



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH



EASTER VIGIL

April 8, 2023 at 9 P.M.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Welcome to the great Easter Vigil mass at St. Gertrude Church, the pinnacle of the Roman Catholic liturgical year. This most solemn and joyful liturgy takes place in five parts. We begin outside, in front of the Parish Center with the Lucernarium, or blessing of the Easter Fire, from which the Easter Candle and all our individual processional candles will be lit; the Church's ancient triumphant hymn of praise, the Exsultet, is sung after we process into the darkened church. Then follows the Liturgy of the Word, in which we recall and meditate on the Salvation History through nine readings, beginning with the Creation, the Sacrifice of Abraham, the Flight of the Jewish people from Egypt, prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel, and the women discovering the empty tomb and Christ revealing himself to be resurrected. Following this, five catechumens will be welcomed into the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Finally, we conclude with the Liturgy of the Eucharist, at which time the newly baptized and confirmed will receive their first Holy Communion along with all the faithful.



ORDER OF MASS

Easter Vigil

LUCERNARIUM

All gather in front of the Parish Center where a fire has been prepared.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

BLESSING OF THE FIRE

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

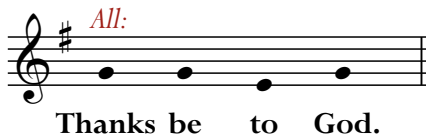
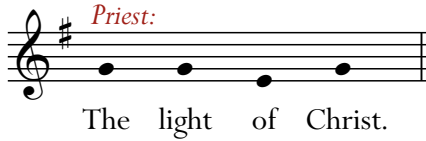
Amen.

The priest then blesses the paschal candle and lights it from the new fire, saying:

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

PROCESSION

The procession begins. Three times — at the door, at the crossing, and at the altar — the priest sings:



EXSULTET

The Rev. Aquinas Beale, O.P.

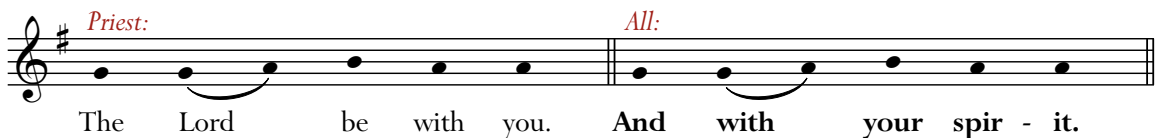
Once the paschal candle is placed in the sanctuary, the priest sings:

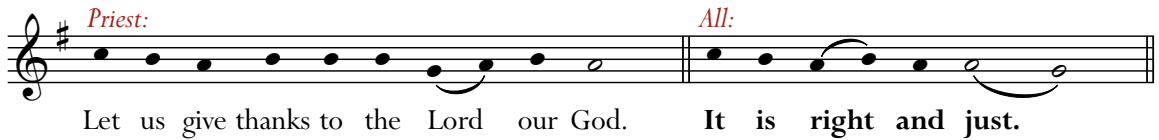
Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the awesome glory of this holy light, invoke with me,
I ask you, the mercy of God almighty, that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites, may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.





It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

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

This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!

O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

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

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

O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written:

The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.

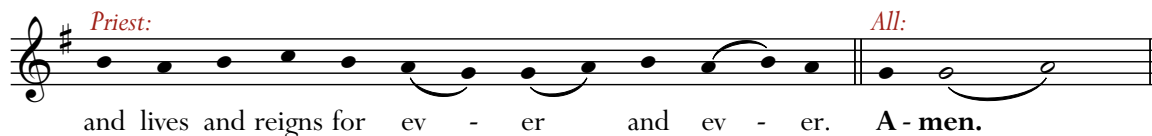
The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,
a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

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

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity,



LITURGY OF THE WORD

INVITATION

The celebrant says:

Dear brothers and sisters, now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

All extinguish their candles and sit

READING I

Genesis 1:1–2:2

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." Thus evening came, and morning followed — the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed — the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed — the third day.

Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed — the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed — the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was. Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed — the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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



Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re - new the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak. *℟.*

You fixed the earth upon its foundation,
not to be moved forever;
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;
above the mountains the waters stood. *℟.*

You send forth springs into the watercourses
that wind among the mountains.
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;
from among the branches they send forth their song. *℟.*

You water the mountains from your palace;
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. *℟.*

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all —
the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the LORD, O my soul! *℟.*

Music: Dominican Chant — Cantemus Domino, adapted Christopher Holman

COLLECT

All stand

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

Amen.

All sit

READING II

Genesis 22:1–18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar. Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over yonder. We will worship and then come back to you." Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham: "Father!" Isaac said. "Yes, son," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?" "Son," Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh; hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see."

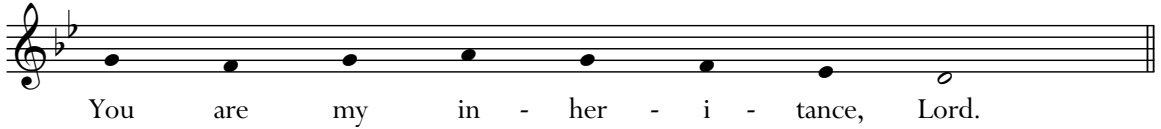
Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing — all this because you obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16:5 and 8, 9–10, 11



O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. *R.*

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. *R.*

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. *R.*

Music: Plainchant

COLLECT

All stand

Let us pray. O God, supreme Father of the faithful, who increase the children of your promise by pouring out the grace of adoption throughout the whole world and who through the Paschal mystery make your servant Abraham father of nations, as once you swore, grant, we pray, that your peoples may enter worthily into the grace to which you call them. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

READING III

Exodus 14:15–15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

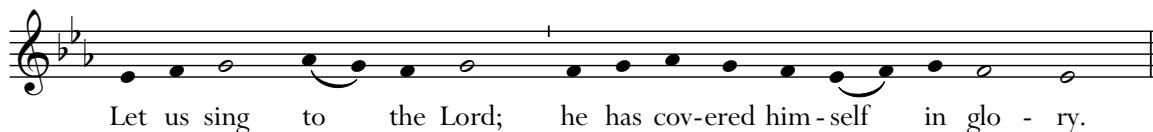
Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18



I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him. *℟.*

The LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name! Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea; the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea. *℟.*

The flood waters covered them, they sank into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power, your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy. *℟.*

You brought in the people you redeemed and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance — the place where you made your seat, O LORD, the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever. *℟.*

Music: Plainchant

COLLECT

All stand

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

Amen.

All sit

READING IV

Isaiah 54:5–14

The One who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The LORD calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, a wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid my face from you; but with enduring love I take pity on you, says the LORD, your redeemer. This is for me like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah should never again deluge the earth; so I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you. O afflicted one, storm-battered and unconsoled, I lay your pavements in carnelians, and your foundations in sapphires; I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of carbuncles, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from the fear of oppression, where destruction cannot come near you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13



I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. *℟.*

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. *℟.*

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. *℟.*

Music: Plainchant

COLLECT

All stand

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, surpass, for the honor of your name, what you pledged to the Patriarchs by reason of their faith, and through sacred adoption increase the children of your promise, so that what the saints of old never doubted would come to pass your Church may now see in great part fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

READING V

Isaiah 55:1–11

Thus says the LORD: all you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

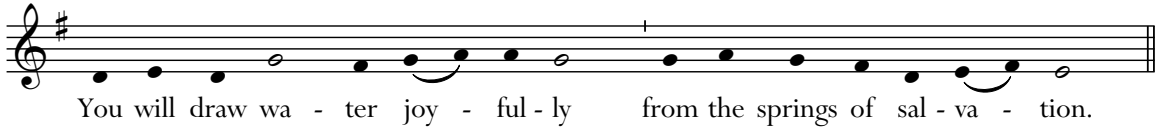
For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6



God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. *℟.*

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name. *℟.*

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! *℟.*

Music: Plainchant, fauxbourdon

COLLECT

All stand

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, sole hope of the world, who by the preaching of your Prophets unveiled the mysteries of this present age, graciously increase the longing of your people, for only at the prompting of your grace do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

READING VI

Baruch 3:9–15, 34–4:4

Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life: listen, and know prudence! How is it, Israel, that you are in the land of your foes, grown old in a foreign land, defiled with the dead, accounted with those destined for the netherworld? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom! Had you walked in the way of God, you would have dwelt in enduring peace. Learn where prudence is, where strength, where understanding; that you may know also where are length of days, and life, where light of the eyes, and peace. Who has found the place of wisdom, who has entered into her treasures?

