand candle.

The procession of the Paschal Candle moves to

the Centre of the main aisle and then stops.

The minister sings

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The candles of the congregation around it are lit

from the Paschal Candle.

The procession continues to the Altar.

The minister sings a final time

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

All candles EXCEPT THE ALTAR CANDLES

are lit.

The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand.

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STAND **The Exsultet [Short form]**

The Exsultet (the Easter Song of Praise) is sung or said by a minister standing near the Candle.

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 dryshod
 through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
in which 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.
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!
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen,
 and joy to mourners.

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

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

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honour 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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All SIT. CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

Dear brothers and sisters,
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,
has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.

Let us pray that our God
may complete this paschal work
of salvation
by the fullness of redemption.

***SIT for the Readings and Psalms and
STAND for the Collect after each Psalm.***

First reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth. The earth was without form
and void, and darkness was over the face of
the deep. And the Spirit of God was
hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, 'Let there be light', and there
was light. And God saw that the light was
good. And God separated the light from the
darkness. God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was
evening and there was morning, the first
day.

And God said, 'Let there be a firmament in
the midst of the waters, and let it separate
the waters from the waters.' And God made
the firmament and separated the waters that
were under the firmament from the waters
that were above the firmament. And it was
so. And God called the firmament Heaven.
And there was evening and there was
morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the
heavens be gathered together into one
place, and let the dry land appear.' And it
was so. God called the dry land Earth, and
the waters that were gathered together he
called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
And God said, 'Let the earth sprout
vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit
trees bearing fruit in which is their seed,
each according to its kind, on the earth.'
And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants
yielding seed according to their own kinds,
and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed,
each according to its kind. And God saw

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that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night.

And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.' So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.' And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything

that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm

Ps 104(103):1-2a. 5-6. 10, 12. 13-14. 24, 35c. Ref.30

Send forth your Spi - rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

AGM

Bless the Lord, my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majes-ty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!

You set the earth on its foundation,
immovable from age to age.

You wrapped it with the depths like a cloak;
the waters stood higher than the mountains

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow in be-tween the hills.

There the birds of heaven build their nests;
from the branches they sing their song.

From your dwelling you water the mountains;
by your works the earth has its fill.

You make the grass grow for the cattle /
and plants to serve man-kind's need,
that he may bring forth bread from the earth

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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Collect

Let us pray

Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the ordering
of all your works,
may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvellous
than the world's creation in the beginning
except that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

or, On the creation of man:

O God, who wonderfully created
human nature
and still more wonderfully redeemed it,
grant us, we pray,
to set our minds
against the enticements of sin,
that we may merit to attain eternal joys.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second reading **Genesis 22:1-18**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days: God tested Abraham and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with he

donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.'

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'My father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.'

He said, 'Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' Abraham said, 'God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.' So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, 'By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your

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offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 16(15):5, 8. 9-10. 11. R1

Pre - serve me, O God, for in you I take re - fuge. (AGM*)



O Lord, it is you who are my por-tion and cup;
you yourself who se- cure my lot.
I keep the Lord be- fore me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand,
bliss for e-ver.

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Collect

Let us pray

O God, supreme Father of the faithful,
who increase the children of your promise
by pouring out the grace of adoption
throughout the whole world
and who through the Paschal Mystery

make your servant Abraham
father of nations,
as once you swore, grant, we pray,
that your peoples may enter worthily
into the grace to which you call them.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Third reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days: The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.' Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea

dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord.

The Canticle begins immediately

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Canticle

Ex 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18. R1a

Let us sing to the LORD, glo - ri - ous his tri - umph. AGM*



MHI

Let us sing to the Lord who has glor-ious-ly triumphed;
horse and rider he has hurled in-to the sea.

