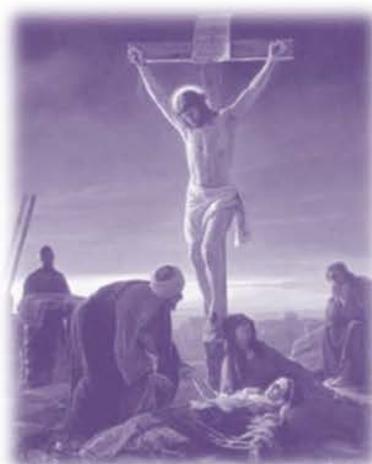


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The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

Pope Francis
Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy, 12



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LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS
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A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2019

**A RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Introductory Rites

Opening Hymn
Greeting
Introduction
Opening Prayer

Celebration of the Word of God

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Gospel
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Rite of Reconciliation

General Confession of Sin
Litany of Repentance
Lord's Prayer
Concluding Prayer
Individual Confession of Sin and Absolution
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy

Concluding Rite

Blessing
Dismissal
Closing Hymn



PREPARATION

- ◆ Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- ◆ At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- ◆ A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)
- ◆ A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- ◆ Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.
- ◆ Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- ◆ For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

OPENING HYMN

See suggestions herein

GREETING

Presider: **Grace and peace be with you
from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ
who laid down his life for our sins.**

All: **Glory to him for ever. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

in these or similar words

Presider: It seems that we live in a society which is constantly debating about right and wrong. Opinions are shared on social media and on the evening news; in Congress and in courthouses; in coffee houses and in classrooms. Great moral issues have merely become subject to the latest headline or opinion poll.

Issues of right and wrong are also debated in our own hearts and minds. "Is it okay if I cheat as long as no one gets hurt?" "Is it okay if I skip Sunday Mass and just pray on my own?" Is it okay if I buy expensive cars and clothes, yet neglect the poor?"

God is aware of our human frailties. That is why he gave us the Ten Commandments. That is why he sent his Son to preach about his Kingdom. That is why he gives us the Holy Spirit to form our conscience and teach us his statutes. It's all really beyond debate.

God calls each of us here tonight [today] to the sacrament of reconciliation. We come to acknowledge our sins and to seek God's forgiveness. As we approach this sacrament of mercy, let us be mindful of those times when we have not lived a life in harmony with God's clear commands.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Brothers and sisters,
God calls us to conversion;
let us therefore ask him
for the grace of sincere repentance.

Silent prayer

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
you do not wish the sinner to die
but to be converted and live.
Come to the aid of your people,
that they may turn from their sins
and live for you alone.
May we be attentive to your word,
confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness,
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.
Help us to live the truth in love
and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The following are suggested readings. Alternate readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.

The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Keep the commandments and your work will be complete.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130.

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

VERSE

John 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

HOMILY

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17	The Law was given through Moses.
Deuteronomy 6:2-6	Hear, O Israel: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32	I put before you today a blessing and a curse
Deuteronomy 30:15-20	I set before you life and prosperity, death and evil
2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13	The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin.
Sirach 28:1-7	Forgive your neighbor...your sins will be forgiven
Isaiah 55:1-11	Turn to the Lord for mercy...our God who is generous and forgiving
Ezekiel 36:23-28	I will sprinkle you with clean water...
Joel 2: 12-18	Rend your hearts, not your garments

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 19	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Psalms 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Psalms 30	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Psalms 32: 1-11	Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.
Psalms 36:2-13	How precious is your unfailing love, Lord.
Psalms 51: 3-6,12-15	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Psalms 85	Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.
Psalms 95	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Psalms 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8	Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Psalms 147	Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading

