



# THE GREAT VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

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*Welcome to All Saints Church, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor. This evening's celebration happens both in person in the sacred space of the church and live-streamed over YouTube. This bulletin is designed for your full participation wherever you are. The left margin contains both instructions for your active participation as well as information intended to illuminate the mind and the soul.*

*Some suggestions for how you can participate:*

- *Experience the first part of the service in near darkness. This is a service that leads one from darkness into light. If you are at home, place candles around you so that you can read the bulletin, but **listen** to the words of the Exultet, **listen** to the words of the readings, **listen** to the prayers.*
- *Stand, sit, and kneel as directed in the bulletin. (The Priest will not say it.)*
- *Respond to items in italics, usually preceded by the symbol: *R*. Some chanting will occur, as well.*
- *Join in reciting the psalms and canticles, and singing the various parts of the service.*
- *When the Easter Acclamation is heard (pg. 16), turn on all the lights in your room and have bells or some keys ready to ring or jingle as the candles are lit and the priest puts on his priestly garments for the celebration of the Holy Mass.*

*Holy Saturday begins in darkness: the darkness of uncertainty, doubt, and fear. Jesus is dead. His disciples have scattered. Hope, seemingly, is lost. Yet, light is kindled, and the darkness is overcome. Today commemorates our Lord's descent into the Realm of the Dead, where he breaks the chains of death that bound all those who preceded his Incarnation. Hell is despoiled, its gates are thrown open, and Adam is ushered into Paradise.*

*This Vigil has four main features: 1) the lighting of the Sacred Fire and Paschal candle with the proclamation of the Exultet; 2) the recalling of salvation history from the ancient Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament; 3) the Sacrament of Baptism, the rite of initiation into the Christian life, and the Litany of Saints, which recalls the holy ones who labored before us in the Church Militant and now intercede for us from the Church Triumphant; 4) and finally the first Mass of Easter. This booklet contains all the readings, prayers, chants, and responses necessary to participate fully in tonight's liturgy. In the sidebar on the left of each page, you will find brief commentaries and explanations of various elements of the service. May God bless you this night!*

**LET THE CREATION REJOICE EXCEEDINGLY!**

**LET ALL THOSE BORN ON EARTH BE GLAD:**

**FOR HELL, THE ENEMY, HAS BEEN DESPOILED.**

**YE WOMEN, COME TO MEET ME WITH SWEET SPICES:**

**FOR I AM DELIVERING ADAM AND EVE WITH ALL THEIR OFFSPRING,**

**AND ON THE THIRD DAY I SHALL RISE AGAIN!**

**The Icon of the Resurrection – *The Anastasis* (front cover)**

The icon of the Resurrection represents the descent of Christ into hell, the place of the dead. This icon depicts a victorious Christ, reigning in glory, trampling upon death and the doors of hell, and seizing Adam and Eve in his hands, plucking them from the abyss of hell. Christ is flanked by the Old Testament patriarchs and prophets who now enjoy eternal salvation. This icon expresses vividly the truths resulting from Christ's defeat of death by His death and Resurrection.

# The Kindling of the Sacred Fire

¶ *Please stand.*

*In the darkness, a new fire is kindled.*

*The fire is blessed.*

*A cross, the symbol of divine redemptive love, is traced in the Paschal candle. Then, the Greek letters Alpha (above) and the letter Omega (below) symbolize that Christ is the beginning and the end. The numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross symbolize Christ's presence in the here and now. Finally, five grains of incense are inserted to represent the five wounds of Jesus.*

*The Paschal Candle is now lit.*

*During the Vigil, the Priest will be vested in a violet cope. The liturgical color is still purple, until the Easter Acclamation.*

*Three times, the Priest holds up the light of Christ for all to see and give thanks.*

*The liturgy begins in darkness and silence.*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church inviteth her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

