

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

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HOLY THURSDAY - Do this as a Memorial of Me

we recall what Jesus said and did on the night before he died, at the Last Supper Passover Meal

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening, at a convenient hour, with the full participation of the whole local community and with all the priests and clergy exercising their ministry. The tabernacle should be entirely empty; a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated at this Mass for the communion of clergy and laity today and tomorrow.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with men, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is the way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his sign. *Refrain*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood,"
Love, only love, is his sign. *Refrain*

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

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

INVITATION TO SORROW

The priest invites all to repent of their sins.
A pause for silent reflection follows.

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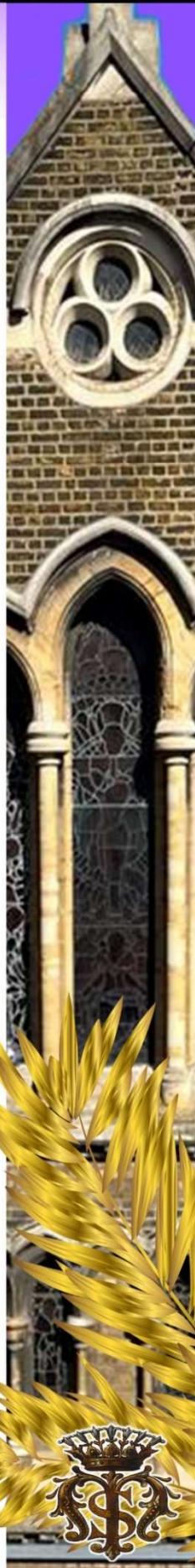
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, eleison
Kyrie eleison.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God, Glory to God
And on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father.

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

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord; You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.
Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING *Exodus 12:18, 11-14* *A reading from the Book of Exodus*

In those days:

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their father's houses, a lamb for a household.

And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbour shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count to the lamb.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male, a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

'Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

'In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.

And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beasts; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass

over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

'This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute for ever, you shall keep it as a feast.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 116:12-13, 16bc,* *17-18 R. cf. 1Corinthians 10:16*

R. The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

1. How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the name of the Lord. **R.**
2. How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant am I, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
3. I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice:
I will call on the name of the Lord.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* *A reading from the First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.*

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-15

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

During supper, when the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it round his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped round him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, do you wash my feet?' Jesus answered him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WASHING OF THE FEET

If the ceremony of the Washing of the Feet is conducted, it takes place now.

During the washing of the feet the following antiphons or other appropriate songs are sung:

HYMNS:

Meekness and Majesty 751

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
In perfect harmony, the man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O, what a mystery, meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship, for this is your God
This is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suff'ring to give us life, conqu'ring through
sacrifice; and as they crucify prays
'Father forgive'.

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Return to God 193

Return to God will all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

1. Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation:
Come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
If you set the pris'ner free;
If you share your bread with the hungry,
Give protection to the lost;
Give a shelter to the homeless,
Clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.



Servant King 749

1. From heaven You came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled,
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.
3. Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
4. So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

The Prayer of the Faithful follows the washing of feet, or, if this does not take place it follows the homily. The Profession of Faith is not said at this Mass.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN:

A NEW COMMENDMENT 920

A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you
That you love one another
As I have loved you

By this shall all mankind know you
Are my disciples,
If you have love one for another
By this shall all mankind know you
Are my disciples,
If you have love one for another. *Chorus*

You are my friends if you do what I command you
Without my help you can do nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I command you
Without my help you can do nothing. *Chorus*

I am the true vine; my Father is the gard'ner
Abide in me; I will be with you,
I am the true vine; my Father is the gard'ner
Abide in me; I will be with you. *Chorus*



Offering the bread, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation
for through your goodness we have received the
bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

While pouring water into the chalice the priest says:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we
come to share in the divinity of Christ, who
humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed be God for ever.

Offering the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation
for through your goodness we have received the
wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

The priest bows and says:

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

While washing his hands, the priest says quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse
me from my sin.

The priest says these or similar words:

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

The people rise and reply:

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these
mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this
sacrifice is celebrated the work of our
redemption is accomplished
through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

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, always and everywhere to give
You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and
Eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest,
Who instituted the pattern of an everlasting
Sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as
The saving Victim, commanding us to make
This offering as his memorial.

As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us,
We are made strong, and, as we drink his
Blood that was poured out for us,
We are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
With Thrones and Dominions,
And with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
We sing the hymn of your glory,
As without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to
yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for
consecration,
that they may become the Body and Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.



For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the saving
Passion of your Son,
His wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your
elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint **N.:** *the Saint of the day or Patron Saint*)

and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your
own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:

in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of
your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is
good.