Romans 5: 6-11	We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.
Romans 6:2-14	Think of yourself as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus
Romans 13:8-10	Love is the fulfillment of the law.
2 Corinthians 5:6-10	We aspire to please the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2	We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation
Galatians 2:16, 19-21	I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me
Galatians 3: 7-14	Those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham who had faith
Philippians 4: 4-9	The Lord is near... think about whatever is worthy of praise
1 Peter 2:20-25	By his wounds you were healed
1 John 1:5 - 2:2	Jesus is expiation for our sins
Ephesians 2:4-10	By grace you have been saved.
Ephesians 5:8-14	Live as children of the light
Ephesians 6:10-13, 18	Put on the armor of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-19	I did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.
Matthew 9:1-8	Rise and walk, your sins are forgiven
Matthew 9: 9-13	I have come not to call the just, but sinners.
Matthew 19:16-26	If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have.
Mark 12:28b-34	Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor.
Luke 5:27-32	Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners
Luke 7:36-50	The woman anoints the feet of Jesus... Your sins are forgiven.
Luke 15: 1-7	Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	There will be great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.
Luke 19: 1-10	The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION A

On December 22, 2014 Pope Francis met with the behind-the-scenes Vatican employees. After thanking them for their dedication, he encouraged them to examine areas of their lives. The following words are adapted from his remarks.

“Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God.”

- **Am I a Christian who is not nourished by prayer and the sacraments?**
- **Do I study the Word of God?**



“Care for your family life...”

- **Do I give my family time, attention, and love?**
- **Do I care for their daily needs?**

“Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness...”

- **Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?**
- **Have I said “I’m sorry” to those whom I have hurt and have I tried to make amends?**

“Watch how you speak...”

- **Do I need to purify my everyday language from offensive words, vulgarities, and phrases used in the worldly decadence?**
- **Do I gossip about others or tell false truths?**

“Care for your work...”

- **Do I work with enthusiasm and passion?**
- **Am I humble enough to thank the Lord for my accomplishments?**
- **Do I use my God-given skills and talents in the service of others?**

“Avoid envy, lust, hatred, and negative feelings...”

- **Are my thoughts and actions destructive toward my relationships, especially with those whom I love?**
- **Do my thoughts destroy my inner peace?**
- **Do I say insulting things when it would be better to remain silent?**
- **Do I surround myself with angry or destructive people?**

“Reach out to those who need you... this is how you will be judged.”

- **Do I assist the weak, the elderly, the sick?**
- **Do I stand up for foreigners or for those who are oppressed?**
- **Do I feed the hungry and shelter the homeless?**

“Let go of...”

- **“The bitterness that brings us to revenge”**
- **“The laziness that leads to existential euthanasia”**
- **“The finger-pointing that leads to pride”**
- **“The complaining that leads to despair”**

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION B

Two readers might alternate. Allow a brief period of silence between each question or phrase.

Presider: The following examination of conscience is based upon the Confiteor.
Please reflect quietly as each part is read.

I confess to almighty God

- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?
- Do I seek a deeper relationship with God in this sacrament of reconciliation?

and to you my brothers and sisters

- Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of others at home?
- Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?

that I have greatly sinned,

- Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?
- Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?
- Have I knowingly ignored God's commandments?

in my thoughts and in my words,

- Have I ever harbored ill thoughts against another person?
- Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor, the unborn, or people of other races?
- Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?
- Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?

in what I have done

- Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?
- Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?
- Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?

and in what I have failed to do

- Have I neglected my responsibilities to my family?
- Have I neglected my health?
- Have I neglected my prayer life?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?
- Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

though my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault:

- Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?
- Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse? my parents? my children? my parish?

therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,

- Do I reflect on the lives of model Christians which God has made known to me?
- Do I seek the guidance of Mary and the Saints?
- Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?
- Do I worship with my Community each Sunday?
- Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?

and you, my brothers and sisters,

- Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?
- Do I support and defend other members of my family?
- Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?
- Do I treat those who wait on me or who work with me with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?

to pray for me to the Lord our God,

- Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?
- Do I remember to pray for others in my parish, especially for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments?
- Do I pray for the living and the dead?

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: OPTION C

Presider: Sisters and brothers,
our Father knows all our failings,
but asks us to call them to mind
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.

Minister #1: Am I attentive to God's presence in prayer and worship?

- Do I pray daily?
- Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

Minister #2: In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?
- Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

Minister #1: Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship with others?

