

The Great Easter Vigil

Night-Watch of the Resurrection

This is the high point of the Christian year, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in the great Easter Eucharist, summit and source of the liturgical action and life of God's People. This "holy night" is the "mother of all holy vigils" that begins the "queen of feasts." The full meaning of the Easter Vigil is waiting for the Lord. He who took our human flesh, who suffered and died for us in that flesh, now rises in that same human body, glorified and immortal, as befits the new life of Resurrection. With the joyous "alleluias" of her new Passover, Mother Church celebrates a unique event, at once historical and cosmic. At the broken tomb, the Incarnation reaches its fulfillment, and the ultimate purpose of our Redemption is revealed in the frailty of human flesh - nothing less than a literal sharing in the glory of his bodily Resurrection. For this we were washed by the waters of Baptism; for this we were sealed with the Spirit's fragrant Chrism; for this we feast on the Body and Blood of the One who leads us into eternal life.

Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, No. 255

The Service of Light

Blessing of the Fire

Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Procession

Priest: Lumen Christi.

R/.
De-o grá-ti-as.

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

V/. Exult, let them exult, ...

(V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.)

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

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

V/. It is truly ...
... for ever and ever.

All: *Amen*

Liturgy of the Word

Invitation to Prayer

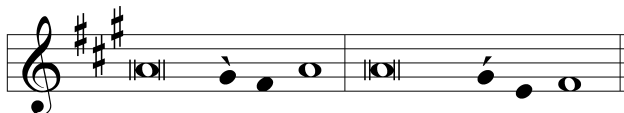
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Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:2

Responsorial Psalm

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



Antiphon (Cantor intones, then Congregation repeats)

Lord, send out **your** Spir-it,
And renew the face **of** the earth.

All: Bless the **LORD**, my soul!
O Lord, my God, you are **great** in-deed!
You are clothed with majesty **and** glor-y,
robed in light as **with** a cloak.

Choir: You fixed the earth upon its **foun**-da-tion,
not to be moved **for**-ev-er,
with the ocean, as with a garment, you **cov**-ered it;
above the mountains the **wa**-ters stood.

All: You send forth springs into the wa-**ter**-cours-es;
that wind among **the** moun-tains.
Beside them the birds of **hea**-ven dwell;
from among the branches they send **forth** their song.

Choir: You water the mountains from **your** pal-ace;
the earth is replete with the fruit **of** your works.
You raise grass for the cattle, and vegetation **for** man's use,
producing bread **from** the earth.

All: How manifold are your **works**, O LORD!
In wisdom you have **wrought** them all —
the earth is full of **your** crea-tures.
Bless the LORD, **O** my soul!

Antiphon (All)

Lord, send out **your** Spir-it,
And renew the face **of** the earth.

please stand

Prayer

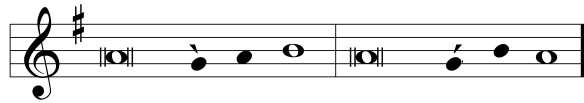
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Reading

Exodus 14:15—15:1

Responsorial Psalm

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



Antiphon (Cantor intones, then Congregation repeats)

Let us sing **to** the Lord;
He has covered himself **in** glor-y.

All: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously **tri**-um-phant;
Horse and chariot he has cast in-**to** the sea.
My strength and my courage **is** the LORD,
and he has been **my** sav-ior.
He is my God, and **I** praise him
the God of my father, I **ex**-tol him.

Choir: The LORD is a **war**-ri-or,
LORD **is** his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled in-**to** the sea;
The elite of his officers were submerged in **the** Red Sea.

All: The flood waters **cov**-vered them,
they sank into the depths **like** a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent **in** pow-er,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the **en**-e-my.

Choir: You brought in the people **you** re-deemed
and planted them on the mountain of your in-**her**-i-tance —
the place were you made your **seat**, O LORD,
the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established.
The LORD shall reign forever **and** ev-er.

Antiphon (All)

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Prayer

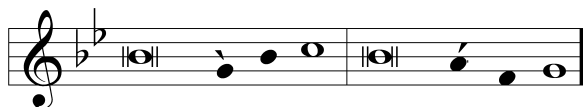
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Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

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



Antiphon (Cantor intones, then Congregation repeats)

You will draw water **joy**-ful-ly
from the springs of **sal**-va-tion.

All: God indeed is **my** sav-ior;
I am confident and **un**-a-fraid.
My strength and my courage **is** the LORD,
and he has been **my** sav-ior.

Choir: With joy you will **draw** wa-ter
At the fountain of **sal**-va-tion.
Give thanks to the LORD, ac-**claim** his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted **is** his name.

All: Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious **a**-chieve-ment;
let this be known throughout **all** the earth.
Shout with exultation, O city **of** Zi-on,
for great in your midst is the Holy of **Is**-ra-el!

Antiphon (All)

You will draw water **joy**-ful-ly
from the springs of **sal**-va-tion.

please stand

Prayer

please be seated

Reading

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4



Antiphon (Cantor intones, then Congregation repeats)

Like a deer that longs for run-**ning** streams,
my soul longs **for**, you my God.