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

COMMUNION RITE

*At the priest's invitation all sing or say the
Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father,
who art in heaven ...**

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



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

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

The priest may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace and Christian friendship.

*As the priest divides the consecrated Host
The following is sung or said:*

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

Showing the host to the people, the priest says:
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 ANTIPHON

This is the Body that will be given up
For you; this is the Chalice of the new
Covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
Do this, whenever you receive it, in
Memory of me.

BREAD OF ANGELS

Bread of angels we receive you; with us now abide.
Precious Jesus manna of ages, with us now reside
Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum
Dat panis chelicus figuris terminum

Cup of mercy overflowing fill us with your grace
Wine of passion, O Son begotten,
we flee to your embrace.

Ores mirabilis manducat Dominum
Pauper, Pauper servus et humilis.

Word incarnate, dwell within us,
Pierce our hardened hearts.
Tender Jesus, love so gentle never let us part.
Te, trina Deitas unaque, poscimus,
Sic nos tu visita, sicut tecolimus.

Though unworthy, we receive you, sacrament divine.

Bread of angels, accept our praises,
let your glory shine.
Per tuas semitas ducnos quotendimus,
Lucem, ad lucem quam inhabitas.



GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

1. God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of life and binding light,
truth whom creatures would refashion,
place on us the gift of sight.

*Truth insistent and demanding
Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
give us peace and pardon, Lord.*

2. God most holy and forgiving,
penetrate our pride and sloth;
on a people partly living,
place the gift of life and growth.
3. Lord, who out of love consented
to the worst that we could do;
Lord, abandoned and tormented,
Let us love and suffer too.

TAKE AND EAT

Take and eat; take and eat:
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink
This is my blood given up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with you.
2. I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own; your ransom is my blood.



I BELIEVE / AVE MARIA

Ave Maria, gratia plena:
Dominus tecum:
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus.
Fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Sancta Maria, Maria
Ora pronobis, nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora, in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

I believe for ev'ry drop of rain that falls,
A flower grows.
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,
A candle glows.
I believe for everyone who goes astray,
Someone will come to show the way

I believe, I believe!
I believe above the storm the smallest prayer
Will still be heard
I believe that Someone in the great somewhere
Hears every wor.
Every time I hear a new-born baby cry,
Or touch a leaf, or see the sky,
Then I know why I believe!

AN UPPER ROOM 248

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their Risen Friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after Supper he washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house
He will be there, as Lord and Host.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed by the Supper
of your Son in this present age, so we may
enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever



Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

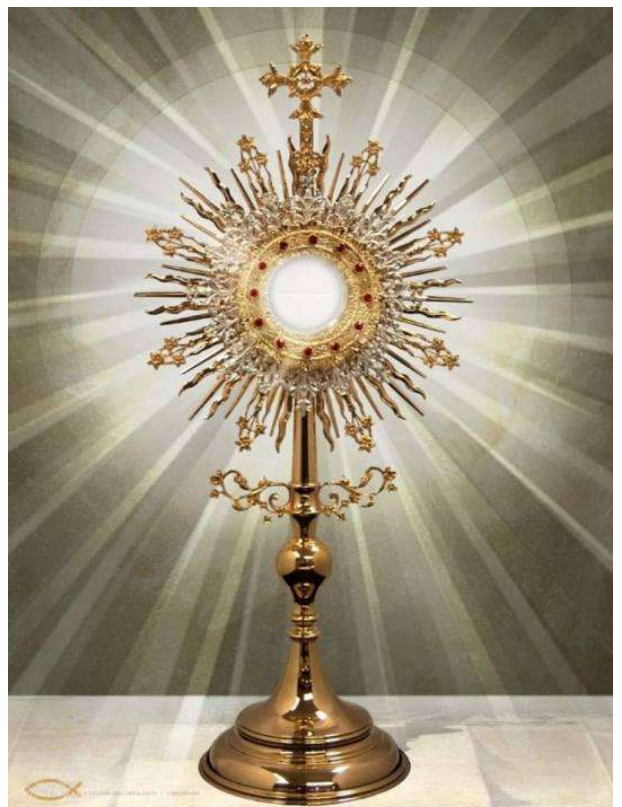
*The Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to the altar of repose.
During the procession the hymn Pange, lingua (exclusive of the last two stanzas)
or some other eucharistic song is sung.*



1. Pange, lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium
Sanguisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit gentium.
2. Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine
Et in mundo converstatus,
Sparso verbi semine.
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.
3. In supremæ nocte coenæ,
Recubens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibum in legalibus
Cibis turbae duodenae,
Se dat suis manibus.
4. Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum;
Et si sensus deficit,
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit

*When the procession reaches the altar of repose,
the following is sung:*

5. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestat fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
6. Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilation,
Salus, honor, vitus quoque
Sit et benediction:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudation.
Amen.