- In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- Do I treat my parents with respect?
- Am I ever angry with those I love?
- Have I been faithful in my relationships?
- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?
- Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?
- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

Minister #2: Do I bring the love of God to the world?

- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?
- Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?
- Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?
- Do I purchase material goods that I don't really need?

Minister #1: Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?

- Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
- Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?
- Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?
- Do I forgive others who have offended me?

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Brothers and sisters,
Let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,
and acknowledge our sins,
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Presider: Christ our Lord was given up to death for our sins
and rose again for our justification.
Let us pray to him with confidence in his goodness.

Presider: You were sent with good news for the poor
and healing for the contrite.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You came to call sinners, not the just.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed
you great love.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,
but sent her away in peace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You are the atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.

All: Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Let us now pray to God our Father
in the words our Savior gave us,
and ask him for forgiveness and protection from all evil.

All: Our Father,...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: Deliver us, Father, from every evil
as we unite ourselves through penance
with the saving Passion of your Son.
Grant us a share in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus
who is Lord forever and ever.

All: Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Confessor: God the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son,
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church,
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.

Psalm 28: 6-7

Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11

Psalm 145: 1-21

Psalm 54

Psalm 146:2-10

Psalm 66

Isaiah 61: 10-11

Psalm 95

Daniel 3:52-57

Psalm 98: 1-9

Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)

Psalm 100: 1-5

Ephesians 1:3-10

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18

Revelation 15: 3-4

Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175

CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: Lord God,
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,
in your great love for this world,
you gave your only Son for our salvation.
His cross has redeemed us,
his death has given us life,
his resurrection has raised us to glory.
Through him
we ask you to be always present among your family.
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;
fill our hearts with faith,
our days with good works,
our lives with your love;
may your truth be on our lips
and your wisdom in all our actions,
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord.

All : Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

Presider: May the Father bless us
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Son show us his saving power,
for he died and rose for us.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness
and lead us by the right path,
for he dwells in our hearts.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father,
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

DISMISSAL

Presider: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

READINGS

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people and said:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees

which I am teaching you to observe,

that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land

which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees

as the LORD, my God, has commanded me,

that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.

Observe them carefully,

for thus will you give evidence

of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,

who will hear of all these statutes and say,

'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.'

For what great nation is there

that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us

whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees

that are as just as this whole law

which I am setting before you today?

"However, take care and be earnestly on your guard

not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen,

nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live,

but teach them to your children and to your children's children."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part
is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.
Let your compassion come to me that I am live
for your law is my delight.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command
more than gold, however fine.
For in your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your word sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

**The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul and spirit,
joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.**

**No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account.**

**Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.**

**For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,
yet without sin.**

**So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.**

The word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 14:23

***Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;
and my Father will love him and we will come to him***

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

**When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together, and one of them.**

a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



“Christ in the Synagogue” by Nikolai Ge, 1868

SAMPLE PENANCES

Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.

FOR ADULTS

- **Think of someone you have been uncharitable towards and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.**
- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of war.**
- **Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.**
- **Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Act on one of them -- feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit those in prisons, bury the dead, or give alms to the poor.**
- **Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year C:**

Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Philippians 3:8-14

FOR YOUTH

- **Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch together.**
- **Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Donate the money you would have spent on a fast food meal to your parish outreach ministry. Send it anonymously.**

