

The Great Vigil of Easter

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THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant addresses the people

Dearly Beloved: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and in prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, whereby we who hear his most holy Word and celebrate his Holy Sacraments, share in his victory over sin and death.

The Celebrant then sings on a single note

The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, through thy Son Jesus Christ, thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thine eternal light: ✠ Sanctify this new fire, we beseech thee, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure hearts and minds we may attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Tracing the cross on the candle with a knife, the Celebrant says,
Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.

Tracing the Alpha and Omega, the Celebrant says,
The Alpha and the Omega

Tracing the Year, the Celebrant says,
His are the times and the ages;
to Him be glory and dominion throughout all ages of eternity.

Placing the incense grains in the five points of the cross, the Celebrant says,
Through His holy and glorious wounds,
may Christ the Lord ever guard and preserve us.

A taper is lighted from the new Fire by which the Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle and says,
May the Light of Christ, gloriously rising,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Celebrant bearing the Candle, processes to the Chancel, pausing three times and singing



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

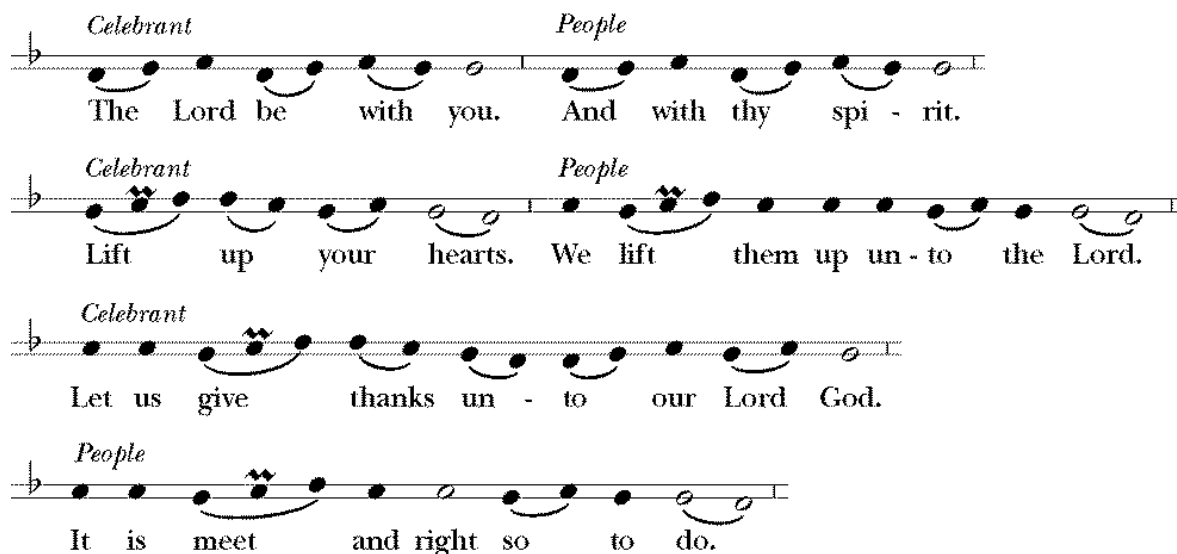
After the third proclamation, the other candles are lit.

The Exultet

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Celebrant, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet.

Rejoice now, ye heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let thy trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let thy holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of thy people. All ye who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, let us beseech Almighty God for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with him, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

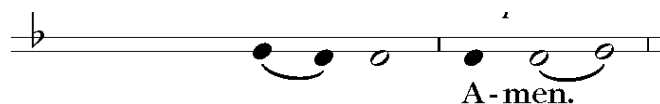


It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise thee, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered thy faithful people.

Now, therefore, we sacrifice our Passover, in which for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood his faithful people are made holy. This is the night, herein our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of bondage in Egypt, and made to pass through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, wherein all that believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, wherein the bonds of death and hell were broken, and Christ rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is thy mercy and living-kindness to us thy children.

