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THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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Saint Michael and All Angels' Church

wish you a most blessed and joyful Easter.

The Lighting of the New Fire

In the darkness, re is kindled; after which the Celebrant says:

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

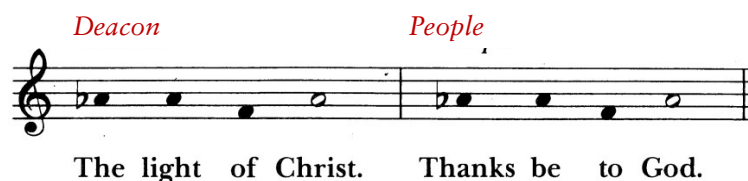
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new re, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ one Lord.

People Amen.

A taper is lit from the newly kindled re, and the Deacon bearing the Triple Candle leads the procession to the front of the church, pausing three times and singing on successively higher pitches:



At each stop, the Peoples candles are then lighted from the Triple Candle.

The Paschal Candle is set in its stand.

Then the Deacon, standing near the Candle, sings the Exsultet

Rejoice now, all ye heavenly legions of Angels: all high things that pass understanding: for the King that cometh with victory, let the trumpet proclaim salvation.

Sing with joy, O earth, illumined with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God, thy glory, believe and know thou hast put away the darkness of all mankind.

So likewise let our Mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with the praises of his people.

I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly beloved, that all ye who here are present seeking this heavenly brightness, make your supplication with me to the Almighty, that he would show forth his mercy toward me. That he who in my unworthiness numbered me among his Ministers and called me to do him service: so also may vouchsafe to lighten my darkness, making me meet to praise this gift of grace with thankfulness.

Through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer: who liveth and reigneth with him in the unity of the Holy Ghost. Ever one God, world without end.

People Amen.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Deacon Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Deacon Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Deacon

It is very meet and right, that with the service of our lips we should glorify and should praise with heart and soul God the Invisible and Almighty, and likewise his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt of Adam's transgression: and with his dear Blood wiped away the reproach of our former offences.

Now therefore we sacrifice our Passover, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood the doors of his faithful people are made holy.

The night is come, wherein, when our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of Egypt, thou dividest the sea and madest them to pass over as on dry land. Yea, the night is come, that with the fiery pillar hath purged away the darkness of our condemnation.

The night is come, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all the earth, delivered from this naughty world and out of the shadow of death, are renewed unto grace, and are made partakers of eternal life.

The night is come, wherein the bonds of death were loosed, and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph. For wherefore should man be born into this world, save that being born he might be redeemed?

How wonderful then, O God, is thy loving-kindness unto us thy children! Behold, what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us: who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son!

O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression, that by such a death sin might be done away!

O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Saviour!

O night verily blessed, to thee alone that time and that hour were made manifest, when our Saviour Christ rose again from death unto life!

The night is come whereof David said: Behold the night is as clear as the day: Then shall my night be turned into day.

The mystery therefore of this most holy night putteth to flight the deeds of darkness, purgeth away sin: restoreth innocence to the fallen, and gladness unto them that mourn: casteth out hatred, bringeth peace to all mankind, and boweth down mighty princes.

Here the Deacon crosses the seven nails (containing incense) into the candle in the form of a cross.

Therefore, in this thy favourable time, accept, O holy Father, this our evening sacrifice of incense: which as at this time thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work of the bees thy creatures.

Ye hear, brethren, the meaning of this pillar we have set up, whereunto in God's honour the bright flame of grace doth set light.

Here the Deacon lights the candle from the Triple Candle

Which though it be never so much divided, yet knoweth not variableness nor loseth ought of its splendour. For the wax that melteth doth but feed the flame, for thereunto have the creatures of God's hand brought it forth, that it should give light in darkness.

Here the lamps (lights) are lighted.

O night, verily blessed, which did spoil the people of Egypt and magnified the Hebrews! O night, wherein heaven and earth are joined, and mankind partaketh with the Godhead. We pray thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that this candle which we have lighted and consecrated before thee in thine own Name, may continue to shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness. That being accepted before thee as a sweet savour, it may be numbered with the lights that thou hast kindled. May the day-star find it burning when he dawneth into day. The day-star that riseth and knoweth not his going down. But coming forth from the places of darkness gladly giveth forth light unto all creation.