GOOD FRIDAY

*An invitation to see that the Lord Jesus is still suffering
in the suffering of his people.*



Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

*The celebration consists of three parts:
Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross,
and Holy Communion.*

The priest and deacon, wearing red Mass vestments, go to the altar. There they make a reverence and prostrate themselves, or they may kneel. All pray silently for a while. Then the priest goes to the chair with the ministers. He faces the people and says:

Remember your mercies, O Lord,
and with your eternal protection sanctify
your servants,
for whom Christ your Son,
by the shedding of his Blood,
established the Paschal Mystery.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST PART: LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you – his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind – so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wound we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we he turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgement he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 31:2, 6. 12a-d. 12e-13. 15-16. 17, 25. R Luke 23:46*

R. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

- 1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God. **R.**

- 2 Because of all my foes
I have become a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbours
and of fear to my friends. **R.**
- 3 Those who see me in the street,
they flee from me.
I am forgotten, like someone dead,
and have become like a broken vessel. **R.**
4. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord;
I say: 'You are my God.
There in your hands is my lot,
from the hands of my enemies deliver me
and from those who pursue me.' **R.**
5. 'Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love'.
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:
We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God; let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The passion may be read by lay readers, with the part of Christ, if possible, reserved to the priest.

† indicates the part of Christ. **N** that of the Narrator, **S** other individual voices and **C** the 'crowd' – the latter part may be taken by the congregation or by a part of it, e.g. the choir, or may be entrusted to the **S** reader.

GOSPEL

John 18:1-19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

N At that time:

Jesus went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them,

† Whom do you seek?

N They answered him,

C 'Jesus of Nazareth.'

N Jesus said to them,

† I am he.

N Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he', they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again,

† Whom do you seek?

N And they said,

C Jesus of Nazareth.

N Jesus answered,

† I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.

N This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: 'Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.' Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off

his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So, Jesus said to Peter,

† 'Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?

N So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First, they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in.

The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

S You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?

N He said.

S I am not.

N Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him,

† I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.

N When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

S Is that how you answer the high priest?'

N Jesus answered him,

† If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?

N Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So, they said to him,

S You also are not one of his disciples, are you?

N He denied it and said,

S I am not.

N One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

S Did I not see you in the garden with him?

N Peter again denied it, and at once a cock crowed. Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So, Pilate went outside to them and said,

S What accusation do you bring against this man?

N They answered him,

C If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.

N Pilate said to them,

S Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.

N The Jews said to him,

C It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.

N This was to fulfil the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So, Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

S Are you the King of the Jews?

N Jesus answered,

† Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?

N Pilate answered,

S Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?

N Jesus answered,

† My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been

fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.

N Then Pilate said to him,

S So you are a king?

N Jesus answered,

† You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.

N Pilate said to him,

S What is truth?

N After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

S I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So, do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?

N They cried out again,

C Not this man, but Barabbas!

N Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying,

C Hail, King of the Jews!

N and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

S See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.

N So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

S Behold the man!

N When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

C Crucify him, crucify him!

N Pilate said to them,

S Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.

N The Jews answered him,

C We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.

N When Pilate heard the statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

S Where are you from?

N But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him,

S You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?

N Jesus answered him,

† You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore, he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.

N From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

C If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.

N So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

S Behold your king.'

N They cried out,

C Away with him, away with him, crucify him!

N Pilate said to them,

S Shall I crucify your King?

N The chief priest answered,

C We have no king but Caesar.

N So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the

place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So, the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

C Do not write, “The King of the Jews”, but rather, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”

N Pilate answered,

S What I have written, I have written.

N When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,

C Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.

N This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, ‘They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.’ So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

† Woman, behold, your son!

N Then he said to the disciple,

† Behold your mother!

N And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

† I thirst.

N A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

† It is finished,

N and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

All kneel for a period of silence.

N Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness – his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth – that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: ‘Not one of his bones will be broken.’ And again, another Scripture says, ‘They will look on him whom they have pierced.’