Behold, what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us, who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only begotten Son. O Blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Savior. How holy is this night, wherein wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away; restoring innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casting out pride and hatred and bringing peace to all mankind. How blessed is this night, wherein earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which thy holy Church maketh before thee, offering unto thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees, thy creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, in this the glad solemnity of our redemption. May Christ, the Morning Star which knoweth no setting, find it ever burning – he that giveth light to all creation; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



THE VIGIL LESSONS

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings, saying

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

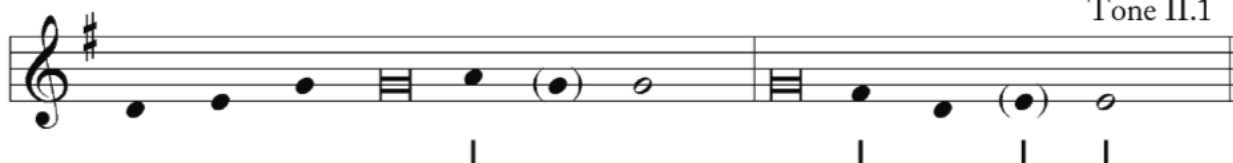
All sit.

The First Lesson – The story of Creation [Genesis 1:1—2:2]

Psalm 36:5-10 (*standing*)

Dixit injustus

Tone II.1



- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the **heavens**,*
and your faithfulness to **the clouds**.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the **great** deep;*
you save both man **and** beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your **love**, O God!*
your people take refuge under the shadow of **your wings**.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance **of** your house;*
you give them drink from the river **of** your **delights**.
- 9 For with you is the **well** of life,*
and in your **light** we **see light**.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who **know** you,*
and your favor to those who **are** true **of heart**.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit for the next lesson.

The Second Lesson – The Flood [Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 49:8-13]

Psalm 46 (*standing*)

Deus noster refugium



- 1 God is our refuge and **strength**,*
a very present **help** in **trouble**.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the **earth** be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the **depths** of **the** sea;
- 3 Though its waters **rage** and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble **at** its **tumult**.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is **with** us;*
the God of Jacob **is** our **stronghold**.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of **God**,*
the holy habitation **of** the **Most** High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be **overthrown**;*
God shall help her **at** the **break** of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are **shaken**;*
God has spoken, and the **earth** shall **melt** away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is **with** us;*
the God of Jacob **is** our **stronghold**.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the **LORD**,*
what awesome things **he** has **done** on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in **all** the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and **burns** the **shields** with fire.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that **I** am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be **exalted** **in** the earth.”
- 12 The LORD of hosts is **with** us;*
the God of Jacob **is** our **stronghold**.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, thou hast placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to thee our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit for the next lesson.

The Third Lesson – Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac [Genesis 22:1-18]

Psalm 16 (*standing*)

Conserva me Domine



- 1 *Protect* me, O God, for I take **refuge in** you;*
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good **above** all **other**.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly **that** are **in** the land,*
upon those who are noble **among** the **people**.
- 3 But those who run **after other** gods*
shall have their **troubles multiplied**.
- 4 Their libations of blood I **will** not **offer**,*
nor take the names of their **gods** upon **my** lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my **portion and** my cup;*
it is **you** who uphold **my** lot.
- 6 My boundaries **enclose** a **pleasant** land;*
indeed, I have a **goodly heritage**.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who **gives** me **counsel**;*
my heart teaches **me**, night **after** night.
- 8 I have set the LORD **always** before me;*
because he is at my right **hand** I **shall not** fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my **spirit rejoices**;*
my body **also** shall **rest in** hope.
- 10 For you will not **abandon** me **to** the grave,*
nor let your **holy** one **see the** Pit.
- 11 You will **show** me the **path** of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are **pleasures** for **ever-more**.