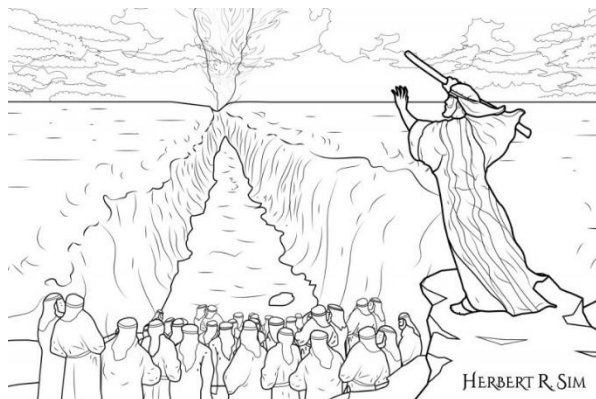
The Lord is my strength and might; / he has become my salvation.
This is my God, and I will praise him, / my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a warrior; / the Lord is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army / he has cast in-to the sea.
The waters of the flood covered over them; / they went down to the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, majestic in power; / your right hand, O Lord, shat-ters the enemy.

You will bring them in and plant them / upon the mount of your inheritance:
the place which you, O Lord, have made your dwelling,
the holy place, O Lord, that your hands have established.
The Lord will reign for e-ver and ever.

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Collect

Let us pray

O God, whose ancient wonders remain undimmed in splendour even in our day,
for what you once bestowed on a single people,
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution by the power of your right hand now you bring about as the salvation of the nations
through the waters of rebirth,
grant, we pray, that the whole world may become children of Abraham and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or:

O God, who by the light of the New Testament have unlocked the meaning of wonders worked in former times,
so that the Red Sea prefigures the sacred font
and the nation delivered from slavery foreshadows the Christian people,
grant, we pray, that all nations, obtaining the privilege of Israel by merit of faith, may be reborn by partaking of your Spirit.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fourth Reading *Isaiah 55:1-11*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy

wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 'Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares 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 and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.

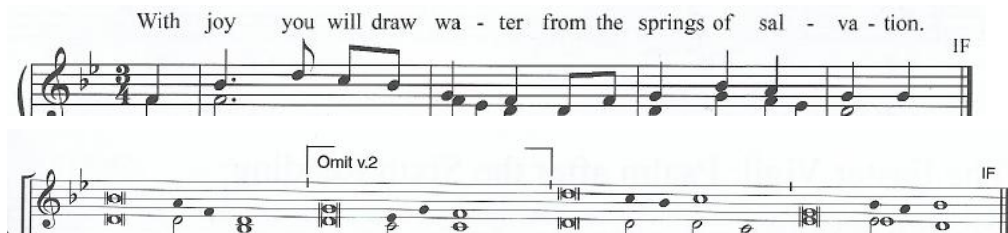
Thanks be to God.

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Canticle

Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3

With joy you will draw wa - ter from the springs of sal - va - tion. IF



Behold, God is my sal-va-tion!
I will trust, and will not be a-fraid;
for the Lord is my strength and my praise, / and he has been my sal-va-tion.
With joy you will draw water / from the springs of sal-va-tion.

Give thanks to the Lord,
in-voke his name;
make known among the peo-ples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is ex-alted.

Sing to the Lord for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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Collect

Let us pray

Almighty ever-living God,
sole hope of the world,
who by the preaching of your Prophets
unveiled the mysteries of this present age,
graciously increase

the longing of your people,
for only at the prompting of your grace
do the faithful progress
in any kind of virtue.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fifth reading Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: 'Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, "These are the

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people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land." But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

'Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the

countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 42(41):3. 5b-d. Ps 43(42):3. 4. R42(41):2

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is year-ning for you, my God. AGM



1

My soul is thirst-ing for God,
the liv-ing God;
when can I enter and a-ppear
before the face of God?

2

For I would go to the place
of your wond-rous tent,
all the way to the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanks-giving.

3

O send forth your light and your truth;
they will guide me on.
They will bring me to your ho-ly mountain,
to the place where you dwell.

4

And I will come to the al-tar of God,
to God, my joy and gladness.
To you will I give thanks on the harp,
O God, my God.