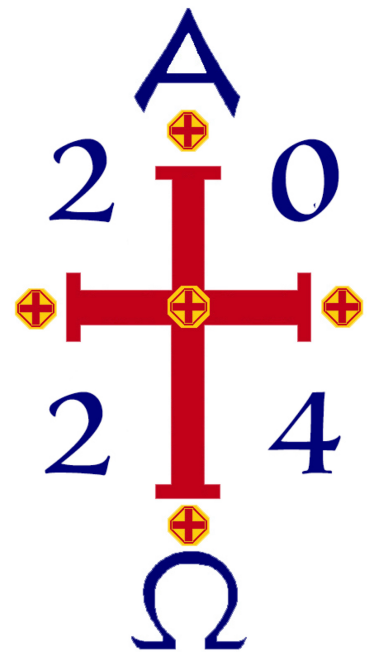
Let us pray. O God, through thy Son thou hast bestowed upon thy people the brightness of thy light: Sanctify this new fire, and vouchsafe that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Christ yesterday and today.  
The beginning and the end.

Alpha.  
And Omega.  
All time belongeth to him.  
And all ages.  
To him be glory and power.  
Through every age for ever. *Amen.*

By his holy  
and glorious wounds,  
may Christ our Lord  
guard us  
and keep us. *Amen.*

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



The Procession of the Paschal Candle



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

¶ *As the Paschal Candle is processed, candles will be lit.  
Please follow the direction of the servers.*

## The Exultet

*Upon reaching the chancel, the candle is placed in its stand and the Exultet is proclaimed. This Easter Proclamation is the Church's great hymn of triumph.*

Rejoice now, 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 hath 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, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*℣.* The Lord be with you.

*℟.* And with thy spirit.

*℣.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

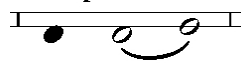
*℟.* It is meet and right so to do.

It is meet and right, 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 true 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 Paschal feast, in which for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose blood his faithful people are made holy.

This is the night, when thou broughtest our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and leddest them through the Red Sea on dry land. This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is thy mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, thou gavest a Son. O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restoreth innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casteth out pride and hatred, and bringeth peace and concord. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled with God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees thy creatures. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption. May Christ, the Morning Star who knoweth no setting, find it ever burning, who giveth his light to all creation, and who liveth and reigneth with thee, for ever and ever.

*People*  
  
*A - men.*

*¶ Please be seated and extinguish your candles.*



*The Prophecies are a recounting of the events of salvation history from the Hebrew Scriptures.*

*This is the ancient story of how all that exists came to be.*

## The Prophecies

### *The Priest begins*

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.

### The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then 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 dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky 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. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky 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 dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon 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 bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. 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 of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the

image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon 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 air, 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. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, 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 their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

℣. The Word of the Lord.  
℟. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

*Confitemini Domino*



*This is the story of a flood that once destroyed the earth, because of humankind's sinfulness. But, God spared one man, his family, and one pair of all the animals of the earth. The covenant that God made with Noah is a reminder of our own salvation through the waters of Baptism.*

## The Flood (read in Spanish)

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between

me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

Psalm 46

*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 over-**thrown**; 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**.

Priest: Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Collect

Almighty God, thou hast placed in the skies the sign of thy 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*.

*This is the cardinal event of salvation for the ancient Hebrew people.*

Israel’s Deliverance in the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10 - 15:1

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden



the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

*V.* The Word of the Lord.

*R.* Thanks be to God.

*The Song of Moses, also called the Song of the Sea, was reputedly sung by the Israelites after their crossing the Red Sea in safety, celebrates the destruction of the Egyptian army during the crossing, and looks forward to the future conquest of Canaan.*

The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*  
Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

1. I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and up - lift - ed;  
the horse and its rider has he hurled in - to the sea. 2. The Lord is my  
strength and my re - fuge; the Lord has be - come my Sa - vior.

3. This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I  
will ex - alt him. 4. The Lord is a might - y war - rior;  
Yah - weh is his Name. 5. The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has  
he hurled in - to the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea. 6. The fathomless deep has o - ver - whelmed them;  
they sank into the depths like a stone. 7. Your right hand, O Lord, is glor - ious  
in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the en - e - my.

8. Who can be compared with you, O Lord, a - mong the gods? Who is like you,  
glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of won - ders?

9. You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swal - lowed them up.

10. With your constant love you led the peo - ple you re - deemed;  
with your might you brought them in safety to your ho - ly dwell - ing.