The Fourth Lesson – Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea [Exodus 14:10—15:1]

Psalm 114 (*standing*)

In exitu Israel



- 1 When Israel **came** out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people **of** strange *speech*,
- 2 Judah became **God's** sanctuary *
and Israel his **dominion**.
- 3 The sea **beheld** it **and** fled; *
Jordan turned **and** went *back*.
- 4 The **mountains** skipped **like** rams, *
and the little hills **like** young *sheep*.
- 5 What ailed you, **O** sea, that **you** fled? *
O Jordan, that **you** turned *back*?
- 6 You **mountains**, that you **skipped** like rams? *
you little hills **like** young *sheep*?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at **the** presence **of** the Lord, *
at the presence of the God **of** Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into **a** pool of **water*** and flint-
stone into **a** flowing *spring*.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

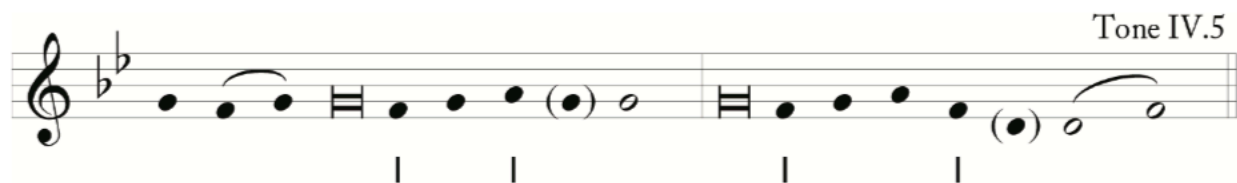
O God, whose mighty works of old enlighten even our present generation; and who hast delivered by the power of thy mighty arm thy chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a people chosen to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

All sit for the next lesson.

The Fifth Lesson – God’s Presence in a renewed Israel [Isaiah 4:2-6]

Psalm 122 (*standing*)

Laetatus sum



- 1 I *was* glad when they **said** to **me**,*
“Let us go to **the** house of **the** *LORD*.”
- 2 Now our **feet** are **standing***
within your **gates**, O *Jerusalem*.
- 3 *Jerusalem* is built **as** a **city***
that is at **unity with** itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes **of** the **LORD**,*
the assembly of *Israel*, to praise **the** Name of **the** *LORD*.
- 5 For there are the **thrones** of **judgment**,*
the thrones of **the** house of **David**.
- 6 Pray for the peace **of** *Jerusalem*:*
“May they **prosper** who **love** *you*.”
- 7 Peace be **within** your **walls***
and quietness **within** your **towers**.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ **sake**,*
I pray **for** your **prosperity**.
- 9 Because of the house of the **LORD** our **God**,*
I **will** seek to **do** you *good*. ”

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, thou leadest thine ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we, who serve thee now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly *Jerusalem*, where all tears are wiped away and where thy saints for ever sing thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

All sit for the next lesson.

The Sixth Lesson – Salvation offered freely to all [Isaiah 55:1-11]

Psalm 42:1-7 (*standing*)

Quaemadmodum

Tone I.1



- 1 As *the* deer longs **for** the **water**-brooks,*
so longs my **soul** for **you**, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst **for** the **living** God;*
when shall I come to appear before the **presence** *of* God?
- 3 My tears have been **my** food **day** and night,*
while all day long they say to me, “**Where** now *is* your God?”
- 4 I pour out my soul when I **think** on **these** things:*
how I went with the multitude and led them **into** the *house* of God.
- 5 With the voice of **praise** and **thanksgiving**,*
among those **who** keep *holy*-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of **heaviness**, **O** my soul?*
and why are you so disquieted **within** me?
- 7 — **Put** your **trust** in God,*
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and *my* God.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

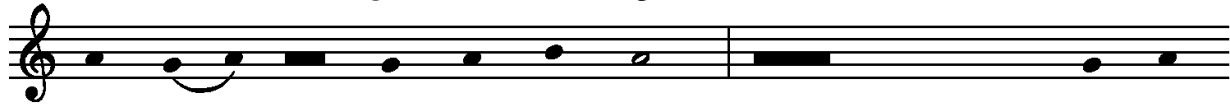
O God, thou hast created all things by the power of your Word, and thou renewest the earth by thy Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for thee, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All sit for the next lesson.

The Seventh Lesson – A new heart and a new spirit [Ezekiel 36:24-28]

Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah (*standing*)

Ecce Deus



1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not



be a - fraid. 2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de - fense,



and he will be my Sa - vior. 3. Therefore you shall draw water



with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.



