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THE EASTER VIGIL

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The President may then greet the people and address them in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
on this most holy night,
when our Lord Jesus Christ
passed from death to life,
the Church invites her children throughout the world
to come together in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of the Lord.

We remember his death and resurrection by hearing
his word and celebrating his mysteries;
we are confident that we shall share his victory over
death and live with him for ever in God.

The President may say the following prayer.

Let us pray

Father,
we share in the light of your glory
through your Son, the light of the world.
Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope.
Purify our minds by this Easter celebration
and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

After the blessing of the new fire, a lay person or one of the ministers brings the pascal candle to the celebrant, who cuts a cross in the wax and traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross.

Meanwhile he may say,

1. Christ yesterday and today (*as he traces the vertical arm of the cross*)
2. the beginning and the end (*the horizontal arm*)
3. Alpha (*alpha, above the cross*)
4. and Omega (*omega, below the cross*)
5. all time belongs to him (*the first numeral, in the upper left corner of the cross*)
6. and all the ages (*the second numeral in the upper right corner*)
7. to him be glory and power (*the third numeral in the lower left corner*)
8. through every age for ever. Amen. (*the last numeral in the lower right corner*)

When the cross and other marks have been made, the President may insert five grains of incense into the candle. He does this in the form of a cross, saying,

- 1 by his holy
- 2 and glorious wounds
- 3 may Christ our Lord
- 4 guard us
- 5 and keep us. Amen.

The President lights the candle from the new fire, saying,

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

The deacon (a priest if there is no deacon) takes the paschal candle, lifts it high, and sings,

The Light of Christ

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The procession enters the church, led by the deacon with the paschal candle. At a suitable place the deacon lifts the candle high, and sings a second time,

The Light of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

If candles have been distributed to the congregation, they may be lighted now or when the procession ends. The procession continues until the deacon arrives before the altar. Turning to face the people, the deacon sings a third time,

The Light of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Other candles and lamps in the church may now be lighted. The paschal candle is placed in its stand in the middle of the sanctuary or near the lectern. The deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the candle, sings or says the Exultet.

THE EXULTET

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is indeed right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise you, the unseen God, the Father Almighty, and your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has ransomed us by his death, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin. For this is the Passover of that true Lamb of God, by whose blood the homes of all the faithful are hallowed and protected.

This is the night when of old you saved our fathers, delivering the people of Israel leading them dry-shod through the sea. This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell and rose triumphant from the grave. This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin and restored to grace and holiness.

Most blessed of all nights, when heaven is wedded to earth and all creation reconciled to God! Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

And grant that this Easter candle may make our darkness light; for Christ the Morning Star has risen, never again to set and is alive and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

After the Exultet, if candles are being held, they may be extinguished.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Before the readings begin, the President may speak to the people in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ,
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 to be our
Redeemer.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

1 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 was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

PSALM 136:1 - 9, 23 - 26

1. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
2. Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

3. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
4. Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
5. Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
6. Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
7. Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
8. The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
9. The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
23. Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
24. And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
25. Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
26. Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. **Amen.**

REFRAIN:

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

GENESIS 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

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, 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."

PSALM 46

1. God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3. Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4. The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
6. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.

7. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8. The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9. Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
10. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
11. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
12. The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

REFRAIN

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold

PRAYER

Faithful God, you have placed the rainbow in the skies as the sign of your covenant with all living things. May we who are saved through water and the spirit, worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.'

THE SONG OF MOSES
CANTEMUS DOMINO
EXODUS 15:1-3, 6, 11, 13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph;*
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the
sea.

The Lord has become my strength and refuge;*
the Lord himself has become my saviour.

He is my God and I will praise him;*
 my father's God and I will exalt him.
 The Lord himself is a mighty warrior;*
 the Lord, the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;*
 your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
 Who is like you, O Lord, among the Gods,*
 holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,*
 you guided your redeemed with your great
 strength.

You brought them in safety to your holy place,*
 and planted them firm on your own mountain.
 You brought them into your own house.*
 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

REFRAIN:

I will sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph.

PRAYER

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered 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 people of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BARUCH 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel;
give ear, and learn wisdom!

Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land
of your enemies,

that you are growing old in a foreign country,
that you are defiled with the dead,

that you are counted among those in Hades?

You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.

If you had walked in the way of God,
you would be living in peace for ever.

Learn where there is wisdom,

where there is strength,

where there is understanding,

so that you may at the same time discern

where there is length of days, and life,

where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

Who has found her place?

And who has entered her storehouses?

But the one who knows all things knows her,
he found her by his understanding.

The one who prepared the earth for all time
filled it with four-footed creatures;

the one who sends forth the light, and it goes;
he called it, and it obeyed him, trembling;
the stars shone in their watches, and were glad;
he called them, and they said, "Here we are!"
They shone with gladness for him who made
them.

This is our God;
no other can be compared to him.
He found the whole way to knowledge,
and gave her to his servant Jacob
and to Israel, whom he loved.
Afterwards she appeared on earth
and lived with humankind.