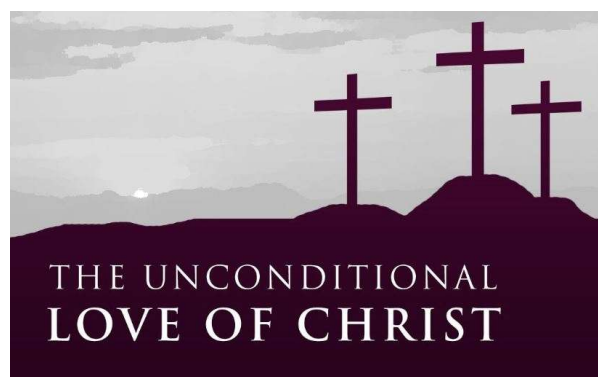
After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about thirty-five kilograms in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



The solemn intercessions conclude the liturgy of the word. The priest sings or says the introduction in which each intention is stated. All kneel and pray silently for some period of time, and then the priest, with hands extended, sings or says the prayer. The people may either kneel or stand throughout the entire period of the general intercessions.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

1. FOR HOLY CHURCH

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of our mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

2. FOR THE POPE

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope N., that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded, look with favour on our prayers and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

3. FOR ALL ORDERS AND DEGREES OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray also for our Bishop Vincent, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

4. FOR CATECHUMENS

Let us pray also for (our) catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of (our) catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

5. FOR THE UNITY OF CHRISTIANS

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

6. FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

7. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightenment by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

8. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race.

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

9. FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Let us pray also those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of the peoples, look with favour, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**

10. FOR THOSE WHO IN TRIBULATION

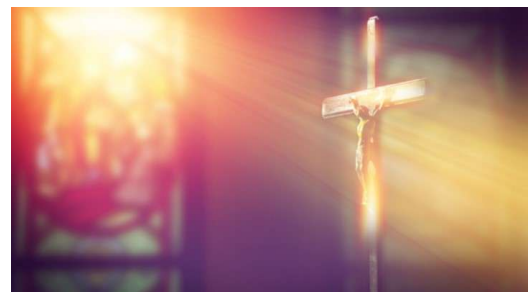
Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers' safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

Silent prayer. Then the priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Or: O Lord hear us we pray,
O Lord give us your love.**



*SECOND PART:
THE ADORATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS*

The showing of the Cross takes place in three stages. Three times the priest says:

Behold the wood of the Cross,
On which hung the salvation of the world.

All kneel and reply:

Come, let us adore.

During the adoration of the Cross, all or some of the following may be said or sung.

HYMNS

Laudate 756

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Lenten Meditation

1. Jesus Christ, my Saviour
Lived for me, and died,
Source of my salvation, yet was crucified.
2. Peace that knows no measure:
This by faith I see.
Love that knows no ending;
Jesus died for me

Lord, we renew our commitment
These forty nights and days.
And Lord, by your grace help us
Change our sinful ways.

3. Hear me now, Lord Jesus:
I will never stray.
I will never wander.
Hear me as I pray:

4. Free me now from darkness.
Cleanse me now from sin
Pardon my transgressions,
Make me pure within

Amen, Amen, Amen.

If My People Will Pray

1. If my people which are called by my name
Shall humble themselves, shall humble
themselves and pray
If my people which are called by my name
Shall seek My face and turn from their
wicked ways.

Then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear and will forgive their sin.

2. If my people which are called by my name
Shall humble themselves, shall humble
themselves and pray
I will forgive their sin
I will forgive their sin
And heal their land.

3. Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us.
And grant us Thy peace.

4. If my people which are called by my name
Shall humble themselves,
shall humble themselves,
Shall humble themselves, and pray.

ANTIPHON *Psalm 66:2*

We adore your Cross, O Lord,
We praise and glorify your holy
Resurrection,
For behold, because of the wood of a tree
Joy has come to the whole world.
May God have mercy on us and bless us;
May he let his face shed its light upon us
And have mercy on us.

REPROACHES 1

O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I hurt you? Answer me.

1. I let you out of Egypt.
From slavery I set you free.
I brought you into a land of promise;
you have prepared a cross for me.
2. I let you as a shepherd;
I brought you safely through the sea,
Fed you with manna in the desert;
You have prepared a cross for me.
3. I fought for you in battles;
I won you strength and victory,
Gave you a royal crown and scepter;
You have prepared a cross for me.
4. I planted you, my vineyard;
And cared for you most tenderly;
Looked for abundant fruit, and found
none
Only the cross you made for me.
5. Then listen to my pleading,
And do not turn away from me.
You are my people; will you reject me?
For you I suffer bitterly.

THIRD PART: HOLY COMMUNION

The altar is covered with a cloth and the corporal and Missal are placed on it. Then the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the priest brings the Blessed Sacrament from the place of repose to the altar, while all stand in silence.

At the altar the priest says:

At the Saviour's command
And formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All continue:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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.

The priest continues alone:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
Graciously grant peace in our days,
That, by the help of your mercy,
We may be always free from sin
And safe from all distress,
As we await the blessed hope
And the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

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

Taking the host, the priest says aloud:

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.

WERE YOU THERE

1. Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?