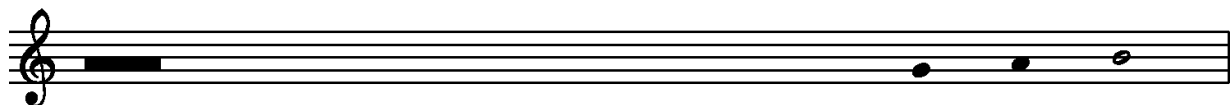
4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call



up - on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ples;



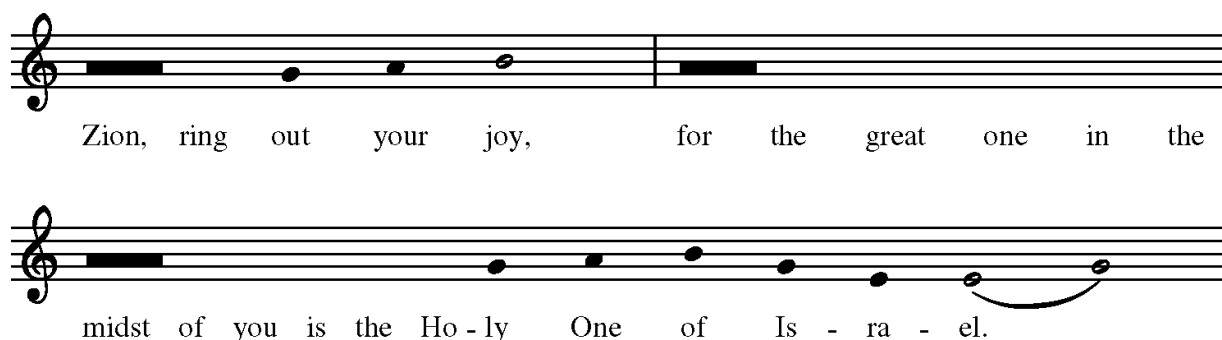
see that they remember that his Name is ex - alt - ed.



6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,



and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of



Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sit for the next lesson.

The Eighth Lesson – The valley of dry bones [Ezekiel 37:1-14]

Psalm 30 (*standing*)

Exaltabo te, Domine

Tone I.1



- 1 I *will* exalt you, O LORD, because you have **lifted me** up*
and have not let my enemies **triumph** over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried **out** to you,*
and you **restored me** to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from **the** dead;*
you restored my life as I was going **down** to *the* grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you **servants of** his,*
give thanks for the remembrance **of** his *holiness*.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the **twinkling of** an eye,*
his favor **for** a *lifetime*.
- 6 — **Weeping** may **spend** the night,*
but joy comes **in** the *morning*.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, “I shall **never be** disturbed.*
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong **as** the *mountains*.”



- 8 — **Then** you **hid** your face,*
and **I** was *filled* with fear.
- 9 **I cried** to **you**, O LORD;*
I pleaded with **the** Lord, *saying*,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I **go** down **to** the Pit?*" *will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?*
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have **mercy** upon me;*
O LORD, **be** my *helper*.”
- 12 You have turned my wailing **into dancing**;*
you have put off my sack-cloth and **clothed** me *with* joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you **without ceasing**;*
O LORD my God, I will give you **thanks** for *ever*.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, who by the Passover of thy Son hast brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by thy Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim thee to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

All sit for the next lesson.

The Ninth Lesson – The gathering of God’s people [Zephaniah 3:12-20]

Psalm 126 (*standing*)

In convertendo



- 1 *When* the LORD restored the **fortunes** of **Zion**,*
 then were we **like** those who *dream*.
- 2 Then was our **mouth** filled with **laughter**,*
 and our tongue **with** shouts of *joy*.
- 3 Then they said **among** the **nations**,*
 “The LORD has done **great** things for *them*.”
- 4 The LORD **has** done great **things** for us,*
 and we **are** glad *indeed*.
- 5 Restore **our** fortunes, **O LORD**,*
 like the watercourses of **the** *Negev*.
- 6 † — | Those who **sowed** with tears*
 will reap **with** songs of *joy*.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,*
 will come again with joy, shouldering their *sheaves*.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of men’s salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

All remain standing for the Blessing of the Font and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

THE BLESSING OF THE FONT AND THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Blessing of the Font

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the corresponding parts.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God; who didst give the gift of water, over which thine Holy Ghost moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into life everlasting. We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are reborn of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant takes the Paschal Candle, and thrice repeating the following phrase, each time plunging the Candle into the baptismal water, chants

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant breathes thrice into the water in the sign of the Ψ (the beginning of the Greek word ψυχή, which is one word for Spirit, as well as for 'soul') and then censes the font.