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2019

HYMNODY

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast	Scagnelli/ERHALT UNS HERR	GIA
Amazing Grace	Traditional American	Various
Ashes	Conry	various
Christians, Let Us Love One Another	Foltz/PICARDY	OCP
Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy	Hart/RESTORATION	various
Draw Near, O Lord	<i>Attende Domini</i> , chant	Various
<i>Escúchanos Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
For the Healing of the Nations	ST. THOMAS/Picardy	Various
Forgive Our Sins	Herklots/DETROIT	various
From Deepest Need We Cry	Delores Duffner	GIA
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/RUSTINGTON	GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Bonar/ KINGSFOLD	Various
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace	Spannaus/BEATUS VIR	GIA
O Christ, Bright Son of Justice	Freeman Lewis	OCP
Our Father We Have Wandered	Hassler/ PASSION CHORALE	various
Out of Darkness	Walker	OCP
<i>Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord</i>	chant/ Ps 51	various
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
<i>Perdonas Nuestras Culpas</i>	Madurga	OCP
Renew Your People	Welch/ Currie	GIA
The Master Came to Bring Good News	Mainz Gsnbg.	W3, RS, GC2
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
This Season Calls Us	chant	OCP
Turn to the Living God	Lori True	GIA
We Are God's Work of Art	Ephes. 2/ Haugen	GIA
We Are Your People	Wren/ WHITFIELD	W3, RS

LITANIES & CHANTS

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx	WLP
Gather us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso	GIA
Hold us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle	GIA
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan	OCP

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

All You Nations	Deiss	WLP
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEZ A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	(WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	(GIA, G-2896)
<i>La Alegría en el Perdón</i>	Gabaráin	OCP
Sing, My Tongue, The Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	OCP, 7150

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?

A. On Saturday evening, April 20, the sun will set in our diocese at ___. The end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at ___. Ideally, the Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before ___.

“According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation” (*Paschale Solemnitatis: Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 77. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, [quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*].

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses” (*Ibid*; no.78, quoting the Roman Missal).

Q. THERE ARE MORE THAN FORTY DAYS BETWEEN ASH WEDNESDAY AND EASTER. HOW DO WE COUNT THE “FORTY DAYS” OF LENT? WE DON’T COUNT SUNDAYS, RIGHT?

A. Of course, we “count” the Sundays! These days and their accompanying readings are vitally important to our understanding and celebration of the season of Lent. Indeed, most of our celebrations for our Elect are reckoned around these days and readings. Perhaps you are confused by the ancient practice of not *fasting* on Sundays and solemnities (Tertullian; canon 1251).

First, the Sacred Triduum is not part of Lent. Lent ends on Holy Thursday afternoon. (Indeed, Holy Week is not a full “week” at all.) Second, Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it are traditionally called the “Porch of Lent.” The readings on these four days are training us to enter into the penitential season of Lent. They provide lessons on how to better pray, fast, and give alms. While Lent runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, this method of counting will make obvious the traditional “forty days.”

Lent is a preparation for Easter – both for the Elect, who are preparing for the sacraments of initiation, and for the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices (GNLYC 27).

Q. THE WORD “TRIDUUM” MEANS “THREE DAYS.” WHAT ARE THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIDUUM?

A. The three days of the Sacred Triduum are Sunday, Saturday, and Friday. Our most solemn celebrations (Triduum, Sundays, and solemnities) are measured from sunset the evening before. We begin our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday at the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar; it begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. The Sacred Triduum is actually ONE liturgy over three days. We may go home and come back again, but we do not actually “begin” and “end” our daily celebrations.

Q. WHEN DOES THE DEACON OR PRIEST USE THE DOUBLE ALLELUIA AT THE DISMISSAL?

A. The “double alleluia” is sung (or recited) on the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and all days during the Octave of Easter. It is used again at Pentecost (Vigil, Mass during the Day, and Vespers).

It is not used on the other Sundays and weekdays of the Fifty Days.

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY
FOR THE SEASONS OF LENT AND EASTER 2019**