The One who knows all things knows her; he has probed her by his knowledge — The One who established the earth for all time, and filled it with four-footed beasts; he who dismisses the light, and it departs, calls it, and it obeys him trembling; before whom the stars at their posts shine and rejoice; when he calls them, they answer, "Here we are!" shining with joy for their Maker. Such is our God; no other is to be compared to him: he has traced out the whole way of understanding, and has given her to Jacob, his servant, to Israel, his beloved son.

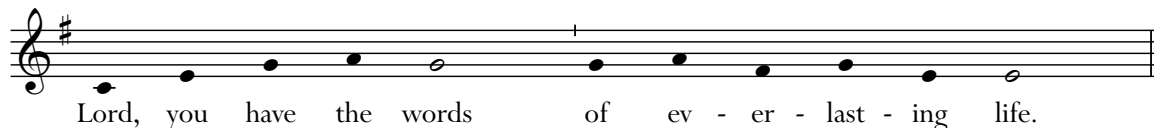
Since then she has appeared on earth, and moved among people. She is the book of the precepts of God, the law that endures forever; all who cling to her will live, but those will die who forsake her. Turn, O Jacob, and receive her: walk by her light toward splendor. Give not your glory to another, your privileges to an alien race. Blessed are we, O Israel; for what pleases God is known to us!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11



The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. *℟.*

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. *℟.*

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. *℟.*

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. *℟.*

Antiphon: John 8:68c, Plainchant

Verses: C. Holman

COLLECT

All stand

Let us pray. O God, who constantly increase your Church by your call to the nations, graciously grant to those you wash clean in the waters of Baptism the assurance of your unfailing protection. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit

READING VII

Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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



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

Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.

When shall I go and behold the face of God? *℟.*

I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God,

Amid loud cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the multitude keeping festival. *℟.*

Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on

And bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. *℟.*

Then will I go in to the altar of God, the God of my gladness and joy;

then will I give you thanks upon the harp, O God, my God! *℟.*

Antiphon: Plainchant

Verses: Herbert Howells

COLLECT

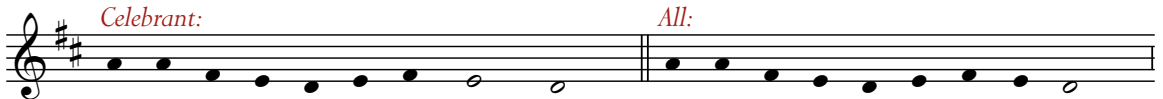
All stand

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

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

As the altar candles are lit, all sing:



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace to people of



bo-næ vo-lun-ta - tis.

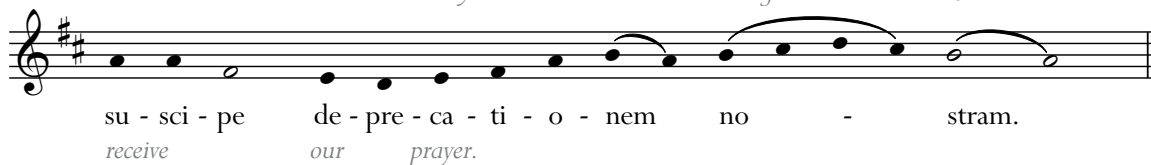
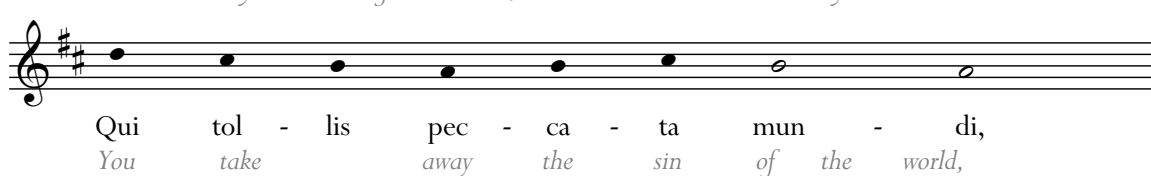
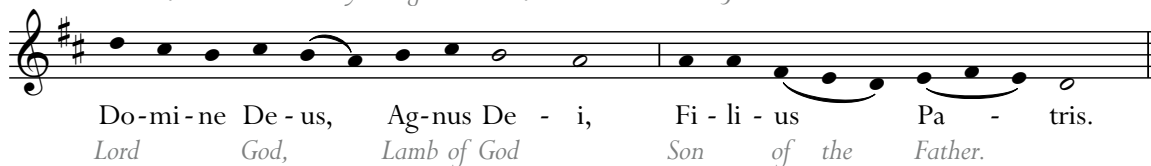
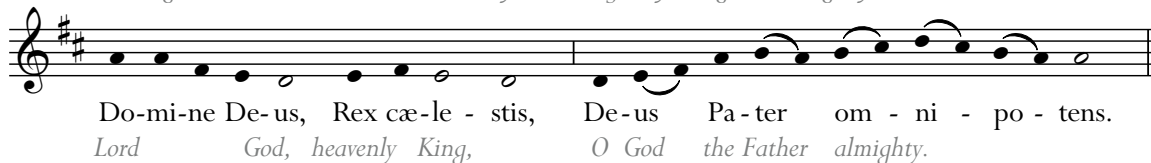
Lau-da - mus te.