He then pours in some of the Chrism into the water in the form of a Cross, saying
May this inpouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

People *Amen.*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant first addresses the people

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to
 Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People I 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

Kyrie eleison (*each phrase is sung by cantor and repeated by the people*)



Easter Acclamation

Then, facing the People, the Celebrant chants the Easter proclamation

Musical notation for the Easter Acclamation. It is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody is split between the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: Al - le - luia! Christ is ri - sen! The Lord is ri-sen in - deed, Al - le - lu - ia!

As the Gloria in excelsis is sung, the altar candles are lit and the lights in the chapel are slowly raised.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.____

A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
The Lord be with you.	And with thy spirit.	Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit for the Epistle.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

At the conclusion of the lesson, the Reader says

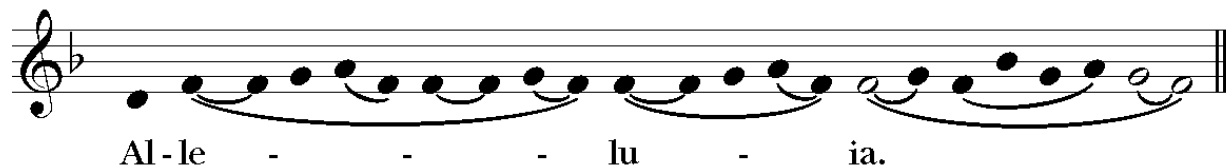
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Great Alleluia and the Gospel.

The Great Alleluia

The Alleluia is sung three times, each time as successively higher pitches, the People repeating it each time.



Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Before the Gospel, the People respond,

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the People respond,

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

All are seated for the sermon.

Sermon

“The Second Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom”

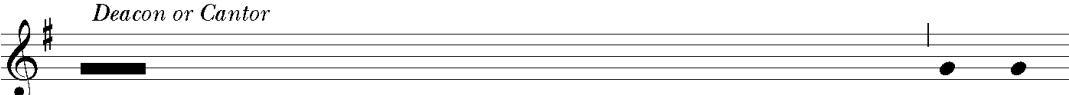
Given by The Rev'd Matthew S. C. Olver, PhD

Assistant Professor of Liturgics


All stand as the Celebrant comes to the Altar for the Prayers.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or Cantor




With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, say - ing,




“Lord, have mer-cy.”


Deacon or Cantor



For . . . , let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy. To thee, O lord our God. A - men.




The Peace

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People



And with thy spi - rit.

Sicut cervus

Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

New York Polyphony, from *Roma Aeterna*

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As a hart longs for the flowing streams,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Opening Dialogue and Proper Preface (*standing*)

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All standing, the Celebrant faces the people and sings

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues with the prayer, which concludes, 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 and Benedictus qui venit

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord

God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full

of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

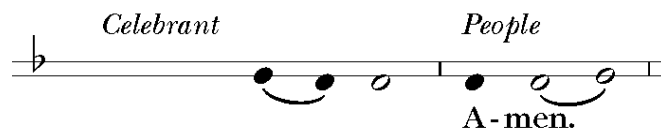
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer I *(please kneel as you are able)*

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*All kneel as are able; the Celebrant continues with the eucharistic prayer, which concludes,
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto
thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.*



COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then sings

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem *(sung in unison by all)*

Cantor

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

All

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

Cantor

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way

the sins of the world, have mer - cy

up - on us. O Lamb of God,

that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of

the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume
to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in
thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to
have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in
us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Anthem: *Pascha nostrum*

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Pascha nostrum	Christ our Paschal Lamb
immolatus est Christus, alleluia.	has been sacrificed, alleluia.
Itaque epulemur	Therefore, let us keep the feast
in azymis	with the unleavened bread
sinceritatis et veritatis,	of sincerity and truth,
alleluia.	alleluia.

CONCLUDING RITES

The Postcommunion Prayer

After the Ablutions have been completed, the Celebrant faces the People and says
Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