She is the book of the commandments of God,
the law that endures for ever.
All who hold her fast will live,
and those who forsake her will die.
Turn, O Jacob, and take her;
walk towards the shining of her light.
Do not give your glory to another,
or your advantages to an alien people.
Happy are we, O Israel,
for we know what is pleasing to God.

PSALM 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
2. One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3. Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4. Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5. In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
7. The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8. The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
11. By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
13. Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

REFRAIN:

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

PRAYER

Creator Of the universe, Source of all light, teach us to hold fast to the ways of wisdom, that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our iour. **Amen.**

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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 143

1. LORD, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my
supplications;*
answer me in your righteousness.
2. Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
3. For my enemy has sought my life;
he has crushed me to the ground; *
he has made me live in dark places like those
who
are long dead.
4. My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
5. I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
6. I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
7. O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit
fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
8. Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the
morning,

for I put my trust in you; *
 show me the road that I must walk,
 for I lift up my soul to you.

9. Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
 for I flee to you for refuge.

10. Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are
 my God; *
 let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

11. Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
 for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of
 trouble.

12. Of your goodness, destroy my enemies
 and bring all my foes to naught, *
 for truly I am your servant.

REFRAIN:

Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake.

PRAYER

Living 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 power to proclaim to all the
 world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PRESIDENT: Let us pray

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 6:3-11

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 dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Refrain: Alleluia

THE HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 169

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.
3. Now the queen of seasons, bright

with the day of splendor,
 with the royal feast of feasts,
 comes its joy to render;
 comes to glad Jerusalem,
 who with true affection
 welcomes in unwearied strains
 Jesus' resurrection.

4. Alleluia now we cry
 to our King Immortal,
 who triumphant burst the bars
 of the tomb's dark portal;
 alleluia, with the Son
 God the Father praising;
 alleluia yet again
 to the Spirit raising.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living

among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

THE SERMON

A silence for reflection may follow.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

We thank you for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of

creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To Him, to You and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The President may address the people in these or similar words.

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in

baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His holy catholic Church.

PRESIDENT: Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help of God, live you life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptised?

PEOPLE: I do.

PRESIDENT: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

PRESIDENT:

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 Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

PRESIDENT:

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. Amen**

PRESIDENT: Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in breaking of bread and in the prayers?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT: Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you fall into sin?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT: Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT: Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

PEOPLE: I do, and with God's help I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

The President may sprinkle the assembled congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism.

The President concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

All:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

SONG OF PEACE: LET THERE BE PEACE

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 374

1. O praise our great and gracious Lord,
And call upon His Name;
To strains of joy tune every chord,
His mighty acts proclaim;
Tell how He led His chosen race
To Canaan's promised land;
Tell how His covenant of grace
Unchanged shall ever stand.

2. He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
The moving fire by night;
To guide His Israel on their way,
He made their darkness light;
And have we not a sure retreat,
A Saviour ever nigh,
The same clear light to guide our feet,
The Dayspring from on high?
3. We, too, have manna from above,
The Bread that came from Heaven;
To us the same kind hand of love
Hath living waters given;
A Rock have we, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows;
The Rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,
Who life and health bestows.
4. O may we praise this blessed Food,
And trust our heavenly Guide;
So shall we find death's fearful flood
Serene as Jordan's tide,
And safely reach that happy shore,
The land of peace and rest,
Where angels worship and adore
In God's own presence blest.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE SAY:

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people and grant that we who are baptised into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

EASTER

But chiefly 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 eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of

heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FORM E:

PRESIDENT:

Sovereign Lord and Father,
To you be glory and praise for ever.
In your boundless wisdom
you brought creation into being;
In your great love
you fashioned us in your image;
In your tender compassion
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
to share our human nature;
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
He overcame the power of sin and death
and brought your people to new birth
as first fruits of your new creation.
On the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,

and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to his disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you,
Do this for the remembrance of me."
And 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."

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to the command
of your dearly beloved Son,

ALL:

**We remember His death;
We proclaim His resurrection;
We await His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

And we offer you, Father,
our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of
bread and wine that they may become
the Body and Blood of your Son,

Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer.
 As we partake of this holy food of new
 and unending life, may your Holy Spirit
 establish us as a royal priesthood
 with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. N-
 and all your sons and daughters who share
 in your eternal inheritance;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 With Him and in Him and through Him,
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 we worship you, Father Almighty,
 with all who stand before you
 in earth and heaven,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name;
 your kingdom come;
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many we are one body, because we
all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

THE INVITATION: FORM A

PRESIDENT:

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and
receive His Body which He gave for you, and His
Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He
died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

All: Grant gracious Lord that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: 164

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the Victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty Victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall:

thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Risen Lord, to thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE SAY:

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSINGS: EASTER

The God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you

and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 186

1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.
2. For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.
3. Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.
4. Triumphant in His glory now
To Him all power is given;
To Him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.
5. While we, His soldiers, praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within His palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,

All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen!

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