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"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"

(Matthew 28:5-6)

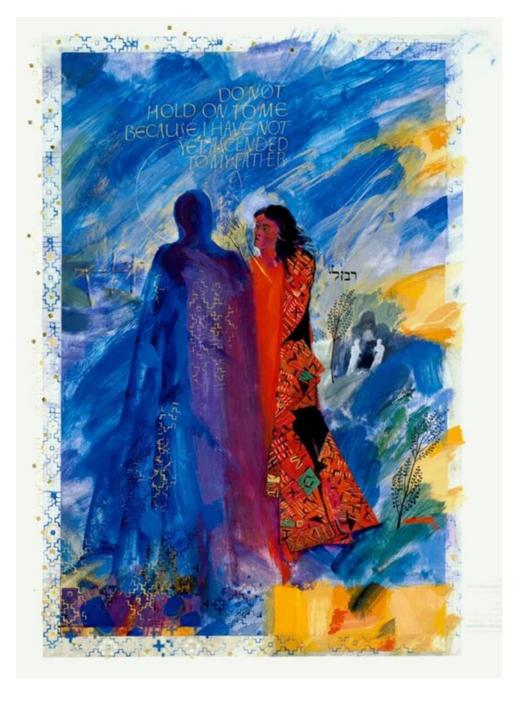
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

Following an ancient tradition, this night is one of watching for the Lord. This is the highest point of the Christian year, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in the great Easter Eucharist, source and summit of all liturgical action and life of God's people. This "holy night" is the "mother of all holy vigils" that begins the "queen of feasts." The full meaning of the Vigil comes from Luke 12 which implores us to stay awake in waiting for the Lord.

We celebrate the great Passover of the Lord, from death to life. Christ who took human flesh, who suffered and died, now rises in that same human body, glorified and immortal, through the Resurrection. Because of his promise, we are confident that we share in this Passover from death into life through the waters of Baptism. With the joy of this Passover, Mother Church celebrates a unique event from history which transcends past, present, and future. In the Resurrection, the Incarnation reaches its fulfillment and the ultimate purpose of our redemption is revealed.

This liturgy does not celebrate a past event; rather, we are celebrating the current reality of the Risen Lord in our midst. Tonight, we reclaim ourselves as the Body of Christ risen and alive. Tonight, we renew our own Baptism and become recreations of God's love and life in us.

Tonight, Christ truly rises from the dead!



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PART ONE: THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL: THE LUCERNARIUM

Introduction to the Vigil

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle:

The candle is marked with the cross and the Greek letters "alpha" and "omega" with the words:

Celebrant: Christ, yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End,

Alpha and Omega, All time belongs to him and all the ages

to him be glory and power through every age forever.

All: Amen.

Five grains of incense are placed in the shape of a cross on the Easter candle with the words:

Celebrant: By his holy and glorious wounds,

May Christ the Lord guard us and protect us.

All: Amen.

The candle is lit from the blessed fire with the words:

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession of Light:

We carry the light of Christ into the Church and illuminate the darkness of this night with our candles, symbolic of the one we received at our Baptism. We sing the Acclamation:

Deacon: The Light of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of Easter (Exultet):

The opening calls upon the hosts of heaven, the Angel ministers of God, to exult, and for the earth to be glad and rejoice in the light of her eternal King. After thanking God for the forgiveness of sins won by the death of Christ, the proclamation recounts the feasts of Passover that this night celebrates. We then praise God for the sanctifying power of this night and we ask God to accept this candle as a solemn offering, the work of bees and of the hands of God's servants. Finally, we ask that the flame of the candle may mingle with the lights of heaven and be found still burning by Christ.

During the Exultet:

Deacon: The Lord be with you. All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Deacon: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

At the end of the Exultet: All: **Amen.**

PART TWO: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introduction

First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104





Prayer

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

Canticle: Exodus 15

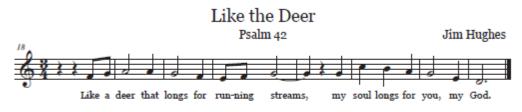


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Prayer

Third Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 42



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Prayer

Gloria: Mass of the Good Shepherd (J. Hughes)

We give glory to our God who has raised Christ from the dead and gives us new life.

Collect

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Alleluia:



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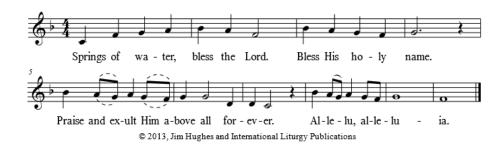
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Homily

PART THREE: THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Blessing of the Water:

We recall the grace given by the Lord through the symbol of water. We proclaim God's presence through the waters of creation, the Great Flood, and the parting of the Red Sea in the Exodus account of the Old Testament. From the New Testament, we see Christ through the waters of the Jordan, the water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ, and the Great Commission. Water is a powerful symbol of God's presence in our lives. The water is blessed using the Paschal Candle in the name of the Trinity.



Renunciation of Sin:

Celebrant: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All: I do.

Profession of Faith:

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

All: I do.

Celebrant: 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?

All: I do.

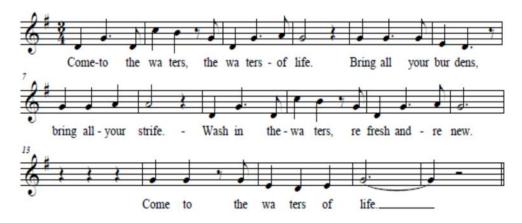
Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life

everlasting?

All: I do.

Sprinkling with Holy Water:



Universal Prayer:

We unite with one another to pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

PART FOUR: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts:



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Prayer over the Gifts

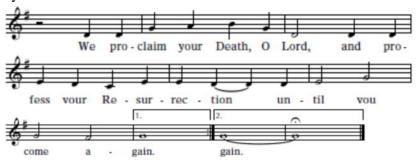
Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus:



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Mystery of Faith:



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Great Amen:

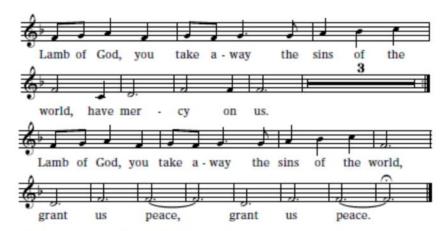


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The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread:



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Reception of Communion:

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Yo Soy el Pan de Vida



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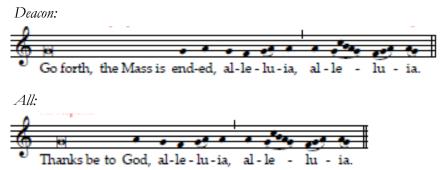
Prayer After Communion

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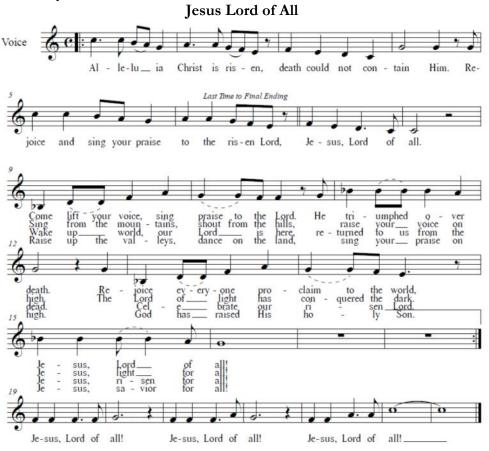
CONCLUDING RITES

Final Blessing

Dismissal



Recessional Hymn:



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