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK	COMMENTS
Wednesday	March 6	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Mar 10	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #24; Rite of Election
Sunday	Mar 17	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #27
Tuesday	Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	Funeral Mass permitted Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Food – BB, Chapter 53
Sunday	Mar 24	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #30, Scrutiny I Option: Year A, Lect #28
Monday	Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545 Funeral Mass permitted Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit...became man”
Sunday	Mar 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #33, Scrutiny II Option: Year A, Lect #31
Sunday	April 7	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #36, Scrutiny III Option: Year A, Lect # 34
Sunday	Apr 14	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession: Lect #37 – Gospel C Mass: Lect #38 – Gospel C
Monday	Apr 15	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	Apr 16	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	Apr 17	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	Apr 18	Thursday of Holy Week (Day)	2	Funeral Mass not permitted
	Varies	Chrism Mass		Lect. #260; Blessing of Oils and Consecration of Chrism
Thursday	Apr 18	Holy Thursday (Evening) Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper	1	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	Apr 19	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	1	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	Apr 20	Holy Saturday	1	BB, Chapter 54 Preparation Rite; RCIA 185-189 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
	April 20	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	1	Lect #41; Easter Vigil may not begin before nightfall; Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	April 21	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	1	Lect #42; Funeral Mass not permitted

Monday	Apr 22	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect # 261; Proper Preface
Tuesday	Apr 23	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	Apr 24	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	Apr 25	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	Apr 26	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	Apr 27	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	Apr 28	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #45
Monday	April 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect. #557
Thursday	May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect. #560
Friday	May 3	SS. Phillip and James, Apostles (Feast)	7	Lect. # 561
Sunday	May 5	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #48
Sunday	May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #51
Tuesday	May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast)	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 19	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #54
Sunday	May 26	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #57, may use second reading and gospel from Seventh Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 30	The Ascension of the Lord (in some provinces) OR Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter	2 13	Lect #58; holy day of obligation OR Lect #294
Friday	May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7	Lect. #572
Sunday	June 2	The Ascension of the Lord OR Seventh Sunday of Easter (in some provinces)	2 2	Lect #58 Lect #61
Sunday	June 9	Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62C Day: Lect #63C



LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR C

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.
Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

First Sunday of Lent, March 10

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

The confession of faith of the chosen people.
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
The confession of faith of all believers in Christ.
Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and was tempted.

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.
While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.
The son of David will live for ever.
Abraham believed, hoping against hope.
Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

(or First Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #28)

"I AM" sent me to you.
The Lord is kind and merciful.
The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us.
If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

(or Second Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #31)

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.
Your brother was dead and has come to life again.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5
Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

(or Third Scrutiny, Year A, Lectionary #34)

See, I am doing something new and I give my people drink.
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Because of Christ, I consider everything as a loss, being conformed to his death.
Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

HOLY WEEK READINGS

Psalm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 14 (C)

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14—23:56

OR Luke 23:1-49

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday of Holy Week, April 15

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

(ABC)

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

(ABC)

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17 (ABC)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

Mass of Chrism, April 18 (or other) (ABC)

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.



READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 18

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	The law regarding the Passover meal.
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18	Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.
John 13:1-15	Jesus loved them to the end.

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 19

Isaiah 52:13 -53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1-19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday - Mass in the Holy Night of Easter, April 20

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 <i>or</i> 1:1, 26-31a	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35	Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Genesis 22:1-18 <i>or</i> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11	You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 55:1-11	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 -4:4 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4	I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart. Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Luke 24:1-12	Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

Easter Sunday: Mass During the Day, April 21

Acts 10:34a, 37-43	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Seek what is above, where Christ is. Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.
John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24: 1-12 OR Luke 24:13-35	He had to rise from the dead. [from the Easter Vigil] Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? [at afternoon or evening Mass] Stay with us since it is almost evening.

THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

“Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary...” (RCIA 247).

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Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

More than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
(OR Alleluia)

I was dead, but now I am alive for ever and ever.

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Psalms 20:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

We are witnesses of these words as is the Holy Spirit.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (OR Alleluia)

Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner, the fish.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalms 100:1-2m, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

We now turn to the Gentiles.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (OR Alleluia)

The lamb will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (OR Alleluia)

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities.

O God, let all the nations praise you. (OR Alleluia)

The angel showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

(on May 30 or June 2)

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (OR Alleluia)

Christ has entered into heaven itself.

As he blessed them, he was taken up to heaven.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 (1a, 9a)
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)

I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God
The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (OR Alleluia)
Come, Lord Jesus!
That they may be brought to perfection as one.