All: Athirst is my soul **for** God,
my LORD, **the** liv-ing God.
When shall I go and **be**-hold
the face of **the** liv-ing God?

Choir: I went with **the** throng
and led them in procession to **the** house of God.
Amid loud cries of joy and thanks-**giv**-ing,
with the multitude keeping **the** fes-ti-val.

All: Send forth your light and your fi-del-**i**-ty,
they **shall** lead me on
And bring me to your holy **moun**-tain,
to **your** dwell-ing place.

Choir: Then will I go to the altar **of** God,
the God of my **glad**-ness and joy.
Then will I give thanks upon **the** harp;
O **my** God, my God!

Antiphon (All)

Like a deer that longs for run-**ning** streams,
my soul longs **for**, you my God.

please stand

Prayer

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 - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
 you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on_ us;
 you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
 have mer - cy on_ us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus_ Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - men.

Collect

please be seated

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

please stand

Solemn Alleuia

Repeat after Cantor, 3x.



Responsorial Psalm

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



Dialogue at the Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

please be seated

Homily



Baptismal Liturgy

please stand

Invitation to Prayer

Litany of the Saints

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Christ, have mer - cy.

All Christ, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Saint Michael, pray for us.
Holy Angels of God, pray for us.
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All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.

Cantor Lord, be mer - ci - ful, *All* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor From all e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - 'ry sin,
From ever - last - ing death,
By your In - car - na - tion,
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Cantor Be merciful to us sin - ners. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

If there are candidates to be baptized:

Bring these chosen ones
to new birth by the grace of Bap - tism.

Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God.

Cantor Christ, hear us. *All* Christ, hear us.

Cantor Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. *All* Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Prayer

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Celebration of Baptism

please be seated

Renunciation of Sin

Anointing of the Elect with the Oil of Catechumens

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Anointing after Baptism

Clothing with Baptismal Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

please stand

Invitation

Congregation's Renunciation of Sin

Congregation's Profession of Faith

Concluding Prayer

Sprinkling

please be seated

Celebration of Reception

Invitation to Prayer

Profession by the Candidates

Act of Reception

Celebration of Confirmation

Invitation to Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Chrism

Sign of Welcome

please stand

Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Proper

Dextera Domini (cum alleluia)

Psalm 118:16, 17

The right hand of the LORD has done valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD has exalted me;
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD, alleluia.

Offertory Anthem

In The Father's Glory

Peter Latona


Offertory Hymn

O Sons and Daughters


O FILII ET FILIAE




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



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That East - er morn, at break of day,
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



The King of heav'n, the glo - rious King,
The faith - ful wom - en went their way
Who sat and spoke un - to the three,
A - midst them came their Lord most dear,



D.C.

O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord has gone to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
And said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Prayer

***R/. 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.***

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right and just.

Sanctus

MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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. Bless'd is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord,
 and pro - fess your Re - sur - rec - tion,
 un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

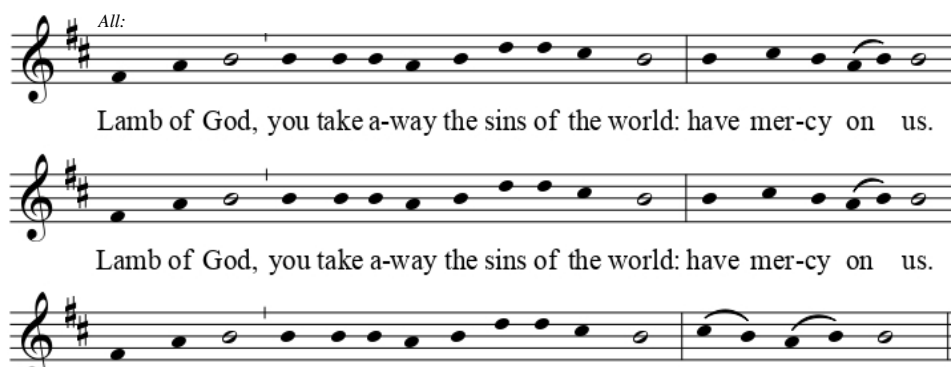
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Lord's Prayer

Rite of Peace

R/. And with your spirit.

All:



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: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Priest: 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.

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

Communion Proper

Pascha nostrum

1 Corinthians 5:7, 8

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

- - - please wait while our Neophytes and Confirmandi receive Communion - - -

Choral Anthem

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
 so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
 When shall I come to appear before God?
 My tears have been my meat day and night,
 while they daily say unto me, Where, where is now thy God?

Communion Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast

SALZBURG



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 the sky, 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 pier - 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.

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rite

Prayer Over the People

R/. And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

R/.



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

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



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



1. Sons of men and an - gels say
2. Un - to Christ our heav'n'ly King Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love;



1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host,



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Postlude

O Filii et Filiae (theme and two variations)

Jean-François Dandrieu

He is Risen!