11. You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your pos -  
ses - sion, 12. The resting - place you have made for your - self, O Lord,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has es - tab - lished.

13. The Lord shall reign for ever and for ev - er. [Ant.]

Priest: Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Collect

O God, who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation; who didst by the mighty defense of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the washing of regeneration: Grant, we pray thee, that the fullness of all humankind, being delivered from its present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and worthy members of thy true Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*These verses represent a shortened version of a psalm written to Wisdom. It is attributed to Baruch, assistant to the prophet Jeremiah. God created the universe through his wisdom, and wisdom seemed to saturate all creation. Wisdom was God's gift to his people through the patriarchs. The Law and the Prophets were merely outward manifestations of a much greater legacy. The promises God made to the patriarchs was wisdom itself! When the people of Israel abandoned their tradition, their birth-right, their God's wisdom. Returning to the Law and hearing the Prophets was a step back towards wisdom. This virtue that had its own existence was the Law and the Prophets! Those who sought wisdom did so through the Bible. This was the glory of the people..*

In Praise of Wisdom

Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be living in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace. Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But the one who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. The one who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; the one who sends forth the light, and it goes; he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, "Here we are!" They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him. He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterwards she appeared on earth and lived with humankind. She is the book of the commandments of God, the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

∞. The Word of the Lord.

℞. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

*Cæli enarrant*



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| 1 The heavens declare the glory of <b>God</b> , and the firmament showeth his <b>handiwork</b> .         | 3 Although they have no words or <b>language</b> , and their voices are not <b>heard</b> ,              |
| 2 One day telleth its tale to a- <b>nother</b> , and one night imparteth knowledge to a- <b>nother</b> . | 4 Their sound hath gone out into all <b>lands</b> , and their message to the ends of the <b>world</b> . |

- 5 In the deep hath he set a pavilion for the **sun**; it cometh forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoiceth like a champion to run its **course**.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runneth about to the end of it a-**gain**; nothing is hidden from its burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and reviveth the **soul**; the testimony of the LORD is sure and giveth wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the **heart**; the commandment of the LORD is clear and giveth light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endureth for **ever**; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-**gether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine **gold**, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the **comb**.
- 11 By them also is thy servant en-**lightened**, and in keeping them there is great **reward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of-**fendeth**?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion **over me**; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-**fense**.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy **sight**, O LORD, my strength and my re-**deemer**.

Priest: Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

#### Collect

Almighty God, by the Passover of thy Son thou 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*.

*Ezekiel's vision promises that death is not the end. God's life-giving breath, first spoken of in the story of Creation, offers hope and foretells the resurrection to come.*

#### The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD God: Come from

the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

℣. The Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143

*Domine, exaudi*



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| <p>1 LORD, hear my prayer, and in thy faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in thy <b>righteousness</b>.</p> <p>2 Enter not into judgment with thy <b>servant</b>, for in thy sight shall no one living be <b>justified</b>.</p> <p>3 For my enemy has sought my life; he hath crushed me to the <b>ground</b>; he hath made me live in dark places like those who are long <b>dead</b>.</p> <p>4 My spirit faints with-<b>in me</b>; my heart within me is <b>desolate</b>.</p> <p>5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy <b>deeds</b>; I consider the works of thy <b>hands</b>.</p> <p>6 I spread out my hands to <b>thee</b>; my soul gaspeth unto thee like a thirsty <b>land</b>.</p> <p>7 O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit <b>faileth me</b>; do not hide</p> | <p>thy face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the <b>Pit</b>.</p> <p>8 Let me hear of thy lovingkindness in the morning, for I put my trust in <b>thee</b>; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to <b>thee</b>.</p> <p>9 Deliver me from mine enemies, O <b>LORD</b>, for I flee to thee for <b>refuge</b>.</p> <p>10 Teach me to do what pleaseth thee, for thou art my <b>God</b>; let thy good Spirit lead me on level <b>ground</b>.</p> <p>11 Revive me, O <b>LORD</b>, for thy <b>Name's sake</b>; for thy righteousness' sake, bring thou me out of <b>trouble</b>.</p> <p>12 Of thy goodness, destroy mine enemies and bring all my foes to <b>naught</b>, for truly I am thy <b>servant</b>.</p> |
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Priest: Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Collect

Almighty God, by the Passover of thy Son thou 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*.