We beseech thee, therefore, O most Merciful: that thou wouldest direct and guide us thy servants, and the hearts of all thy faithful family: and all those also that minister in thy service, so helping us with continual grace, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness, in the glad solemnity of our Redemption. Through the same Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost: ever one God, world without end.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The story of Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was

morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there

*Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.*

Antiphon *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.*

*The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.*

Antiphon *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.*

Celebrant *Let us pray;
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

The Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and

Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Celebrant *Let us pray.
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.*

Celebrant
Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1–18

God tested Abraham. He 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 that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill 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 hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of

heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your o spring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your o spring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Psalm 16

The Men of the Choir chant the antiphon, and all repeat it.



Pro-tect me, O God, * for I take re-fuge in you.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Antiphon Protect me, O God, * for I take refuge in you.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

Antiphon Protect me, O God, * for I take refuge in you.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Antiphon Protect me, O God, * for I take refuge in you.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.

Celebrant

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant

Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Canticle 8: The Song of Moses

The Men of the Choir chant the antiphon, and all repeat it.



I will sing to the Lord, * for he has ri - sen up in might.

*I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the nest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety
to your holy dwelling.*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.*

*Antiphon I will sing to the Lord, * for he has risen up in might.*

*Celebrant Let us pray.
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

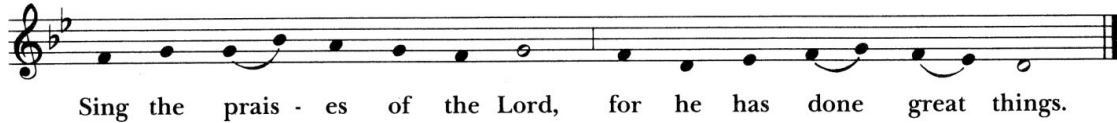
A new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:24–28

Thus says the Lord God: “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 upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Canticle 9

The Men of the Choir chant the antiphon, and all repeat it.



*Surely it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

Antiphon Sing the praises of the Lord, * for he has done great things.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.

Celebrant
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

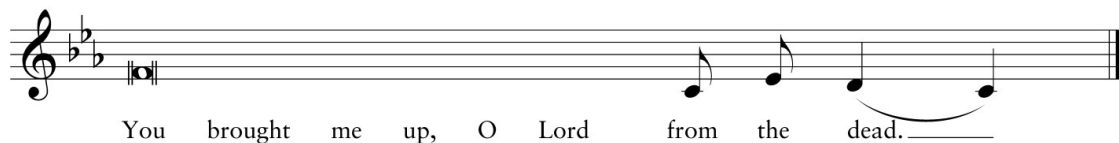
The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Psalm 30

The Men of the Choir chant the antiphon, and all repeat it.



*I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.*

Antiphon You brought me up, O Lord from the dead.

*Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; **
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
*For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, **
his favor for a lifetime.
*Weeping may spend the night, **
but joy comes in the morning.

Antiphon You brought me up, O Lord from the dead.

*You have turned my wailing into dancing; **
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
*Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; **
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Antiphon You brought me up, O Lord from the dead.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Let us bow the knee.
Arise.

Celebrant
Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Procession to the Font

The lessons finished, the Celebrant puts on a violet Cope and, preceded by the Cross with lights and the Paschal Candle, processes to the Font while the Choir sings Psalm 42

The Blessing of the Font

Standing in front of the Font the Celebrant first says:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon the devotion of this people called to a new birth, who, like the hart, seek the fountain of thy waters: and mercifully grant; that the thirst of their faith may, by the mystery of Baptism, sanctify them in body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Celebrant then proceeds to the blessing of the Font, saying:

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, be present at the mysteries, be present at the sacraments of thy great goodness: and send forth the spirit of adoption for the regeneration of the new peoples, whom the font of baptism doth bring forth unto thee; that this office and ministry of thy unworthy servants may be effectually fulfilled by thy power. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, throughout all ages, world without end.

People Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee: O Lord holy Father almighty, everlasting God: Who by thy invisible power dost wondrously give effect to the work of thy sacraments: And though we be unworthy to perform mysteries so great: yet thou dost not leave us destitute of the gifts of thy grace, but mercifully inclinest thine ears even unto these our supplications. O

God, whose Spirit in the first beginning of the world moved over the waters: that even then the nature of water might conceive the virtue of sanctification. O God, who didst wash away in the waters the iniquities of a sinful world, and didst, even in the outpouring of the blood, show forth in a figure our regeneration: that by the mystery of this same element, there should be an end to sin and likewise a beginning of virtue. Look, O Lord, upon the face of thy Church, and multiply in her the power of thy regeneration, for thou dost by the streams of thine abundant grace make glad thy city: and openest the fount of baptism throughout the whole world for the renewing of the nations: that by the command of thy majesty she may receive from the Holy Ghost the grace of thine only-begotten Son.

