

# EASTER VIGIL

April 4, 2026

St. Gertrude Parish, Cincinnati

Welcome to the solemn celebration of the Easter Vigil, the summit of the liturgical year. On this most sacred night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. The liturgy unfolds in four parts, rich with Scripture, ritual, and sacred music.

We begin outside, in the gathering darkness, where the Lucernarium — the Blessing of the New Fire — kindles the Paschal Candle, the light of Christ breaking into the shadows. As this light is carried into the church, the faithful follow, bearing candles, while the ancient hymn *Exsultet* is sung, proclaiming the triumph of Christ, our Light.

The Liturgy of the Word follows, in which we contemplate the unfolding of Salvation History from Creation and the Red Sea to the prophets and the Resurrection. These readings, interwoven with psalms and prayer, recount the mighty deeds of God and prepare us to renew our baptismal vows. The music of the Responsorial Psalms between each reading similarly echoes the history of sacred music, beginning with plainchant and proceeding chronologically with medieval, baroque, and recently composed choral settings.

In the Order of Christian Initiation, the Church rejoices as new members are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. The Elect receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and their first Holy Communion, entering fully into the life of the Church.

Finally, the Vigil culminates in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the newly baptized and the whole assembly partake of the Paschal feast: the Risen Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. So let us enter into this night with reverence and joy, as we await the dawning of Easter and proclaim the Resurrection with the Church throughout the world.

<b>The Elect</b>	<b>Candidates for Reception</b>	<b>Candidates for Instruction</b>	
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Brittney Torres	Charles Morey	John Thoms	Laura Stidham
Andrew Wright	Logan Nester		
Candace Wu			



# ORDER OF MASS

Easter Vigil

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## LUCERNARIUM

*All gather on the front lawn where a fire has been prepared.*

### SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

**Amen.**

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

**And with your spirit.**

*The celebrant introduces the Easter Vigil liturgy.*

### BLESSING OF THE FIRE

*The priest blesses the new fire, concluding:*

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

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

### PROCESSION

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



The light of Christ.



Thanks be to God.

# EXSULTET

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

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

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

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

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

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spir - it.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* 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. Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave  
you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death  
of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written:

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

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores  
innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings  
down the mighty. On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn  
offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift  
from your most holy Church. But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire  
ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its  
light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

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

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

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

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

*Priest:* and lives and reigns for ev - er and ev - er. *All:* **A - men.**

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for the Priest's part consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The melody for the All's part consists of a half note: G4. The text is written below the staff, with hyphens under 'ev' and 'er' in both parts, and 'A - men.' in bold.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## INVITATION

*The celebrant invites all present to listen to the unfolding of Salvation History. All extinguish their candles. During the readings in darkness, the texts are not printed. The assembly listens in silence.*

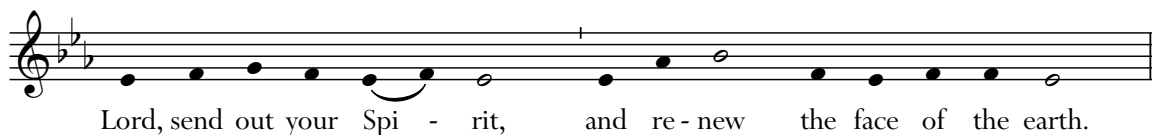
## READING I

*Genesis 1:1–2:2*

*God looked at everything he made, and he found it very good.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10 and 12–14, 24 and 35*



*Music: Dominican Chant — Cantemus Domino, adapted Christopher Holman*

## COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*

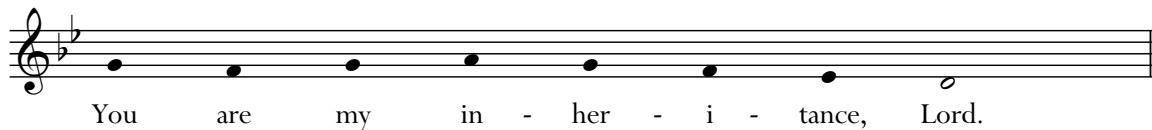
## READING II

*Genesis 22:1–18*

*The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 16:5 and 8, 9–10, 11*



*Music: Plainchant*

## COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*

### READING III

*Exodus 14:15–15:1*

*The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Exodus 15:1–6, 17–18*

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered him-self in glo-ry.

*Music: Plainchant*

### COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*

### READING IV

*Isaiah 54:5–14*

*With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13*

I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

*Music: Plainchant*

### COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*


## READING V

Isaiah 55:1–11

*Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6



You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly from the springs of sal - va - tion.