*This prophecy of longs for the salvation for Judah and the Nations with Yahweh reigning victoriously as king in Jerusalem.*

## The Gathering of God's People

Zephaniah 3:8a, 12-20

“Wait for me,” says the LORD, “I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD—the remnant of Israel; they shall do no wrong and utter no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths. Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.”

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.” “I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

∞. The Word of the Lord.

℞. *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**, for he hath done marvelous **things**.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy **arm** hath he won for himself the **victory**.
- 3 The LORD hath made known his **victory**; his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the **nations**.
- 4 He remembereth his mercy and faithfulness to the house of **Israel**, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our **God**.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all ye **lands**; lift up your voice, rejoice, and **sing**.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the **harp**, with the harp and the voice of **song**.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** shout with joy before the King, the **LORD**.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is **in it**, the lands and those who dwell **therein**.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their **hands**, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he cometh to judge the **earth**.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the **world** and the peoples with **equity**.



Priest: Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Collect

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of 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. *Amen.*

¶ *The Priest now vests in a gold cope in preparation for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Consecration of Easter Water.*



Icon of Old Testament Patriarchs and Prophets

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*We now recall our own baptism, as we renew the Baptismal Covenant.*

*We begin by declaring The Apostle's Creed, the most ancient statement of the Christian faith.*

*Here we renew the commitments we made at our Baptism.*

*The Priest begins*

Through the Paschal mystery, dearly beloved, 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.

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

✠. *I do.*

✠. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

✠. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

✠. *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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge both the quick and the dead.*

✠. Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

✠. *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.*

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

✠. *I will, by God's help.*

✠. Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

✠. *I will, by God's help.*

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

✠. *I will, by God's help.*



**¶ *The Priest divides the water in the form of a Cross.***

May he sanctify by the secret operation of his power this water to the mystical washing away of sin; that having received sanctification and being born again without spot of defilement, it may be found a new creature that springeth forth from the living water; that young and old, both men and women that henceforth shall be baptized herein, may all become thy children and heirs of thy heavenly promises. Speak the word, O Lord, and drive away speedily unclean spirits and all things that may hurt us; banish from us by thy Name all the snares and assaults of the devil. May our ghostly enemy have no power at all to encompass us, to deceive our hearts by his subtilty, to waylay us in secret and spread abroad the leaven of malice.

**¶ *The Priest continues as he touches the water.***

May this holy and undefiled creation, seeing that the son of wickedness may not approach it nor the stain of iniquity come near to defile it, be a fountain that doth regenerate, streams that do purify; may all they that by this means be dedicated before thee, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, receive the grace of redemption and remission of their offences.

**¶ *The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross three times.***

Therefore, do I hallow thee, O thou gift of water, by God ✠ who liveth, by God ✠ the faithful, by God ✠ the holy, by God, who in the beginning by his word divided the land from thee, by whose Spirit the waters were overshadowed.

**¶ *The Priest divides the water and scatters it in the four directions.***

Who did ordain that thou shouldest issue out of Eden and be parted from thence diversely, giving plenty to all his creation. Likewise, in the desert of Marah he did turn thy bitterness into sweetness and made thee to come forth out of the rock for his people. In the Name of his only Son our Savior Jesus Christ do I hallow thee, Gift of water, for he did change thee into wine in proof of his omnipotence, when he was bidden to the wedding at Cana; who walked upon thee to his disciples and was baptized in thee in Jordan, making John his minister; who moreover did mingle thee with Blood from his side at his Passion, and commanded his faithful servants, that believing they should be washed in thee saying, "Go ye, and teach all nations, and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Almighty God, mercifully assist our prayers, who here observe these thy commandments, and of thy goodness, prosper our petitions.

**¶ *The Priest breathes three times over the water in the form of a cross.***

Enable, by thy word and power, the weakness of this water: that like as by nature it doeth service unto the purifying of the body, so by thy grace it may effectually cleanse our souls.

**¶ *The Priest lowers the Paschal Candle into the water three times.***

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit.