Pentecost (Vigil)

Genesis 11:1-9

or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ezekiel 37:1-14
or Joel 3:1-5

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Rivers of living water will flow.

[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 33:10-15
Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 107:2-9
Joel 3:1-5
Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

[optional]

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. [cf. Lect #423, Year II]
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)
The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
Rivers of living water will flow.

**Prayers which follow each of the readings may be found in The Roman Missal (pages 448-449 of the USCCB edition).*

Pentecost (Day)

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
OR Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23

OR John 14:15-16, 23b-26

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(OR Alleluia)

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

RITES BELONGING TO THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

“The period of purification and enlightenment, which the rite of election begins, customarily coincides with Lent. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery” (RCIA 138).

“This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect” and to enlighten their minds and hearts “with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (RCIA 139).

Among these rites are the scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good” (RCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A may be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. RCIA 146).

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer take place during the week following the First and Third Scrutiny (unless they have been celebrated earlier). “Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer” (RCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The preparation rites on Holy Saturday are most proximate to the celebration of the sacraments of initiation and, as a rule, should not be omitted. Among these rites is the recitation of the Creed. Again, according to ancient custom, the Elect recite (“give back,” *reditio*) the Creed which they had been given (“handing over,” *traditio*).

It is very important to remember that these rites are for the catechumens (Elect) only! Those who have been baptized “should not take part in rites intended for unbaptized catechumens” (USCCB, National Statutes for the Catechumenate, no. 31).

Second Sunday of Lent	Penitential Rite (candidates; optional)	RCIA 459-472
Third Sunday of Lent	First Scrutiny	RCIA 141-145, 151-56
Third Week of Lent	Presentation of the Creed	RCIA 143, 157-163
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Second Scrutiny	RCIA 164-170
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Third Scrutiny	RCIA 171-177
Fifth Week of Lent	Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer	RCIA 149, 178-184
Holy Saturday	Preparation Rites	RCIA 183-199, 203-205

**FIRST SCRUTINY
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water so that we may drink.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Verse Before the Gospel

see John 4:42, 15

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

Gospel

John 4:5 – 42 [or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

Homily

SCRUTINY

The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

Invitation

Prayer

The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

Prayer

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

to the Father

to the Holy Spirit

to Jesus Christ

Song

Suggestion: God of All Power (Text and Music by David Haas, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.)

Dismissal of the Elect

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

An Order of Service

“The presentation of the Creed, which takes place during the week after the first scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass after the homily” (RCIA 157). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 157-162 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 748.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

INTRODUCTION

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

Romans 10: 8-13 -- The confession of faith of the Elect OR

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing what I preached to you.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 3:16

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18 -- On this rock I will build my church OR

John 22:44-50 -- I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

The Elect come forward to listen to the Creed. The Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

**SECOND SCRUTINY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
THE MAN BORN BLIND**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed as king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Verse before the Gospel

John 8:12

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

Gospel

John 9: 1-41 [or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

*The man who was blind went off and washed himself
and came back able to see.*

Homily

SCRUTINY

The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

**Invitation
Prayer**

The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

**Prayer
Laying on of Hands
Prayer**

*to the Father
to the Holy Spirit
to Jesus Christ*

Song

Suggestion: Christ, be our Light!

Text and Tune: Bernadette Farrell © 1993, 2000 Published by OCP.

Dismissal of the Elect

**THIRD SCRUTINY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit within you that you may live.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Verse before the Gospel

John 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel

John 11:1-45 [or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

I am the resurrection and the life.

Homily

SCRUTINY

The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.

Invitation to Silent Prayer

**Invitation
Prayer**

The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders

Intercessions for the Elect

Exorcism

**Prayer
Laying on of Hands
Prayer**

*to the Father
to the Holy Spirit
to Jesus Christ*

Song

Suggestion: O Christ, Who Shared our Mortal Life

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Tune: KINGSFOLD by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958

Dismissal of the Elect

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

An Order of Service

"The presentation of the Lord's Prayer, which takes place during the week after the third scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass" (RCIA 178). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 178-184 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 749.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

[SIGN OF THE CROSS]

INTRODUCTION

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8e-9

I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 – *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

OR

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 -- *As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – *You have received the Spirit that makes you God's children and in that Spirit we cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

OR

Galatians 4:4-7 – God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, Abba, Father!"