*Music: Plainchant, medieval fauxbourdon*

## COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*


## READING VI

Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4

*Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

*Antiphon: John 8:68c, Plainchant*  
*Verses: C. Holman, after Gregorio Allegri*

## COLLECT

*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*

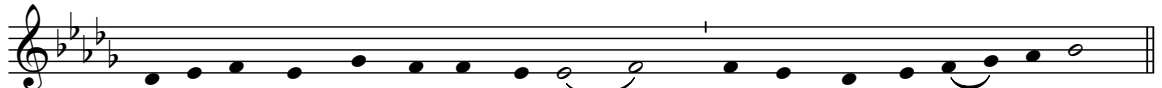
## READING VII

Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28

*I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4*



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

*Antiphon: Christopher Holman  
Verses: Herbert Howells*

## COLLECT

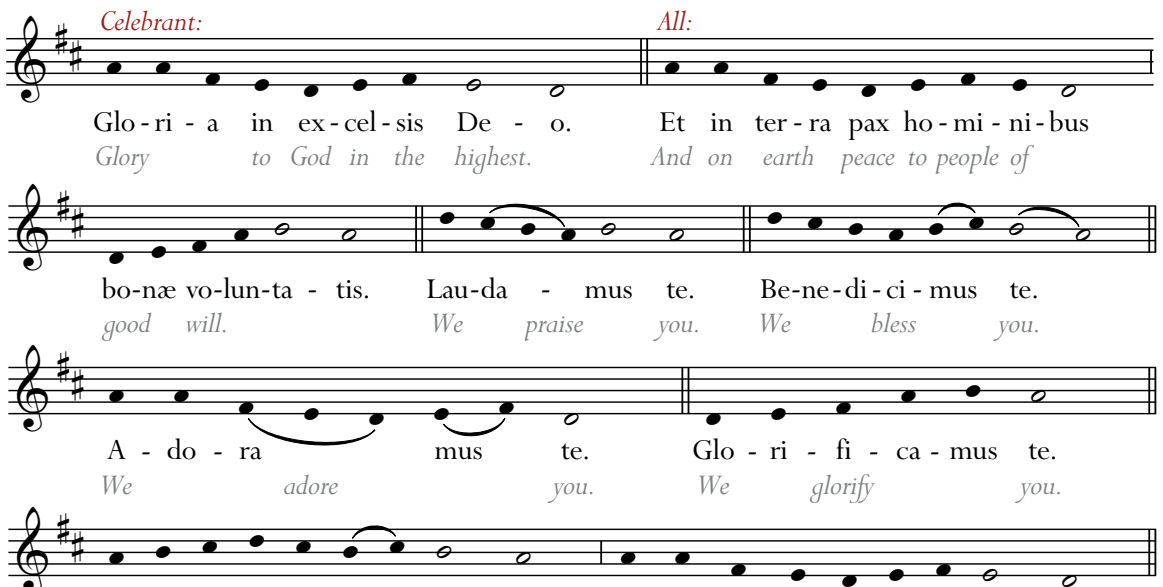
*All stand*

*The priest says the collect, to which all respond:*

**Amen.**

*All sit*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



*Celebrant:* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. *All:* Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus  
*Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to people of*

bo - næ vo - lun - ta - tis. Lau - da - mus te. Be - ne - di - ci - mus te.  
*good will. We praise you. We bless you.*

A - do - ra mus te. Glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te.  
*We adore you. We glorify you.*

Gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter mag - nam glo - ri - am tu - am.  
*We give thanks to you for your great glory,*



Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cæ-le - stis, De-us Pa - ter om - ni - po - tens.  
*Lord God, heavenly King, O God the Father almighty.*



Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.  
*O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*



Do-mi-ne De - us, Ag-nus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.  
*Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father.*



Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.  
*You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*



Qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di,  
*You take away the sin of the world,*



su - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.  
*receive our prayer.*



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



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

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

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

A - - - men.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"*

## COLLECT

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

**Amen.**

*All sit*

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:3–11*

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

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SOLEMN ALLELUIA

*All stand*

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



## HYMN

*Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23*



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

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

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

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

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

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:1–10*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit*

## HOMILY

# BAPTISMAL LITURGY

## INTRODUCTION

*The elect are called forward and presented. The celebrant then says:*

Dear brothers and sisters, let us beg the mercy of God the almighty Father, for these servants of God **N.**, who are seeking holy Baptism. May God bestow light and strength on those whom he has called and led to this hour, that they may hold fast to Christ with resolute spirit and profess the faith of the Church. May he also give them renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom we will fervently invoke upon this water.

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS

*All stand and sing:*

The musical score consists of six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into two columns by a double bar line. The first column is for the Cantor, and the second column is for All. The lyrics are as follows:

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy.      *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy.      *All:* Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy.      *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Cantor:* Saint N.      *All:* pray for us.  
*Cantor:* Lord, be mer - ci - ful.      *All:* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.  
*Cantor:*      *All:* Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

*Cantor:* *All:*

*Petition* Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

*Cantor:* *All:*

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.