*The Priest blesses the water.*

*The Priest blows on the water, like the Spirit of God (Heb. 'ruach') moved at Creation, then touches the water with the Paschal Candle three times.*

*Here the Priest mixes the Oil of the Catechumens and the Holy Chrism, connecting our lifelong quest for more knowledge in the Christian faith to our promise as the faithful, sealed in Baptism, "to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers."*

**¶ *The Priest breathes on the water in the form of a psi (Ψ).***

And make this water to be effectual unto the washing away of transgression. May every stain of our iniquity here be cleansed; may our nature be restored to its perfect fashioning and be conformed again to thine own image of righteousness; may it be redeemed from the old sins of its conversation, that every person, being born again by the Sacrament they here have received, may be restored verily unto the innocence of thy children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. *Amen.*

**¶ *The Priest pours the Oil of the Catechumens into the water, saying:***

May this oil of salvation make this font holy and cause it to multiply: that those who find herein their new birth may come to life everlasting. *Amen.*

**¶ *The Priest pours the Holy Chrism into the water, saying:***

May this mingling of the Chrism of Jesus Christ our Lord and of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete be wrought in the Name of the most Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

**¶ *The Priest pours both oils in the form of a cross, saying:***

May this commingling of the Chrism of salvation, the Oil of the Catechumens, and of the Water of Baptism likewise be wrought in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

**¶ *The Priest then pours the new Easter Water into the aspersorium and asperses the congregation.***

**¶ *Individual candles will now be relit for the Litany of Saints.***





The Litany of the Saints is a very ancient Christian prayer in which the Church militant calls upon the Church triumphant for help for themselves and the Church laboring on earth. This prayer is of particular use as our fathers enduring all forms of suffering to bring to us the saving faith we now enjoy.

## The Litany of Saints

V. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

R. Chris-te, e - le - i - son.

V. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

V. O Christ, hear us.

R. O Christ, graciously hear us.

V. O God the Father of heaven:

R. Have mer-cy u - pon us.

V. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O God the Holy Ghost:

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O Holy Trinity, one God:

R. Have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary:

Pray \_\_\_ for us.

Holy Mother of God:  
Pray for us.

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits:  
Pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins:  
Pray for us.

Holy John Baptist:  
Pray for us.

Holy Michael:  
Pray for us.

Holy Joseph:  
Pray for us.

Holy Gabriel:  
Pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets:  
Pray for us.

Holy Raphael:  
Pray for us.

Holy Peter:  
Pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and  
Archangels:  
Pray for us.

Holy Paul:  
Pray for us.

Holy Andrew:  
Pray for us.



Holy James the  
Greater:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy John:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Thomas:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy James the  
Less:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Phillip:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Bartholomew:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Matthew:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Simon:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Jude:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Matthias:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Barnabas:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Luke:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Mark:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Apostles  
and Evangelists:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Disciples of  
the Lord:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye Holy Innocents:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Stephen:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Lawrence:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Vincent:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Fabian and Holy Sebastian:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy John and Holy Paul:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Cosmas and Damian:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Gervase and Protase:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy martyrs:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Sylvester:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Gregory:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Augustine:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Ambrose:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Jerome:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Martin:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Nicholas:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Bishops and Confessors:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Doctors:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Anthony:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Benedict:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Dominic:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Francis:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Priests and Levites:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Monks and Hermits:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Mary Magdalene:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Agatha  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Lucy:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Agnes:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Cecilia:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Catherine:  
*Pray for us.*

Holy Anastasia:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye holy Virgins and Widows:  
*Pray for us.*

All ye Holy, Righteous, and Elect of God:  
*Intercede for us.*

℣. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
℟. *Spare us, good Lord.*

℣. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
℟. *Graciously hear us, good Lord.*

℣. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:  
℟. *Have mercy upon us.*

℣. O Christ, hear us.  
℟. *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

℣. Kyrie eleison.  
℟. *Kyrie eleison.*

℣. Christe eleison.  
℟. *Christe eleison.*

℣. Kyrie eleison.  
℟. *Kyrie eleison.*



¶ *Once the ministers are in the chancel, there will be a brief silence.*

The Lenten Fast has ended!