Here the Celebrant divides the water in the form of a cross, saying

May he, by the secret mingling of his divine power, make fruitful this water prepared for the regeneration of mankind: that, having received sanctification, and being born again a new creature, there may come forth an oasis-spring of heaven from the spotless womb of this divine fountain: that all, whether sex divide them in body, or age in time, may alike be brought forth into one childhood by grace, their mother. Far hence, O Lord, at thy command let every unclean spirit depart: Far hence be all the wickedness of the craft of the devil: let no power of the enemy here have place or portion: let it not ensnare and compass us around: let it not waylay us in secret: let it not taint us with corruption. *He touches the water with his hand.* May this holy and undeled creature be free from every assault of the enemy, and purified by the departure of all iniquity. May it be a living fountain, water that doth regenerate, a purifying stream: that all who shall be washed in this laver of salvation may, by the operation of the Holy Ghost within them, obtain the grace of perfect purification. *He makes three crosses over the water, saying:* Wherefore I bless thee, O creature of water, by the living ✠ God, by the true ✠ God, by the holy ✠ God: by God who in the beginning through his word divided thee from the dry land: whose spirit moved upon thee. *Here he divides the water with his hand and scatters it towards the four quarters of the world, saying:* Who made thee to flow from the fountains of paradise, and commanded thee to water the whole earth with thy four rivers. Who in the desert bestowed upon thee sweetness when thou wast bitter, that men might drink, and brought thee forth from the rock for the thirsting people. I bless thee also by Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who in Cana of Galilee by a wondrous miracle did change thee through his power into wine. Who walked upon thee with his feet: and was baptized in thee by John in Jordan. Who brought thee forth together with blood from his side: and commanded his disciples that believing they should be baptised in thee, saying: Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He changes his voice and proceeds in the tone of the Lesson:

Almighty God, mercifully assist our prayers, who keep these thy commandments: graciously breathe thou upon us. He breathes thrice upon the water in the form of a cross, saying: Bless with thy word and power this element of water: that as by nature it hath power to cleanse and wash the body, so also it may be effectual for the purifying of the soul.

Here the Celebrant lowers the candle into the water a little way: and resuming the tone of the Preface, says:

May the power of the Holy Ghost descend upon the fullness of this font.

Then withdrawing the candle from the water, he again dips it more deeply, and repeats the above in a somewhat higher voice.

Then he again withdraws the candle from the water, and the third time dips it to the bottom, repeating the above in a still higher voice.

Then breathing three times on the water in the form Ψ , he proceeds

And make the whole substance of this water to be fruitful unto regeneration. Here the candle is taken out of the water, and he proceeds: Here may the stains of every sin be blotted out: here may nature, created in thine image, be restored to the honour of its first estate, and cleansed from all the de lement of its old condition: that every man who cometh to this sacrament of regeneration may be born again unto the new childhood of true innocence.

He says that which follows in the reading voice

Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord: Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by re.

People Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
*the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen.

The Asperges

The Celebrant asperges the congregation while the Cantor and Choir chant Asperges me.

Cantor

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Infusion of the Font with Holy Oil and Chrism

Celebrant

May this font be sancti ed ✠ and made fruitful by the Oil of salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom, unto life everlasting.

People Amen

Celebrant

May this inpouring of the Chrism ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, be wrought, in the name of the holy Trinity.

People Amen

Celebrant

May this commingling of the Chrism of sancti cation, and of the Oil of unction, and of the Water of baptism, likewise be wrought in the name of the Fa✠ther, and of the S✠on, and of the Holy ✠ Ghost.