*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?*

2. Were you there when they nailed him to a
tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to a
tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in
the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in
the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to
shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to
shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the
tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the
tomb?

Were you there when they rolled the stone
away?

Were you there when they rolled the stone
away?

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR 938

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.
2. Strength and protection may they Passion
be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter
me;
So shall I never, never part from thee.
3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only
thine;
Call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for
aye.

O BREAD OF HEAVEN 662

1. O bread of heaven, beneath this veil
Thou dost my very God conceal;
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;
I love thee and adoring knee;
Each loving soul by thee is fed
With thine own self in form of bread.
2. O food of life, thou who dost give
The pledge of immortality;
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;
God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,
And every grief with joy repays.
3. O bond of love, that dost unite
The servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live, and not requite
Such love-then death were meet reward
I cannot live unless to prove
Some love for such unmeasured love.
4. Beloved Lord in heaven above,
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me;
To gaze on thee with changeless love,
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be;
For how can he deny me heaven
Who here on earth himself hath given?

JESUS, REMEMBER ME 253

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
Kingdom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A period of silence may now be observed.

The priest then says:

Almighty ever-living God,
who have restored us to life by the blessed
Death and Resurrection of your Christ,
preserve in us the work of your mercy,
that, by partaking of this mystery, we may
have a life unceasingly devoted to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people, who have
honoured the Death of your Son in the hope
of their resurrection:
may pardon come,
comfort be given,
holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Reflection

It's hard to accept, Lord, that men and
women did this to you,
That they condemned you to a brutal
death.
The power of love in you conquered their
injustice.
Help me to be sensitive to the injustice and
the violence you suffer
In the injustices and violence of people
today, one to another.
May your death be a sign of victory and of
hope. Amen
All depart in silence.



HOLY SATURDAY

*An invitation to be always hopeful
in Christ's suffering and victory.*



FIRST PART: THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM

All the lights in the church are put out. Fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. When the people have assembled the priest and ministers go there, one of whom carries the Easter candle. The priest greets the people in these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray.

If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.

Then the fire is blessed.

Let us pray.

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

Through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

After the blessing of the new fire, the paschal candle is brought to the Priest, who cuts a cross in the wax. Then he traces the Greek letters alpha and omega and numerals of the current year.

Meanwhile he says:

1. Christ yesterday and today
 2. the Beginning and the End
 3. the Alpha
 4. and the Omega
 5. All time belongs to him
 6. and all the ages
 7. To him be glory and power
 8. through every age and for ever.
- Amen.



Then he inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, saying

1. By his holy
2. and glorious wounds
3. may Christ the Lord
4. guard us
5. and protect us. Amen

The priest lights the paschal candle from the new fire, saying:

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

Procession

The Light of Christ 747

The light of Christ has come into the world (2X)

1. We all must be born again to see the kingdom of God; the water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.
2. God gave up his only Son out of love for the world so that ev'ryone who believes in Him will live for ever.
3. The Light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation, from the darkness of our sins, we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

At the door of the church the Deacon, standing and raising up the candle, sings:

The Light of Christ C **Thanks be to God.**

Then the deacon move forward to the middle of the church lifts the candle high and sings a second time:

The Light of Christ C **Thanks be to God.**

All light their candles from the paschal candle and continue the procession. When the deacon arrives before the altar, He faces the people and sings a third time.

The Light of Christ C **Thanks be to God.**

The deacon or, if there is no deacon, the priest sings the Easter proclamation at the lectern or pulpit. All stand and hold lighted candles. If necessary, the Easter proclamation may be sung by one who is not a deacon. In this case the bracketed word 'Therefore, dearest friends' up to the end of the introduction are omitted as is the greeting. 'The Lord be with you.'

EASTER PROCLAMATION: EXSULTET

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult all creation around God's throne!
Jesus is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!
Sing, dance and rejoice for Jesus lives!

1. Rejoice, O Mother Church and sing,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Bathed in the brightness of your King!
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Enjoy the victory he brings!
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
2. The prince for Adam's sin is paid,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
by Jesus' blood we have been saved,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
he rose triumphant from the grave!
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
3. This night will be as clear as day,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
the Morning Star is here to stay,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
And He has washed all guilt away!
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
4. And now this Easter candle's light,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Dispels the darkness of the night,
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Rejoice in justice, peace and right!
(Rejoice!) (Rejoice!)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the Almighty Father and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

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

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

O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

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

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

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

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

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasant fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

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

C Amen

*SECOND PART:
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD*

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.

The readings follow. A reader goes to the ambo and proclaims the reading. Then the cantor leads the psalm and the people respond. All rise and the priest sings or says 'Let us pray'. When all have prayed silently for a while, he sings or says the prayer. Instead of the responsorial psalm a period of silence may be observed.