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Let us pray

O God of unchanging power
and eternal light,
look with favour on the wondrous mystery
of the whole Church
and serenely accomplish the work
of human salvation,
which you planned from all eternity;
may the whole world know and see
that what was cast down is raised up,
what had become old is made new,
and all things are restored
to integrity through Christ,
just as by him they came into being.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

or:

O God, who by the pages
of both Testaments
instruct and prepare us to celebrate
the Paschal Mystery,
grant that we may comprehend
your mercy,
so that the gifts we receive
from you this night
may confirm our hope of the gifts to come.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



STAND

Gloria in Excelsis

The Priest may sing:

Glorify to God in the highest

A joyful fanfare is be played, bells rung, etc

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung (MJP setting),
during which the ALTAR candles are lit.*

*Glorify to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace
to people of good will*

**Glorify to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace
to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Glorify to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace
to people of good will.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**Glorify to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace
to people of good will.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

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**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace
to people of good will. Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who make
this most sacred night radiant
with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection,
stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption,
so that, renewed in body and mind,
we may render you undivided service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT Epistle Reading *Romans 6.3-11*

A reading from the Letter
of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the

Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER ALLELUIA

After the New Testament Epistle reading

AND BEFORE THE PSALM

the Priest stands and solemnly intones the Easter Alleluia which the people repeat.

This is done three times, each time rising in pitch. If necessary a Cantor may lead this.

Then the Psalm is sung

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Psalm

117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

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

*Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy en-dures for ever.
Let the house of Is-ra-el say,
'His mercy en-dures for ever.'*

*The Lord's right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done might-ty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

*The stone that the build-ers rejected
has be-come the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.*

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Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to N.

Glory ✠ to ✠ you, ✠ O Lord.

Year A *St Matthew* 28:1-10

Year B *St Mark* 16:1-7

Year C *St Luke* 24:1-12

At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the proclamation of the Gospel the
congregation sits for a Homily.*

SIT

The Homily

A Homily may be Preached

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STAND The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Hand candles are lit again as the congregation following the Easter Candle and clergy moves to the baptismal font during the singing of the Litany.

The Litany

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 of Antioch, **pray for us.**

Saint Laurence, **pray for us.**

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,
pray for us.

Saint Agnes, **pray for us.**

Saint Gregory, **pray for us.**

Saint Augustine, **pray for us.**

Saint Athanasius, **pray for us.**

Saint Basil, **pray for us.**

Saint Martin, **pray for us.**

Saint Benedict, **pray for us.**

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,
pray for us.

Saint Francis Xavier, **pray for us.**

Saint John Vianney, **pray for us.**

Saint Catherine of Siena, **pray for us.**

Saint Teresa of Jesus, **pray for us.**

All holy men and women, Saints of God,
pray for us.

Lord, be merciful:

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From all evil, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

From every sin, **Lord, deliver us, we pray.**

From everlasting death,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your Incarnation,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your Death and Resurrection,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners:

Lord, we ask you to hear our prayer.

Make this font holy by your grace
for the new birth of your children:

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**

Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.



The Font and water are now blessed

Dearly beloved,
let us humbly invoke upon this font
the grace of God the almighty Father,
that those who from it are born anew
may be numbered
among the children of adoption in Christ.

*The Priest pours water into the Font
then blesses the Baptismal water, saying*

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O God, who by invisible power
accomplish a wondrous effect
through sacramental signs
and who in many ways
 have prepared water, your creation,
to show forth the grace of Baptism;
O God, whose Spirit
in the first moments of the world's creation
hovered over the waters,
so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself
 the power to sanctify;
O God, who by the outpouring of the flood
foreshadowed 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 caused 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, baptizing them
in the name of the Father
 and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
look now, we pray,
 upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her
 the fountain of Baptism.
May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that human nature,
 created in your 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 newborn children
through water and the Holy Spirit.

The Priest lowers the Paschal candle into the water three times as he continues:

May the power of the Holy Spirit,
O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son
into the fullness of this font,

Holding the candle in the water, he continues:

so that all who have been buried
with Christ by Baptism into death
may rise again to life with him.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candle is lifted out of the water.

The people acclaim:

**Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Priest speaks to the people in these words:

Dear brothers and sisters,
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.

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And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan? **I do.**

And all his works? **I do.**

And all his empty show? **I do.**

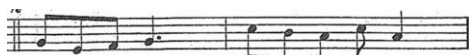
Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

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? **I do.**

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? **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. **Amen.**

The Priest sprinkles the people, while all sing:



Wa-ter of life, cleanse and re-fresh us;



raise us to life in Christ Je - sus.

