EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THE PASCHAL VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT



THE BASILICA OF St. MARY Alexandria, Virginia

FIRST PART THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM

The Blessing of The Fire and Preparation of The Candle

Procession

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH THE PRIEST, STANDING AND RAISING UP THE CANDLE SINGS:





THE PRIEST LIGHTS HIS CANDLE FROM THE FLAME OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE.

THEN THE PRIEST MOVES FORWARD TO THE MIDDLE OF THE CHURCH AND, STANDING AND RAISING UP THE CANDLE, SINGS A SECOND TIME:





ALL LIGHT THEIR CANDLES FROM THE FLAME OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND CONTINUE IN PROCESSION.

WHEN THE PRIEST ARRIVES BEFORE THE ALTAR, HE STANDS FACING THE PEOPLE, RAISES UP THE CANDLE AND SINGS A THIRD TIME:





THEN THE PRIEST PLACES THE PASCHAL CANDLE ON A LARGE CANDLESTAND PREPARED NEXT TO THE AMBO OR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SANCTUARY.

AND LIGHTS ARE LIT THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH, EXCEPT FOR THE ALTAR CANDLES.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

xult, 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.

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.
- V. Lift up your hearts.
- R. We lift them up to the Lord.
- V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- R. It is right and just.

t 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, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All extinguish their candles.

SECOND PART LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Gen 1: 1-2: 2 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 104 R. Lord, Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. **PRAYER** SECOND READING Gen 22: 1-18 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 16 R. You are my inheritance, O Lord! **PRAYER** THIRD READING Ex 14:15 – 15:1 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ex 15 R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory. **PRAYER** FOURTH READING Is 54: 5-14 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 30

PRAYER

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING Is 55: 1-11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is 12 R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. **PRAYER** SIXTH READING Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4:4RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 19 R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. **PRAYER** SEVENTH READING Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

PRAYER

Ps 51

GLORIA



Collect

Epistle Rom 6: 3-11

THE EPISTLE HAVING BEEN READ, ALL RISE. THE CANTOR THEN SOLEMNLY INTONES THE ALLELUIA THREE TIMES, RAISING HIS VOICE BY A STEP EACH TIME, WITH ALL REPEATING IT.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118

V. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endure forever. Let the house of Israel say, His mercy endures forever.

R. Alleluia

V. 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.

R. Alleluia

V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. Alleluia

Gospel Lk 24: 1-12

t daybreak on the first day of the week the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the Ltomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.

HOMILY

THIRD PART BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Litany of Saints

- V. Lord, have mercy.
- V. Christ, have mercy.
- V. Lord, have mercy.

- R. Lord, gave mercy.
- R. Christ, have mercy.
- R. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *

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+ Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Lord, be merciful, +
From all evil, +
From every sin, +
From everlasting death, +
By your Incarnation, +

By your Death and Resurrection, + By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, +

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer

Be merciful to us sinners, R.

Make this font holy by your grace for the new birth of your children, R. Jesus, Son of the living God. R.

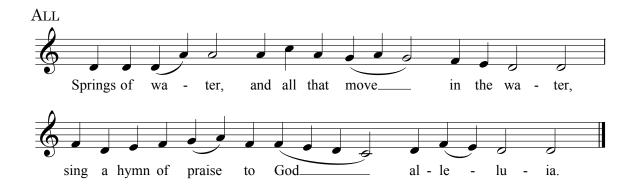
- V. Christ, hear us.
- R. Christ, hear us.
- V. Christ, graciously hear us.
- R. Christ, graciously hear us.

^{*} pray for us.