FIRST READING (Shorter Form) *A reading from the book of Genesis (1:1,26-31a)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'

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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c, R. cf.30

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul
Lord God, how great you are,
Clothed in majesty and glory,
Wrapped in light as in a robe! **R.**
2. You founded the earth on its base,
To stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
The waters stood higher than the mountains. **R.**
3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:
They flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of Heaven;
from the branches they sing their song. **R.**
4. From your dwelling you water the hills;
Earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs. **R.**
5. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul. **R.**

PRAYER

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 ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

SECOND READING (Shorter Form)

A reading from the Book of Genesis (22:1-18)

In those days: God tested Abraham and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.'

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not

lay your hands on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, 'By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 16:5, 8-11. R.1

R. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the Lord before me always;
With him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R.**
2. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. **R.**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R.**

PRAYER

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.

THIRD READING

Exodus 14:15-15:1

A reading from the book of Exodus.

In those days:

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I gained glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.'

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

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

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

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and

in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord:

The canticle is sung immediately after the reading. The usual conclusion to the reading, *The word of the Lord, is omitted.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

**R. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
I will sing to the Lord, I will praise His name!**

1. He has thrown my foes into the sea!
Glorious is the Lord who rescued me!
He is my strength! He is my song,
and I will give Him praise!
2. I stand safe and sound upon the shore!
Pharoah's army harries me no more!
Enemies fall under his pow'r
and I will give Him praise!
3. Your right hand is glorious in pow'r!
Your right hand prevailed and won the hour!
Great is your name, endless your reign,
and I will give Him praise!

FOURTH READING

Isaiah 54:5-14

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

'Your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment, I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,' says the Lord, your Redeemer.

'This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

'O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

'I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones. 'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 29:2, 4. 5-6. 12a, 13b. R. 2a

R. I will extol you, Lord, you have raised me up.

1. I will extol you, Lord, you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **R.**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy. **R.**
3. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O Lord.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

FIFTH READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no more money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an

everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

'Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2-6

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

PRAYER

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.

SIXTH READING

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

(Optional)

(Not included)

SEVENTH READING

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me:

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

But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

'Therefore, say to the house of Israel,

Thus says the Lord God:

It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among

them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 42:3. 5b-d; 43:3.4 R. 42:2

**R. Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.**

1. My soul is thirsting for God,
the living God;
when can I enter and appear
before the face of God? **R.**
2. For I would go to the place
of your wondrous tent,
all the way to the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving. **R.**
3. O send forth your light and your truth;
they will guide me on.
They will bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell. **R.**
4. And I will come to the altar of God,
to God, my joy and gladness.
To you will I give thanks on the harp,
O God, my God. **R.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation, which you planned from all eternity; may the whole world know and see that what was cast down is raised up, what had become old is made

new, and all things are restored to integrity through Christ, just as by him they came into being.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its responsory and prayer, the altar candles are lighted, and the priest intones the Gloria, which is taken up by all present. The church bells are rung, according to the local custom.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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

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

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



OPENING PRAYER

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, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

After the epistle all rise, and the priest solemnly intones the 'alleluia', which is repeated by all present.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1. Give praise to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say:
'His mercy endures for ever.' R.

2. The Lord's right hand is exalted;
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

GOSPEL: YEAR A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (28:1-10)

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (16:1-7)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?' And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled

back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: YEAR C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:1-12)

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’ And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the Apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THIRD PART: BAPTISMAL LITURGY

The priest goes with the ministers to the Baptismal font if this can be seen by the congregation. Otherwise, a vessel of water is placed in the sanctuary.

If there are candidates to be baptised, they are called forward and presented by their godparents. If they are children, the parents and

godparents bring them forward in front of the congregation.

If there are candidates to be baptised then the priest speaks to the people in these or similar words.

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.

Or – *if the font is to be blessed, but there is no one to be baptised,*

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



LITANY OF THE SAINTS

If there is no baptism the litanies may be omitted. If there is to be a procession of some length to the baptistry the litanies may be sung during the procession. Otherwise they are sung standing. Names may be added to the litanies, especially the patrons of the church, local saints and the patrons of those to be baptised.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Saint Michael
Holy Angels of God
Saint John the Baptist

Lord have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.

Saint Joseph **Pray for us.**
Saint Peter and Saint Paul **Pray for us.**
Saint Andrew **Pray for us.**
Saint John **Pray for us.**

All you holy men and women pray for us!

