EASTER VIGIL



'Exult, let them exult! The hosts of heaven!'

The Service of Light

Weather permitting, all gather outside for the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

The newly lit Paschal Candle is carried into the darkened church. Three times the following is sung:

Priest: Lumen Christi

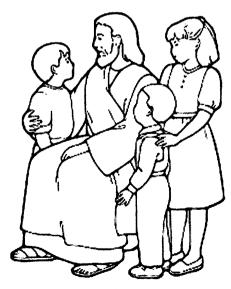
All reply: Deo Gratias

Candles are lit from the Paschal Candle after the second time.

THE EXULTET

After the Exultet has been sung, the candles are put out, the lights are put on and all sit down.
Before the readings the priest addresses the people:

Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the Word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent his own Son as our Redeemer. Through this Easter celebration, may God bring to perfection the saving work he has begun in us.



The Liturgy of the Word

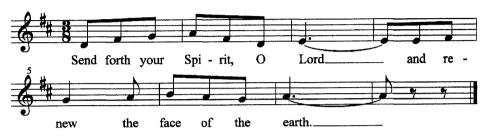
Please stand for the prayer which follows each responsorial psalm.

First Reading:

Genesis 1:1,26-31

Response to the psalm:

McCurry



Second Reading:

Genesis 22:1-18

Response to the psalm:

Wolff



Third Reading:

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

Response to the psalm:

McCurry



Fourth Reading:

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

 $(7^{th} reading in the missal)$

HYMN NO: 965 - As the deer pants for the water

Gloria: (Missa De Angelis VIII)





Opening Prayer

After the Opening Prayer of the Mass, all sit for the reading

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Alleluia & Psalm 117 Please stand



- Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, For His love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say: His love has no end.' R/.
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 His right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds. R/.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R/.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 28:1-10

HOMILY

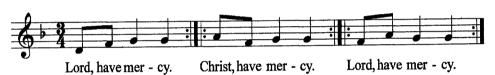
Blessing of the Baptismal Waters and Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The priest introduces the Liturgy of Baptism and then the following is sung:

PLEASE STAND

Litany of Saints

Murray





Holy Mary, Mother of

God,

Pray

for us.

Saint Michael Holy Angels of God Saint John the Baptist Saint Joseph

Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Saint Andrew Saint John

Saint Mary Magdalen

Saint Stephen Saint Ignatius Saint Lawrence

Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity

Saint Agnes

Saint Gregory Saint Augustine Saint Athanasius Saint Basil

Saint Basil
Saint Martin
Saint Benedict

Saint Francis & Saint Dominic

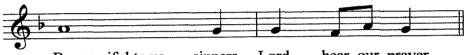
Saint Francis Xavier Saint John Vianney Saint Catherine Saint Theresa

All holy men & women



From all evil:
From every sin:
From everlasting death:
By you coming as man:
By your death and rising to new life:
By your gift of the Holy Spirit:

Lord, save your people.



Be merciful to us sinners. Lord, hear our prayer.

By your grace bless this font
where your children will be reborn:
Jesus, Son of the living God:

Lord, hear our prayer.
Lord, hear our prayer.



Blessing of the Font

When the Paschal Candle is lifted from the water the Christus Vincit is sung. The Cantor sings it first and then all repeat it. (327)



(Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands)

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

All relight their candles and renew their baptismal profession of faith:

Priest: Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church. And so:

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

All: 1 do.

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? All: 1 do.

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

All: I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

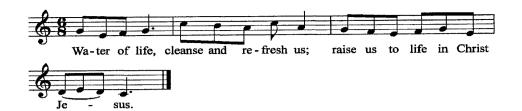
All: I do.

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? **All:** I do.

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the people with the newly blessed water.



All sing: (512)

- 1. All you who thirst, come to the waters, and you will never be thirsty again. R/.
- 2. As rain from heav'n, 4. so is God's word, it waters the earth and brings forth life. R/.

Dean

- 3. Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him, death shall no longer have pow'r over us. R/.
- Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness, you will find peace in his infinite love. R/.

General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

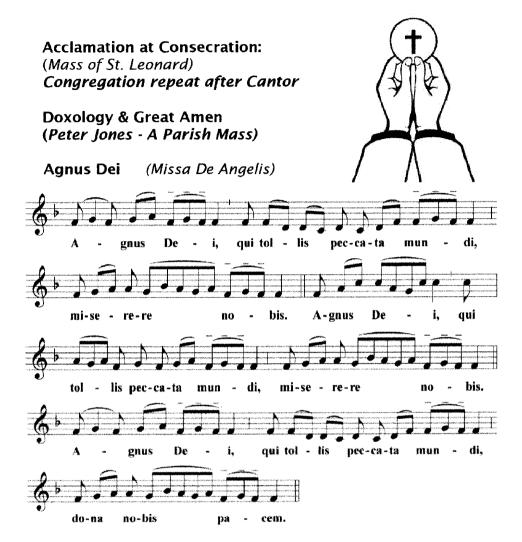
OFFERTORY HYMN NO: 601
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Sanctus (Missa De Angelis)







COMMUNION HYMNS:

NO: 720 - Be still, for the Presence of the Lord NO: 650 - My God and is Thy table spread

FINAL HYMN:

NO: 287 - Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son