Blessing of Baptismal Water

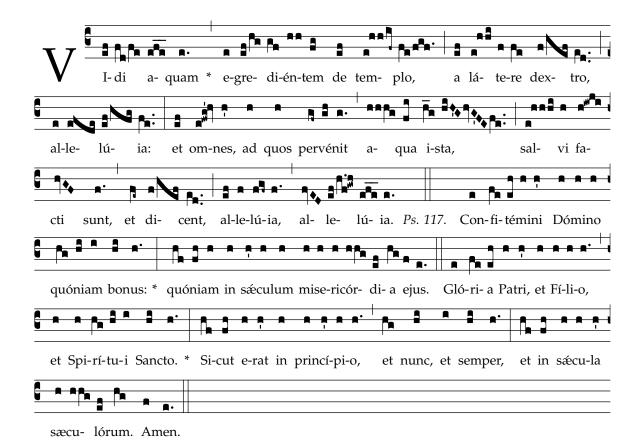
CHOIR

Springs of water, and all that move in the water, sing a hymn of praise to God, alleluia.



Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling With Baptismal Water



General Intercessions

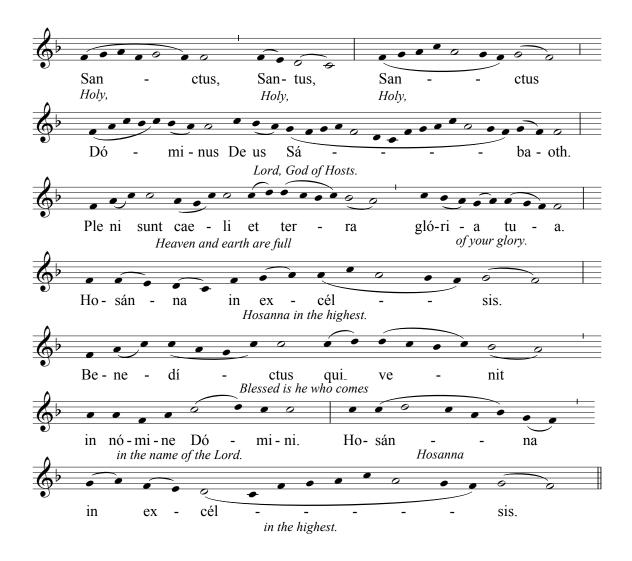
FOURTH PART LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

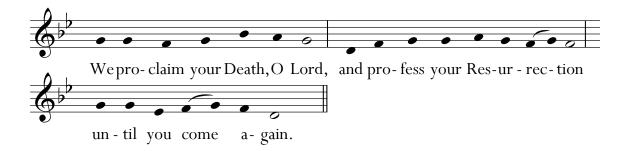
The Strife is O'er Victory



Eucharistic Prayer

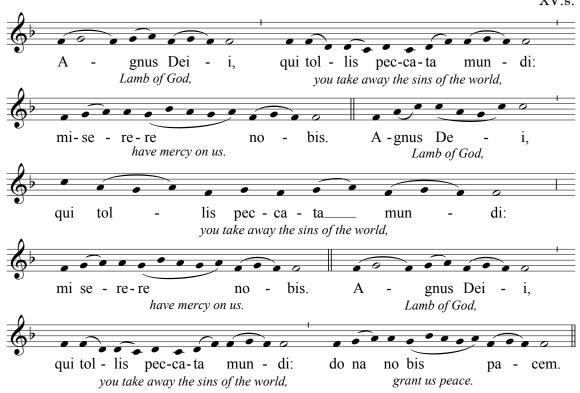


Memorial Acclamation



Amen

Our Father



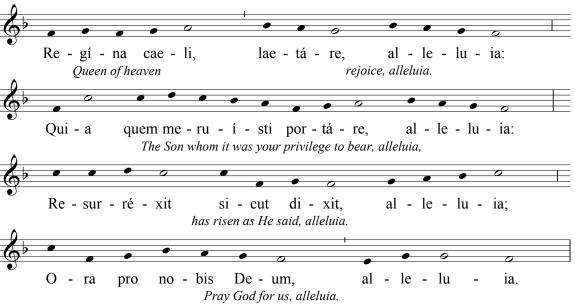
Music for Communion

Arise, O Lord, and have mercy.

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Arise, O Lord and have mercy upon Sion, for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

Marian Antiphon



Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