Saint Mary Magdalene **Pray for us.**
Saint Stephen **Pray for us.**
Saint Ignatius of Antioch **Pray for us.**
Saint Lawrence **Pray for us.**

Saint Perpetua and
Saint Felicity **Pray for us.**
Saint Agnes **Pray for us.**
Saint Gregory **Pray for us.**
Saint Augustine **Pray for us.**

All you holy men and women pray for us!

Saint Athanasius **Pray for us.**
Saint Basil **Pray for us.**
Saint Martin **Pray for us.**
Saint Benedict **Pray for us.**

Saint Francis and
Saint Dominic **Pray for us.**
Saint Francis Xavier **Pray for us.**
St John Vianney **Pray for us.**
Saint Catherine of Siena **Pray for us.**

All you holy men and women pray for us!

Lord, be merciful **Lord, deliver us we pray.**
From all evil **Lord, deliver us we pray.**
From every sin **Lord, deliver us we pray.**
From everlasting death **Lord, deliver us we pray.**
By your Incarnation **Lord, deliver us we pray.**

By your Death and Resurrection
Lord, deliver us we pray.

By your outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Lord, deliver us we pray.
All you holy men and women pray for us!

Be merciful to us sinners.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring these chosen one's to new birth.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Through the grace of baptism.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us

(If there are candidates to be baptised)

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 Priest then blesses the baptismal water, saying
the following prayer with hands extended:*

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;
O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he hung upon the Cross,
gave forth water from his side along with blood,
and after his Resurrection, commanded his
disciples:

'Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit,'
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of
Baptism.
May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,

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

*The priest may lower the paschal candle into the
water either once or three times, as he continues:*

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

and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:

so that all who have been buried with Christ
by Baptism into death
may rise again to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the
people acclaim:*

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

*Those who are to be baptised renounce the devil
individually. Then they are questioned about their
faith and are baptised. Adults are confirmed
immediately after baptism if a bishop or a priest
with the faculty to confirm is present.*

*If no one is to be baptized and the font is not to be
blessed, the priest blesses the water with the
following prayer:*

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled upon us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he graciously renew us,
that we may remain faithful to the Spirit
whom we have received.

*All pray silently for a short while. The priest
continues:*

Lord our God,
in your mercy be present to your people
who keep vigil on this most sacred night,

and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our
creation and the still greater work of our
redemption,
graciously bless this water.

For you created water to make the fields fruitful
and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.

You also made water the instrument of your mercy:
for through water you freed your people from
slavery

and quenched their thirst in the desert;

through water the Prophets proclaimed the new
covenant you were to enter upon with the human
race; and last of all, through water, which Christ
made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our
corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of
the Baptism we have received, and grant that we
may share in the gladness of our brothers and
sisters, who at Easter have received their Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*When the Rite of Baptism (and Confirmation) has
been completed or, if this has not taken place, after
the blessing of water, all stand, holding lighted
candles in their hands, and renew the promise of
baptismal faith.*

*The Priest speaks to the people in these or similar
words:*

Dear brethren (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:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan? **C: I do.**

Priest: And all his works? **C: I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show? **C: I do.**

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

Priest: 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? **C: I do.**

Priest: 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? **C: I do.**

The priest concludes:

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

*The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed
water, while all sing any song which is baptismal in
character:*

**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.**

Another chant that is baptismal in character may
also be sung.



Up from the waters 396

**Up from the waters God has claimed you, up
from the waters, child of light.
Praise to the One who called and named you up
From the waters into life.**

- 1. Always proclaim the wonderful story
Up from the waters into life.
How you were raised from death into
glory:
Up from the waters into life.**
- 2. Now you have crossed the River of Jordan:
Up from the waters into life.**

**Now you behold God's mercy and pardon:
Up from the waters into life.**

- 3. No more shall sin have power to hold you:
Up from the waters into life.
Now let the grace of Jesus enfold you:
Up from the waters into life.**
- 4. Come now and praise the God of the living:
Up from the waters into life.
Now let your song ring out with
thanksgiving:
Up from the waters into life.**
- 5. Water of life and grace and salvation:
Up from the waters into life.
Water that heals the heart of creation:
Up from the waters into life.**
- 6. This is the life that rains down from
heaven:
Up from the waters into life.
This is the new life Jesus has given:
Up from the waters into life.**

FOURTH PART: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Priest goes to the altar and begins the Liturgy
of the Eucharist in the usual way.*

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.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
C. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C. 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy.
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you
for consecration,
that they may become the Body and Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.
For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**Save us Saviour of the world.
Save us, Saviour of the world.
For by our Cross and Resurrection
You have set us free.
You have set us free.**

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the saving
Passion of your Son,
His wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose
death you willed to reconcile us to yourself grant
that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your
elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unending help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your
own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:

In your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your
glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is
good.