The Priest begins with the great Easter acclamation, and the room bursts into light and sound.

And now, the long Lenten fast being ended, the Gloria is now sung.

# THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER

*V.* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*R.* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*¶ Bells are rung as the altar candles are lit and the Priest dons priestly vestments for the celebration of the Holy Mass. The Altar will be censed at this time.*

The Gloria

*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.

Collect for the Vigil Mass of Easter

∩. The Lord be with you.  
*R.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But 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. 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.  
*R.* Thanks be to God.

¶ *Please stand.*

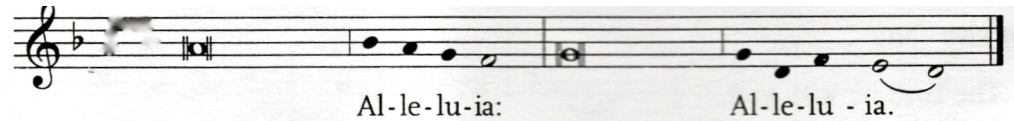
*After the Epistle, the Priest will intone the Great Alleluia three times. Please stand and repeat the Alleluia after each intonation. Then we will sing Psalm 114 joyfully in unison to the Tonus Perigrinus.*

The Great Alleluia



Psalm 114

*In exitu Israel*



- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt | Alleluia!  
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people, | Alleluia!
- 2 Judah was his sanctuary | Alleluia!  
and Israel his dominion. | Alleluia!
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled | Alleluia!  
Jordan was driven back. | Alleluia!
- 4 The mountains skippeð like rams | Alleluia!  
and the little hills like young sheep. | Alleluia!
- 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest | Alleluia!  
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? | Alleluia!
- 6 Ye mountains, that ye skippeð like rams | Alleluia!  
and ye little hills, like young sheep? | Alleluia!
- 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD | Alleluia!  
at the presence of the God of Jacob; | Alleluia!
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water | Alleluia!  
and the flint-stone into a springing well. | Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

¶ The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

℟. *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Gallilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¶ The Gospel of the Lord. ℟. *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

In keeping with the spirit of tonight's ancient liturgy, the homily will be the passionate Easter Homily by 4<sup>th</sup> Century Church Father, St. John Chrysostom. For centuries, this timeless homily has been considered the traditional sermon of the Easter Vigil.

**¶ Please stand when the thurifer approaches the chancel steps.**

As the table is prepared, the priest prays during the minor elevations and the following prayer:

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this spotless Host, which I, thine unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses, and negligences, and for all here present: as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may avail both me and them for salvation unto life everlasting. Amen.

The Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Interpreted by Father Whitmire

The Peace

☩. The peace of the Lord be always with you.



## The Offertory

Offertory Sentence

*Dextera Domini*

The right hand of the LORD hath triumphed; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD, alleluia.

*Psalm 118:16-17*

Hymn

“Through the Red Sea brought at last” (*Strof mich nicht*)



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide  
 through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
 bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Secret

Receive, we pray, O Lord, the prayers of thy people, together with the offering of this sacrifice; that this beginning of the Paschal Mystery, may, by thy power, bring us to everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Orate Fratres ac Sorores

☩. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this sacrifice of yours and mine may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

℟. *May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.*



*This Eucharistic prayer is adapted from the anaphora of the Liturgy of St. Basil, one of the ancient Eucharistic rites of the Eastern Churches. The chant tone used tonight and during Eastertide is known as Mozarabic Chant. Its origins come from Spain and date to as early as Fifth Century.*

## The Holy Eucharist

(Eucharistic Prayer D)

☩. The Lord be with you.

℟. *And with thy spirit.*

☩. Lift up your hearts.

℟. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

☩. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

℟. *It is meet and right so to do.*

### The Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever. Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

### Sanctus and Benedictus

*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

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.

### The Canon of the Mass

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**“TAKE, EAT:**

**THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.**

**DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”**

Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

**“DRINK YE ALL OF THIS:**

**FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT,**

**WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.**

**DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”**

And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

*At the elevation of the Host and Chalice, you are invited to make the Sign of the Cross and say silently, “My Lord and my God,” in adoration of our Lord’s Eucharistic presence.*

*All say the Acclamation together.*

*All*

we praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we give thanks un - to Thee,

and we pray to Thee: Lord, our God.