*The Cantor sings as many verses as are required,
the faithful singing the response between:*

*Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him.
Death shall no longer have power over us.*

Water of life . . .

*Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
You will find peace in his infinite love.*

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***We now return to our seats
then extinguish our candles.***

The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

The Priest introduces the Prayers, saying:

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
God's love for us has no end!
Let us bring our prayers to the Lord:

That those baptized around the world
at the Easter Vigil, on Easter Day -
and in the Easter season,
may always walk in the light of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all Christians
who celebrate Christ's resurrection at
Easter may live lives full of faith,
hope and love all year round.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the leaders of the great churches
may continue to inspire the world
to greater simplicity and holiness

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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That those for whom faith is irrelevant
may come to believe the Good News
of the life, death and resurrection
of our Saviour.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That people in need of support and love
may experience God's care through the
Christians around them – especially the
sick.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That God, whose son died
and rose to bring us peace with him,
our heavenly Father
may soon grant those who suffer . . .

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That those who have died may
share the glory of the resurrection:
we remember especially
those who died recently
and those whose anniversaries occur today
and those of our community
who have died since last Easter.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Priest concludes the prayers, saying

God of life and power,
your love supports your people
all through life and beyond:
Hear the prayers we make this holy night,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

The Congregation sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT As the Altar is prepared, we sing (44):

At the Lamb's high feast we sing,
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we Him, Whose love divine
gives His sacred blood for wine,
gives His body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light;
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
and in Thee Thy saints shall rise.

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**Paschal triumph, Easter joy,
only sin can this destroy;
from sin's death do Thou set free
souls reborn, O Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Father, to Thee we raise;
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,
ever with the Spirit be.**

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STAND *after the censuring of the Altar
and for the censuring of the people*

Orate Fratres

Pray my brothers and sisters
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord
accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good
and the good of all His Holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we ask, O Lord,
the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that what has begun
in the paschal mysteries
may, by the working of your power,
bring us to the healing of eternity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Priest says the Preface for Easter
concluding with the Sanctus and Benedictus
(Gathering Mass setting)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory,
Lord God of hosts.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd, blesséd is he who comes,
blesséd is he, blesséd is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

KNEEL

*The Priest recites the words of the Lord by which
the bread and wine we have offered become the
Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood for us.*

*All venerate the Sacramental presence of the Lord
when the bell rings and the Sacrament is shown.*

After the words of Consecration
Eucharistic Acclamation *(Gathering Mass)*

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

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The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding with this Doxology and Great Amen.

Through him, and with him, and in him
Amen.

O God, almighty Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE COMMUNION RITE

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare 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, Lord, we pray,
from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you,
my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her
peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another the sign of peace

*We share the peace with a gesture and greeting
saying 'Peace be with you.'*



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Breaking of the Bread

During the breaking of the Host the following is sung (Gathering Mass setting [MH adaptation])

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

KNEEL Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

As the Priest reverently consumes the Body and Blood of Christ the Lector says the **Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5: 7-8**

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



The communicants then come forward in reverent procession and make an act of reverence in honour of Christ's presence in the Sacrament. They receive Holy Communion standing. If you are a Communicant member of the Church of England or in your own Church you may receive the Sacrament, if not, please hold this "Order for Mass" and you will receive a Blessing.

You should only receive Communion if you were in Church before the Gospel was read.

*You may Receive in One Kind (The Body of Christ) or in Both Kinds (The Body and Blood of Christ). **Communion by Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not permitted.***



*Music may be played
while we receive Communion.*

KNEEL The Communion hymn (27)

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia . . .**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
Alleluia, Alleluia . . .**

**We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever
Alleluia, Alleluia . . .**

**God has proclaimed the just reward
Life for us all, alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia . . .**

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**Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.**

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STAND Prayers after Communion

Pour out on us, O Lord,
the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this paschal Sacrament
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

STAND Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin. **Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.
Amen.

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. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son,
✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you
and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,
alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We sing:

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

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Ministers depart*



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