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

COMMUNION RITE

*At the priest's invitation all sing or say the
Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
Look not on our sins,
But on the faith of your Church,
And graciously grant her peace and unity
In accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Showing the host to the people, the priest says:

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 ANTIPHON

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME

When I gaze into the night sky
and see the work of Your fingers.
The moon and stars suspended in space
Oh what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honour,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea.

But what is man,
Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your
name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly.
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your
name.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your
name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THREE DAYS

1. Three days our world was broken;
The Lord of life lay dead.
“Take up your cross,” he told us
Who followed where he led.
Would we now hang in torment
With thieves on ev’ry side,
Our Passover shattered,
Our hope crucified?
Three days we hid in silence,
in bitter fear and grief.
Three days we cling together
Where he had washed our feet.
2. Three days and on the third day,
The women came at dawn.
His tomb, they said, was empty,
His broken body gone,
Who could believe their story?
The dead do not arise,
Yet he walks among us,
And with our own eyes
We’ve seen him at this table;
We’ve shared his bread and wine.
Hearts burning bright within us,
We’ve seen his glory shine.
3. Three days our world was broken
And in an instant healed.
God’s covenant of mercy in mystery
revealed.
Two thousand years are one day
in God’s eternal sight,
and yesterday’s sorrows are this day’s
delight.
Though still Christ’s body suffers,
Pierced daily by the sword,
Yet death has no dominion:
The risen Christ is Lord! Alleluia!

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS 282

Chorus:

Sing to the mountains. Sing to the sea.
Raise your voices lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made
Let all the earth rejoice!

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.
2. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The Lord of life lay dead.
“Take up your cross,” he told us

3. This is the day the Lord has made
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life
Sing of the glory of God!

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE 629

I am the bread of life
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

Chorus:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up, on the last day.

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. (*Chorus*)

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
You shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God.
Who has come into the world.

OUR GOD REIGNS 768

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of
him
Who brings good news, good news,
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of
happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns
Our God reigns, our God reigns
2. You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
Shout for your king, your king!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns

3. Wastepaces of Jereusalem, break forth with joy
We are redeemed, redeemed!
The Lord has saved and comforted his people,
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations, he has bared his holy arm
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns
Our God reigns, our God Reigns

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Regina Caeli 368

Regina Caeli Laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia,
Ora pronobis Deum, alleluia.

SOLEMN BLESSING

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

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

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

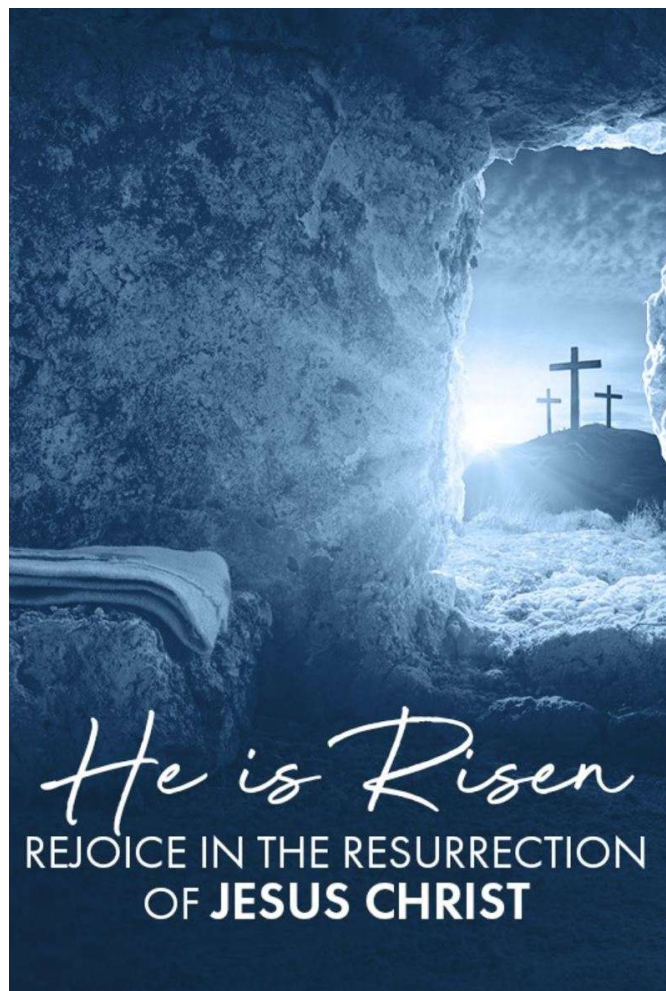
And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is ris'n today 267

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant hoy da, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
3. But the pains that he endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!





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