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry "Abba! Father!"

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Elect come forward to listen to the Gospel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9-13

Lord, teach us to pray.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

[DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT]

[SIGN OF PEACE]

PREPARATION RITES

Holy Saturday

A Suggested Order of Service

Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. Please see RCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. "If the presentation of the Creed was not celebrated, the recitation of the Creed is not celebrated" (RCIA 186).

The choosing of a baptismal name is not celebrated in the dioceses of the United States. A diocesan bishop has discretion to authorize its use in particular circumstances. Please see RCIA 33.4, 73, and 200.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

SONG

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

THE RECITATION OF THE CREED

READING

Matthew 16:13-17 – *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

OR

John 6:35, 63-71 *To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

[THE EPHPHATA RITE]

see RCIA 186.2,

[READING]

Mark 7:31-37

EPHPHETA

HOMILY

PRAYER BEFORE THE RECITATION

RECITATION OF THE CREED

The Elect, alone, recite the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER OF BLESSING

DISMISSAL



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Please see the Roman Missal for complete rubrics and texts.

First Form: The Procession

Assembly gathers outside, at a smaller church, or other suitable place, holding branches

Priest may wear a cope (which he sets aside after the procession) or chasuble

- Antiphon
 - “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.” OR
 - “*Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.*”
 - OR other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches sprinkled with holy water
- Proclamation of the Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
- [Homily]
- Invitation
- Procession to the Church
 - Antiphon1 and Psalm 24 (23)
 - OR
 - Antiphon 2 and Psalm 47(46)
 - OR
 - Hymn to Christ the King [“Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ King and Redeemer...”]
 - OR other suitable chant (e.g., All Glory, Laud and Honor)
- Responsory or other Chant

Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

The people are gathered inside the church

The ministers are gathered in a place other than the sanctuary, visible to most of the Assembly

- Antiphon -- Hosanna or other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches Sprinkled with Holy Water
- Proclamation of the Gospel
- Procession of the Ministers to the sanctuary
- Veneration of the Altar
- [Kyrie / Lord, have mercy]
- Collect (at the chair)

Third Form: The Simple Entrance

- Procession to the Altar
 - with Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 24(23):9-10
 - OR priest recites this Antiphon when he reaches the altar
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7 <i>My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 <i>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</i>
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.</i>
Verse before the Gospel	Philippians 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,</i>
Gospel	Luke 22:14—23:56 OR Luke 23:1-49 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Read without candles or incense)</i>
Homily	or a period of silence
Creed	
Universal Prayer	

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	The Passion of the Lord
Eucharistic Prayer	I, II, III, or IV
Holy, holy, holy	
Acclamations	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Holy Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____
Prayer after Communion	

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting	
Prayer over the People	
Dismissal	
Closing Hymn	_____



THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: AT THE EVENING MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession/ Hymn
Greeting
Presentation of the Oils
Glory to God
Collect

sung

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Chant before the Gospel
Gospel
Homily
Washing of the Feet
Antiphons or Hymn
Profession of Faith
General Intercessions

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14
Laws regarding the Passover Meal
Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord.*
John 13:34
... Love one another as I have loved you
John 13: 1-15
Jesus washes the feet of his disciples

optional
Antiphons: *The Roman Missal provides seven options*
Hymn: _____
Omitted

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Offerings
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer
Preface
Holy, holy, holy
Eucharistic Prayer
Memorial Acclamation
Great Amen
Communion Rite
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread
Distribution of Holy Communion
Hymn(s)
Prayer After Communion
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Incensation
Acclamation or Hymn
Procession to Place of Reposition
[Stripping of the Altar]

gifts for the poor, bread and wine

Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"

Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms

Lamb of God: _____

Pange Lingua or other hymn
"at an appropriate time"



FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers in silence; red vestments, reverence altar
Ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time.