*Cantor:* *All:*

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

## PRAYER

*The celebrant, with hands extended over the elect, says:*

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

**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

*The paschal candle is brought to the baptismal font. The celebrant says:*

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

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

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

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

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.

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

## ACCLAMATION



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

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*All sit. The celebrant asks the elect to renounce sin and profess the Catholic Faith.*

## RITE OF BAPTISM

*Immediately after the profession of faith the celebrant baptizes the elect:*

**N.**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Moving down to the altar rail with their sponsors, the newly baptized are clothed with a white garment and presented with a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle. As the godparents return to their seats, all sing the Hymn.*

# HYMN

*All stand and sing as the people's candles are lit:*

1. Fa - ther, we thank thee, who hast plan - ted  
 2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy,  
 thy ho - ly name with - in our hearts.  
 save her from e - vil, guard her still.  
 Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal  
 Per - fect her in thy love, u - nite her,  
 Je - sus, thy Son to us im - parts.  
 cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.  
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,  
 didst give man food for all his days,  
 was in this bro - ken bread made one,  
 giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal;  
 so from all lands thy Church be ga - thered  
 thine is the pow'r, be thine the praise.  
 in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

*Words: paraphrase of Didache 9 and 10 (first century), trans. Bland Tucker  
 Music: LES COMANDEMENS DE DIEU, Genevan Psalter (1564), Louis Bourgeois*

## RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*The celebrant addresses the congregation:*

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

Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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

**I do.**

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

**Amen.**

## SPRINKLING

*The ministers sprinkle the congregation with holy water as the Parish Choir sings:*

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

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

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

*Music: Dominican Chant*

# CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION

## INVITATION

*The priest calls forward the Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Church and says:*

**N.**, since after mature deliberation in the Holy Spirit and of your own free will you have asked to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, I now invite you in the presence of this community to profess the Catholic faith. In this faith, today for the first time you will partake with us at the eucharistic table of the Lord Jesus, by which the unity of the Church is signified.

*The candidates say together:*

*I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.*

*The celebrant goes to each candidate and says:*

**N.**, the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church. In his mercy he has led you here, so that in the Holy Spirit you may have full communion with us in the faith you have professed before this his family.

# CONFIRMATION LITURGY

*The celebrant calls forward the Candidates for Confirmation and addresses the candidates:*

Dear candidates for Confirmation, you have been born again in Christ, and have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring among us of the Holy Spirit, who was sent by the Lord upon the Apostles at Pentecost to be given by them and their successors to the baptized.

Therefore, you also are to receive the promised power of the Holy Spirit, so that, being more perfectly conformed to Christ, you may bear witness to the Lord's Passion and Resurrection and become an active member of the Church for the building up of the Body of Christ in faith and charity.

*All stand. The celebrant addresses the congregation:*

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon these candidates for Confirmation to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence. Then the celebrant holds his hands outstretched those to be confirmed and says:*

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

**Amen.**

*All sit. The celebrant anoints the candidate with chrism.*

**N.**, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The celebrant anoints the candidate with chrism oil.*

Peace be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Each petition concludes with:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the celebrant says:*

Father, receive the prayers of your Church, celebrating the Glorious Victory of your beloved Son, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

*All sit*

*The bread and wine are brought forward by the newly baptized.*

## OFFERTORY

*All sit as the Parish Choir sings:*

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*All stand*

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

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

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

**Amen.**



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

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

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

in ex - cel - sis.  
*in the highest.*

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel*

*The celebrant says the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:*

The mystery of faith.

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

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



# AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

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

*All:* do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
grant us peace.

*Music: Gregorian Chant, Missa VIII "de Angelis"*

## INSTRUCTION

*The celebrant addresses the newly baptized in preparation to receive their First Holy Communion.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All kneel*

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

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

## COMMUNION

*The Parish Choir sings:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Antiphon: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8*

*Versicles: Psalm 16:9, 10*

*Music: Dominican Chant*

## MOTET

*The Parish Choir sings:*

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

*Words: ninth century*

*Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (à 8)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

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

**Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

*All bow*

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**


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

**Amen.**

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

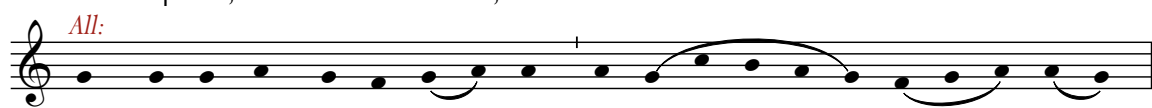
**Amen.**

*Celebrant:*



Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All:*



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

## HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*All stand and sing:*

*St. Michael Hymnal 585*

## POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