*The Priest calls down the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Bread and Wine, mystically transforming them into the sacred Body and Blood of Christ.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend ✠ upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop & Primate; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and Bill, our Bishops; Norman, Rector of this parish; and all who minister in thy Church.

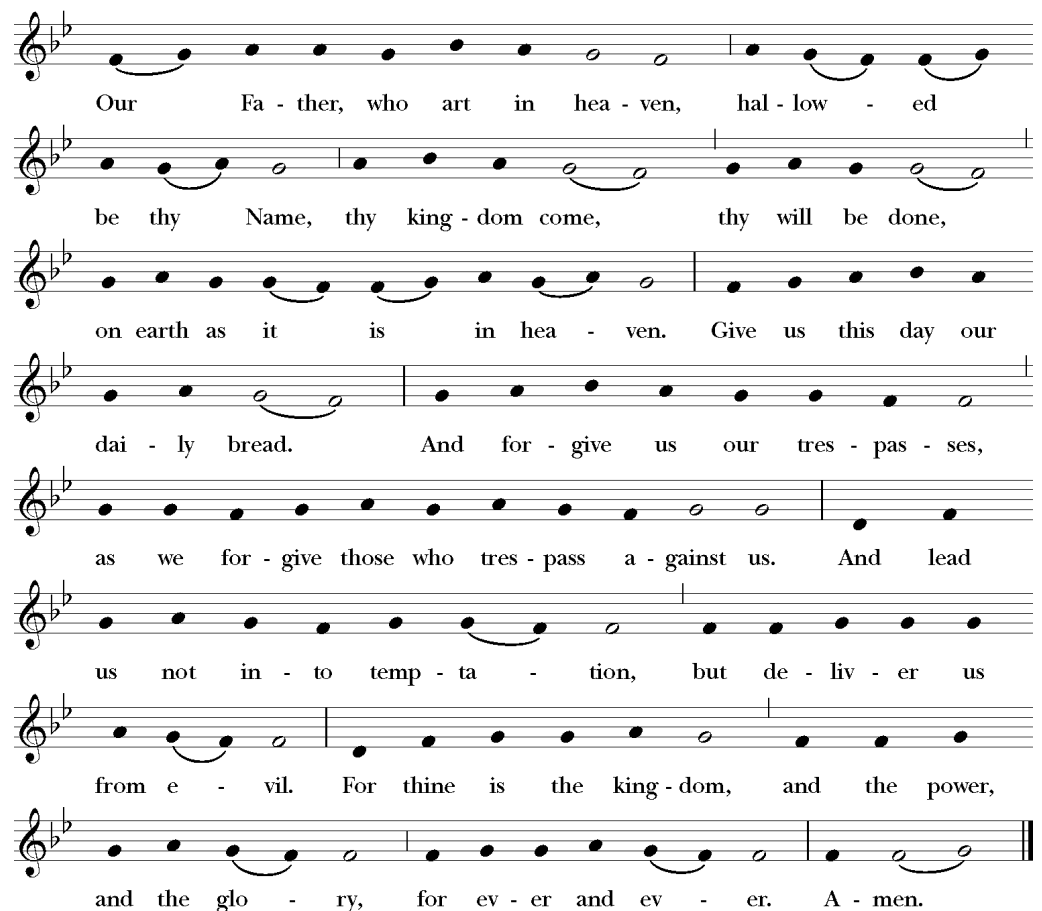
Remember all those on our Parish prayer lists. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to thee alone; bring them into the place of eternal happiness, joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.  
*AMEN.*

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

### The Lord's Prayer



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.

*In lieu of the Prayers  
of the People, the  
Priest prays for the  
Church, its leaders,  
and the departed.*

The Fraction

*Tonus Peregrinus*

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

*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

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.