People Amen

As the Sacred Ministers make their way to the Sanctuary, the Cantor begins the Litany of the Saints

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|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Silvester,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Raphael,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Gregory,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Uriel,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Augustine,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Angels</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| | <i>and Archangels,</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Bishops</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | | <i>and Confessors,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy orders of</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| | <i>blessed Spirits,</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Doctors,</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy John Baptist,</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Antony,</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Joseph,</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Benedict,</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Patriarchs</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Dominic,</i> |
| | <i>and Prophets,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Francis,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Peter,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Priests and Levites,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Paul,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Monks and Hermits,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Andrew,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Mary Magdalene,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy John,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Agnes,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Apostles</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| | <i>and Evangelists,</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Cecilia,</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy disciples</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Agatha</i> |
| | <i>of the Lord,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Anastasia,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Stephen,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Virgins and Widows</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Laurence,</i> | <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy men and women,</i> |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>Holy Vincent,</i> | | <i>Saints of God,</i> |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | | |
| <i>Cantor</i> | <i>All ye holy Martyrs,</i> | | |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Pray for us.</i> | | |

People



In - ter - cede for ___ us.

Cantor



Be thou mer - ci - ful,

People



Spare us ___ O ___ Lord.

Cantor Be thou merciful,

People



Gra - cious - ly hear us O ___ Lord.

Cantor



From all ___ e - vil,

People



De - li - ver us ___ O ___ Lord.

Cantor From all sin,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor From everlasting death,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thine Advent,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy Nativity,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy Baptism and Holy Fasting,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy Cross and Passion,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy Death and Burial,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy holy Resurrection,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By thy wonderful Ascension,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor By the coming of the Holy

Ghost the Paraclete,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor In the day of judgement,

People Deliver us, O Lord.

Cantor



We ___ sin - ners,

People



be ___ seech thee hear us.

Cantor



That thou would - est spare us,

People



We be-seech thee hear us.

Cantor

That thou wouldst pardon us,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to govern and preserve thy holy Church,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to

preserve our apostolic Lord and all the orders of the Church in holy religion,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to humble the enemies of holy Church,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to give to Christian kings and rulers peace and true concord,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to

strengthen and preserve us in thy holy service,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to reward all our benefactors with everlasting blessings,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed rest eternal,

People

We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor

That it may please thee graciously to hear us.

People


We beseech thee, hear us.

Cantor



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,

People



Spare us, O — Lord.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People



Gra-cious-ly hear us O — Lord.

Cantor O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People



Have mer - cy up - on — us.

Cantor



O Christ, hear — us.

People

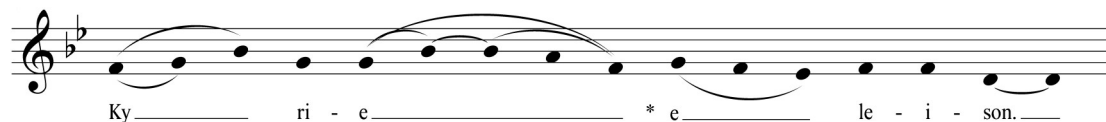


Oh Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Kyrie
Chant I: Lux et origo

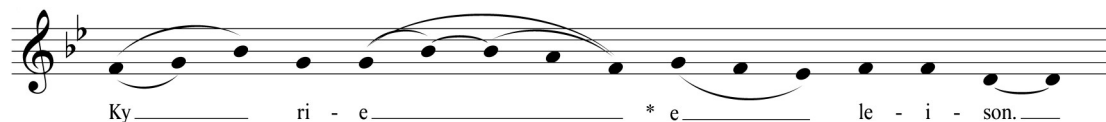
Cantor

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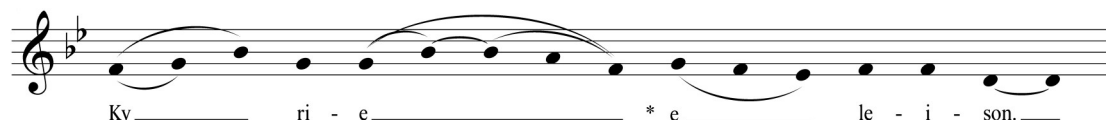