Be-ne-di-ci-mus te.

good will.

We praise you.

We bless you.



Qui se - des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

Quo - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus. Tu so - lus Do - mi - nus.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

Tu so - lus Al - tis - si - mus, Je - su Chri - ste.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

A - - - men.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"

COLLECT

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

Amen.

All sit

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3–11

Brothers and sisters: are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLEMN ALLELUIA

All stand

The priest sings the alleluia, then all repeat it; this is done three times, each at a higher pitch.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.” **℟.**

The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **℟.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. **℟.**

Music: Plainchant — O filii et filiae, adapted C. Holman

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

The Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P.

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

INTRODUCTION

The catechumens are called forward and presented. The celebrant then says:

Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their blessed hope, so that, as they approach the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on them all his merciful help.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All stand and sing:

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: *Saint N.* *All:* pray for us.

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

Cantor: *Petition* *All:* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: *Petition* *All:*

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor: *All:*

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.

Cantor: *All:*

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

PRAYER

The celebrant says:

Almighty ever-living God, be present by the mysteries of your great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism, so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfillment by your mighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

The celebrant says:

O God, who by invisible power accomplish a wondrous effect through sacramental signs and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation, to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit in the first moments of the world's creation hovered over the waters, so that the very substance of water would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood foreshadowed regeneration, so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham to pass dry-shod through the Red sea, so that the chosen people, set free from slavery to Pharaoh, would prefigure the people of the baptized;

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit the grace of your Only Begotten Son, so that human nature, created in your image and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism from all the squalor of the life of old, may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children through water and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Cantor: Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord; *All:* praise and exalt him above all for - ev - er.

The celebrant asks the catechumens to renounce sin and profess the Catholic Faith.

Immediately after the profession of faith the celebrant baptizes the candidates:

Moving down to the altar rail with their sponsors, the newly baptized are clothed with a white garment and presented with a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle.

All sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 510, Verse 1

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

INVITATION

The celebrant addresses the candidates:

My dear newly baptized, born again in Christ by baptism, you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be an active member of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

The celebrant addresses the congregation:

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

The celebrant holds his hands outstretched over the entire group of those to be confirmed and says:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The celebrant anoints the candidate with chrism.

Sponsor: Father, I present to you N.

The sponsor gives the candidate's confirmation name.

Celebrant: N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

The celebrant anoints the candidate with chrism oil.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

After the people's candles are lit, the celebrant addresses the congregation:

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

I do.

And all his works?

I do.

And all his empty show?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

ANTIPHON

The priests sprinkle the congregation with holy water as the choir sings:

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,
a latere dextro, alleluia;
et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,
salvi facti sunt et dicent: alleluia, alleluia.

*I saw water flowing from the Temple,
from its right-hand side, alleluia;
and all to whom this water came
were saved and shall say: alleluia, alleluia.*

Words: after Ezekiel 47:1 and John 19:34

Music: Dominican Chant

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Each petition, read by some of the newly baptized, concludes with:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, the celebrant prays a collect, to which all respond:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

All sit

Some of the newly baptized bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.