*This cherished prayer is found in the first Book of Common Prayer (1549) and is one of the hallmarks of Anglicanism.*

*Written by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, this prayer is an expression of our faith in Christ and in his Presence in the Eucharist, and asking him to unite himself with us.*

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

*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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

#### *Ecce Agnus Dei & Non sum dignus*

*℣. Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.  
℟. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but, speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

*All persons are invited to the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive, you may receive a blessing from the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

#### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**¶ If you cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament physically, you are invited to receive Jesus spiritually by making an Act of Spiritual Communion. Please pray the following prayer.**

My Jesus, I believe that thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love thee above all things, and I desire thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, as though thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from thee. Amen.

#### Communion Sentence

*Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

*1 Corinthians 5:7, 8; Romans 6:9*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Now we thank God for the great gift we have been given in The Blessed Sacrament, and we ask his blessing for strength as we go out into the world to do the work he has given us to do.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. *Almighty and ever living 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.*

### Postcommunion Collect

We pray thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts the love of thy Holy Spirit; that as thou hast now filled us with this Paschal Sacrament, so thou wouldst make us grow in all godly concord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Eastertide Benediction

May Almighty God, who hath redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism hath raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*


May God, who hath brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The Mass is ended,  
depart in peace.*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



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



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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## OFFERINGS & INTENTIONS

- A gift for bread and wine is offered with thanksgiving for God's many blessings, given by Henry and Maureen Chan.
- A gift for bread, wine, and the Blessed Sacrament Candle is offered with many blessings in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Bernice and Samuel Ramkissoon, given by Bernice.
- A gift for bread, wine, the Blessed Sacrament Candle, and candle oils is offered in thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings upon Kris & Kam Mangru and Kim & Nick Testa, given by the Mangru Family.
- A gift for bread is offered with many blessings for the birthday of Andrew Kandasammy, given by his mother Lolita Kandasammy.
- A gift for the Blessed Sacrament Candle is offered "for God's continued blessings upon my nephews, Joshua, Anubis, and Liam," given by Anjie Rai.
- A gift for bread and wine is offered with thanksgiving for God's many blessings upon Donna Despot and Family, given by Donna.
- A gift for bread, wine, and altar candles supplies is offered with thanksgiving for God's many blessings upon Narissa Boccino and Family, given by Narissa.

## EASTER FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers adorning the church for Easter were given with the following intentions

- In loving memory of Basil and Mary Teekasingh, given by the Whole Family.
- In loving memory of Cecil and Doreen Teekasingh, given by Donny and Andy Teekasingh.
- In loving memory of Cecil and Doreen Teekasingh, given by Narissa Boccino & Family.
- In loving memory of Frederick Kandasammy, given by Lolita Kandasammy.
- In loving memory of Victoria Hinds, Hyacinth Byer, and Claudine Byer, given by Norma Kellman.
- In loving memory of Ramdatt Sukhram, George & Sookia Armogan, and Sheik & Gladys Allim, given by Kenneth and Theresa Sukhram.
- In loving memory of "our parents Rita & Hermansu Rai, and our brother Chavan Rai," given by Anjie Rai, Divina Rai, Bimal Rai-Khan, and Mathis Rai.
- "With thanksgiving and many blessings for our new arrival," given by Aura Troché
- The Paschal Candle Wreath was donated in loving memory of Myrtle and Alan Songster, Sr., given by their children and grandchildren.
- In thanksgiving for God's many blessings, given by the following persons:
  - Claudette Wharton
  - Angela Telfer
  - Marion Brown
  - Shanie Buchhan & Family
  - Elna Rampersaud Goorahoo
  - Kris Mangru & Family
  - Henry & Maureen Chan
  - Rowena & Terry Chester
  - Donna Despot & Family
  - Lolita Kandasammy
  - Robert Santana & Steve Silva
  - Peggy Smith & Family
  - Elvereine Rosario
  - Janet Baijnauth
  - Bernice Ramkissoon
  - Luci, Vijay, & Jaci Baijnath
  - Donna & Andy Teekasingh
  - Nerissa Boccino & Family
  - Camilla Caldero
  - Angela Allen
  - Joyce Lall

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED,  
ALLELUIA!



*The mission of All Saints Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord by our participation in the Eucharist, our fellowship in oneness and diversity, by respect for each other, and through outreach into the community.*



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