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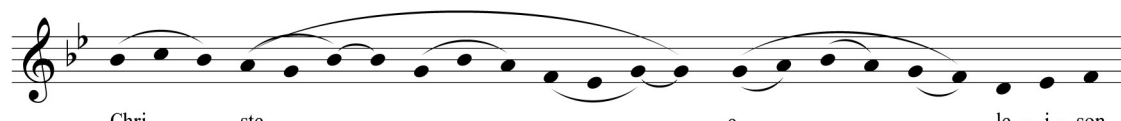
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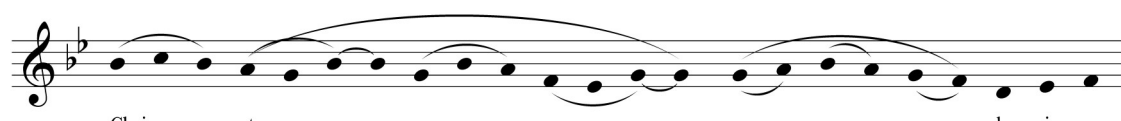
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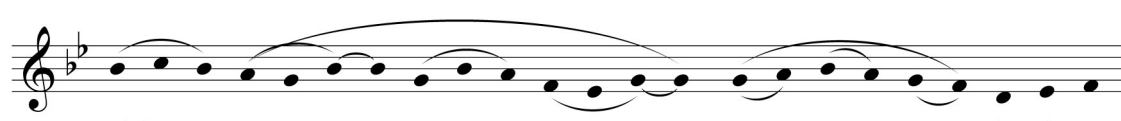
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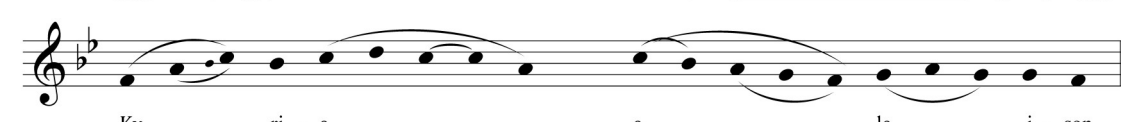
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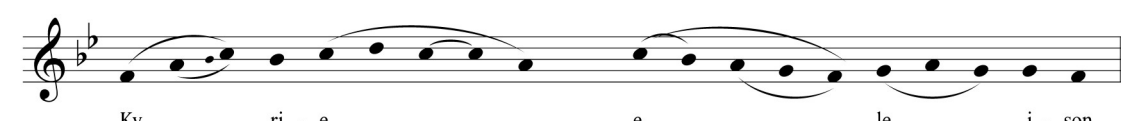
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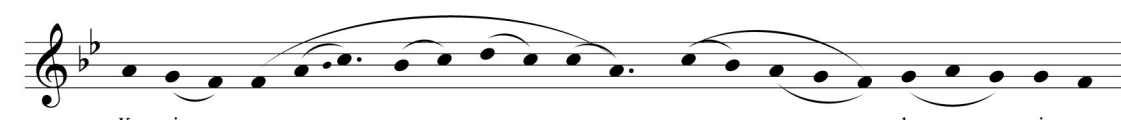
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Ky _____ ri - e _____ e _____ le _____ i - son.



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Ky - ri _____ e _____ e _____ le _____ i - son.

The Celebrant will intone Gloria in Excelsis Deo in Latin. The Organ plays, and bells are rung throughout the entire Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis

S-278: William Matthias (1934–1992)

All

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, - Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Reader A reading from the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans

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

Tract

Psalm 114 In exitu Israel Tonus peregrinus



- *1 *Whèn Israel / came out of Égypt, **
the house of Jacob from a people / of stránge spéech,
- 2 *Judah became / God's sanctuáry **
and Israel his / domínion.
- 3 *The sea / beheld it ánd fled; **
Jordan turned / and wént bäck.
- 4 *The / mountains skipped líke rams, **
and the little hills / like yóung shéep.
- 5 *What ailed you, / O sea, that yóu fled? **
O Jordan, that / you túrned bäck?
- 6 *You moun/tains, that you skípped like rams? **
you little hills / like yóung shéep?
- 7 *Tremble, O earth, at / the presence óf the Lord, **
at the presence of the God / of Jáçöb,
- 8 *Who turned the hard rock into / a pool of wáter **
and flint-stone into / a flówing spríng.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Anthem *Moses sing unto Christ our King*