Prayer "Let us pray" is omitted

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
(Fourth Servant Song) He was wounded for our sins

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.

Chant Before the Gospel Phil 2:8-9
Christ became obedient unto death...

Gospel John 18:1 - 19:42
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions

For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.

Introduction

Kneel/Silent Prayer

Prayer

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Showing of the Holy Cross

First Form

The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually

Second Form

The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross

Invitation

Priest: "Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world."

All: "Come, let us adore."

Procession

Antiphon or Hymn _____

Adoration of the Holy Cross

a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

HOLY COMMUNION

[Covering of the Altar]

Ciborium to Altar

by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

"Behold the Lamb of God..."

Distribution of Communion

Hymn(s) _____

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People

Departure

All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross



EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the Paschal Candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.

THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Sign of the Cross [new]

Greeting

Instruction

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

Procession

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles
"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"
from the Paschal Candle
(those persons already baptized)

The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet

by a deacon, priest, or other person
Long Form or Short Form

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

see Lectionary #41 --All should be read, at least three from OT, Exodus 14 is never omitted

Introduction

Reading I

Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR Genesis 1:1, 26-31a *Creation*

Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12,13-14,24,35

OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

Prayer

Reading II

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 *Abraham and Isaac*

Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

Reading III

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 *Parting of the Sea*

Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Reading IV

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

Enduring love of the Lord

Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

Reading V

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Come to me that you may have life

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

Reading VI

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

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

Walk by the light

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading VII

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Ezekiel 36: 16-28

I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 (when baptism is celebrated) OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (when baptism is not celebrated)

Gloria	
Collect	
Epistle	Romans 6: 3-11 <i>Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23
Gospel	Luke 24:1-12 <i>Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?</i>
Homily	

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism	
Invitation to Prayer	
Litany of the Saints	Setting: _____
Blessing of Baptismal Water	
Prayer	with hands extended... lowering paschal candle into water
Acclamation	Setting: _____
Renunciation of Sin	<i>see Roman Ritual [RCIA]</i>
Profession of Faith	
Baptism	
Clothing with a White Garment	
Presentation of a Lighted Candle	
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises	By Assembly; [new] may also be done with the Elect (above)
Sprinkling with Baptismal Water	
Celebration of Reception into Full Communion	
Invitation	
Profession of Faith	
Act of Reception	
Celebration of Confirmation	
Invitation	
Laying on of Hands	
Anointing with Chrism	
Universal Prayer	

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Offerings	<i>by the neophytes</i>
[Presentation Hymn]	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy	
Eucharistic Prayer	EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]
Memorial Acclamation	
Great Amen	
Communion Rite	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	"Behold the Lamb of God..."
Distribution of Communion	Hymns: _____
Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving	_____
Prayer After Communion	

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting	
Solemn Blessing	see RM #68
Dismissal	see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

Note: The "double alleluia" is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn _____

Greeting _____

[Sprinkling Rite]

Glory to God

Collect

Setting: _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Creed

Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

Setting: _____

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; ...

Setting: _____

John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24:1-2 (from the Easter Vigil)

OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

see Easter Vigil #55

Song _____

Omitted

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

Presentation Hymn _____

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, holy, holy

Acclamations

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

I II III IV

Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"

proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Lamb of God: _____

CONCLUDING RITE

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Closing Hymn _____

see Easter Vigil #68

Alleluia, alleluia



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EVENING PRAYER**

The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, ✠ come to my assistance.
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

PSALMODY

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.
Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7
Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.
Psalm Psalm 114
Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;
there they will see me, alleluia.

NT Canticle Revelation 19:1-17
Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;
there they will see me, alleluia.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading Hebrews 10:12-14
Silence
Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples,
All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,
All: and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints,
All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider: You have triumphed over death, your enemy;
All: destroy in us the power of death, that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,
All: and were raised up to the right hand of the Father, in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
All: let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

Collect

(first option)

Presider: God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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