OFFERTORY

The choir sings:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Words: Song of Solomon 8:7a, John 15:13,
1 Peter 2:24a and 9, 1 Corinthians 6:11b, Romans 12:1
Music: John Ireland*

ORATE, FRATRES

All stand

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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy church.

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

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this night above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Cantor: San - ctus, *All:* San - ctus, San - ctus,
Holy, *Holy,* *Holy,*
Do - mi - nus De - us Sa -
Lord God of hosts.
- - - ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li
Full are heaven
et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.
and earth of your glory.

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
Hosanna in the highest.

Be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit
Blessed is he who comes

in no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. Ho - san - na
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna

in ex - cel - sis.
in the highest.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

Mysterium fidei.

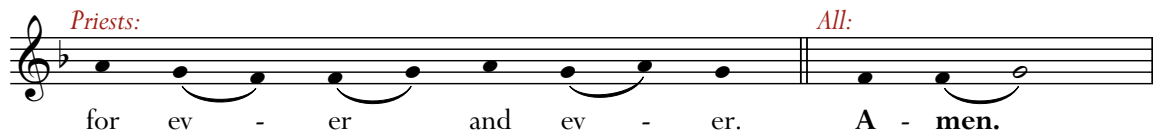
The mystery of faith.

Cantor: Mor tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Do - mi - ne,
We proclaim your death, O Lord,

All: et tu - am re sur-rec-ti - o nem con-fi - te - mur, do - nec ve - ni - as.
and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

*At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice
and the paten with the host; raising both, all the priests sing:*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,



THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

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

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

AGNUS DEI

Choir: A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world:

All: mi - se - re - re no - bis.
have mercy on us.

Choir: A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:
All: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Choir: A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di:
All: do - na no - bis pa - cem.
grant us peace.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "De Angelis"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

COMMUNION

Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus,
alleluia: itaque epulemur in
azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia.

℣. Propter hoc laetatum est cor meum,
et exsultavit lingua mea;
insuper et caro mea requiescet in spe.

℣. Quoniam non derelinques animam
meam in inferno, nec dabis sanctum
tuum videre corruptionem.

℣. Notas mihi fecisti vias vitae;
adimplebis me laetitia cum vultu tuo:
delectationes in dextera tua
usque in finem.

℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat
in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

The choir sings:

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

℣. *Therefore my heart is glad,
my tongue rejoices;
my body also dwells secure.*

℣. *For you will not abandon my soul
to the inferno, nor let your holy
one see corruption.*

℣. *You have shown me the path of life;
abounding joy in your presence:
and delights at your right hand
forever.*

℣. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Antiphon: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8

Versicles: Psalm 16:9, 10, 11

Music: Dominican Chant

MOTET

The choir sings:

Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*Therefore, so great a Sacrament
Let us fall down and worship,
And let the old law
Give way to a new rite,
And let faith stand forward
To make right the defects of sense.*

*To the Father and the Son
be praise and joy,
health, honor, virtue also
and blessing;
and to him proceeding from both
be equal praise. Amen.*

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas

Music: Charles-Marie Widor

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

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

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and,
in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

Amen.

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

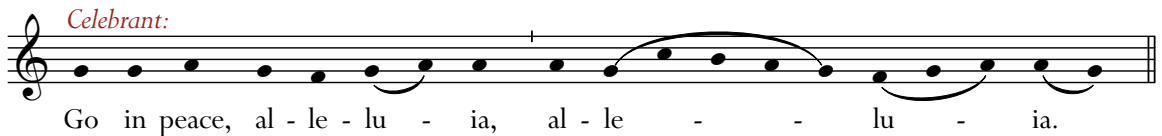
Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the
gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSION

All stand and sing:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

St. Michael Hymnal 422

POSTLUDE

Victimae paschali laudes, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach

*After mass all are invited to the Parish Center to congratulate
the newly baptized and to enjoy refreshments together.*

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8 P.M.

Sung mass with cantor and organ

10 A.M. and 12 P.M.

*Sung mass with choir, organ, and string
players from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra*

6 P.M.

Sung mass with music by the ensemble Laudare

All are most welcome to attend.