Words: Traditional

Music: Arr. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

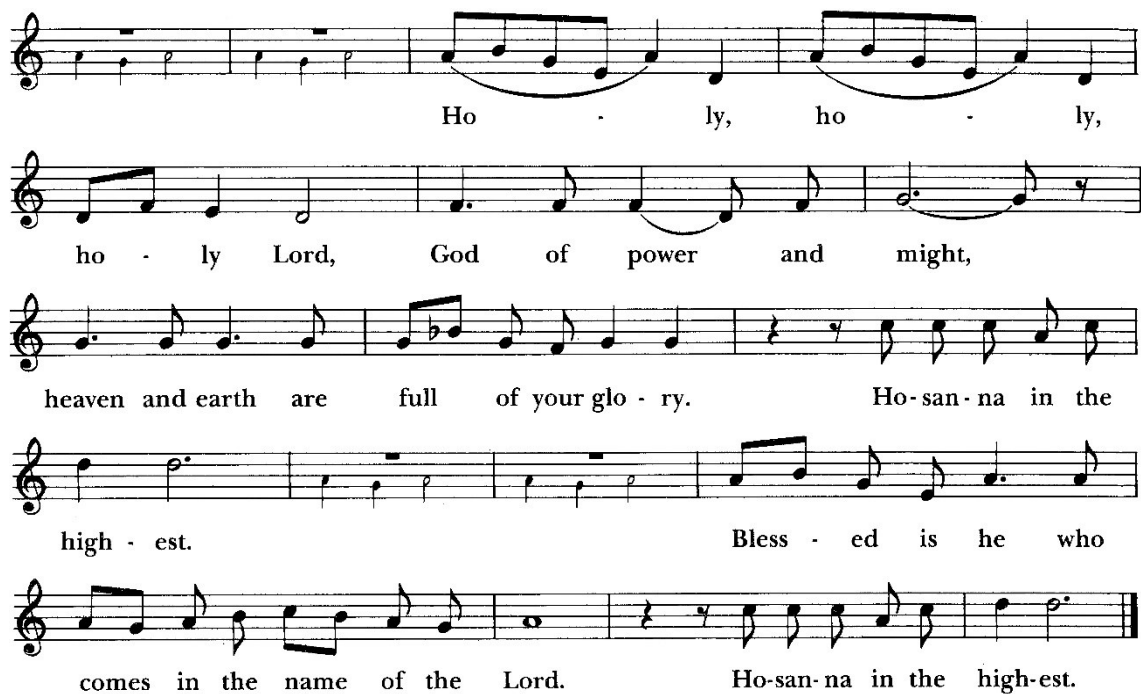
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chief y are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

S-128: William Mathias (1934–1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people kneel.

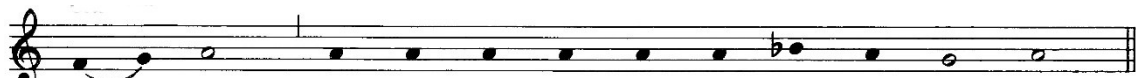
Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

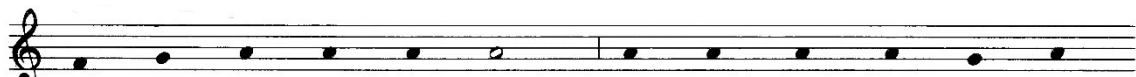
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

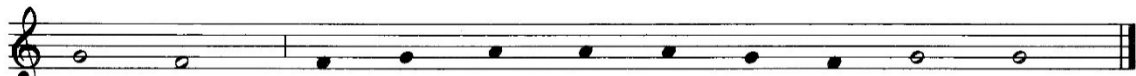


There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy

Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, Blessed Michael and All Angels, patrons of this parish, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant *People*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Host

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant issues the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. 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.

All

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

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people

Hymn #208

Words: Latin, 1695. Tr. Francis Pott (1832–1909)

Music: Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594).

Adapted and arranged: William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant *May God the Father, who through the Resurrection of his Son our Lord has redeemed us and made us his children by adoption and grace, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.*

People Amen.

Celebrant May God the Son, who by his sacrifice on the Cross and by his glorious Resurrection from the dead has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in him, our Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God the Holy Spirit, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life incorporate in the mystical Body of Christ, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

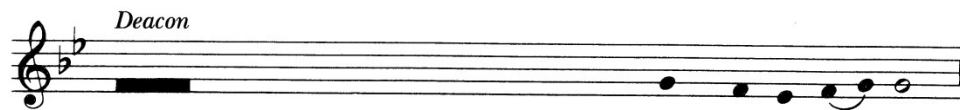
People Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this night and remain with you forevermore.

People Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant



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



al - le - lu - ia.



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

The Departure of the Sanctuary Party

Hymn #207

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: Easter Hymn, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.; desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1960

Descant

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

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

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

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

Postlude *Fiat Lux*, Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)