



Vigil in the
HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

THE LITURGIES OF
HOLY WEEK



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Exsultet

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other." And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome "the sky." Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear." And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land "the earth," and the basin of the water he called "the sea." God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it." And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, "Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth." Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was.

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers." The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst.

As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Scott Soper

Cantor/All repeat

I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free! Phar-aoth's ar-my and his char-i-ots God cast in - to the sea!

Prayer

Let us pray... Amen.

A reading from the Book of of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

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

Michel Guimont

You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly
from the springs of sal - va - tion.

Prayer

Let us pray... **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds.

Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came.

Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Michel Guimont



Like a deer that longs for run-ning streams, my
soul longs for you, my God; my soul longs for you, my God.

Prayer

Let us pray... Amen.

Glory to God

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we
give you thanks for your great glo - ry.
Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might - y
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re -
 ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther, A - men, a - men.

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Collect

Let us pray... **Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

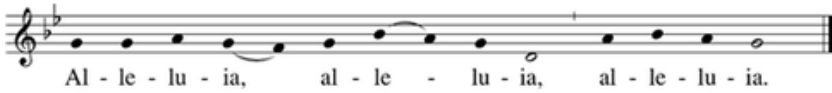
Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

O FILII FILLAE, Mode II

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



Music: O FILII ET FILLAE, Mode II; acc. by Richard Proulx

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Invitation to Prayer

Litany of the Saints

Litany of the Saints

Chant

Cantors All

Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy. **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Cantors All

Holy Mary, Mother of Gód, **pray for us.**
Saint Mích - ael,

Holy Angels of Gód, Saint John the Báptist, Saint Jóseph, Saint Peter and Saint Pául, Saint Ándrew, Saint Jóhn, Saint Mary Mágdalene, Saint Stéphen, Saint Ignatius of Ántioch, Saint Láwrence, Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Saint Ágnes,	Saint Grégory, Saint Augústine, Saint Athanasius, Saint Básil, Saint Mártin, Saint Bénédic, Saint Francis and Saint Dóminic, Saint Francis Xávier, Saint John Viánney, Saint Catherine of Siéna, Saint Teresa of Jésus, All holy men and women, Saints of Gód,
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Cantors All

Lord, be mer - ci - ful, **Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.**

Cantors All

From àll é - vil, **Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.**

From èvery sín, From everlàsting déath, By your Incarnátion,	By your Death and Rèsurrection, By the outpouring of the Hòly Spirit,
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Cantors All

Be merciful to us sin - ners, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Cantors All

Be merciful to us sin - ners, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

If there are candidates to be baptized

Cantors

Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Bap - tism,

All

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantors All

Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Cantors, All repeat Cantors, All repeat

Christ, hear us. **Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.**

The Blessing of Water

I Saw Water

Leo Nestor

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Renunciation of Sin

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Baptismal Acclamation

The Irish Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll; Arr. By Richard Proulx

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Al - le - lu - ia.

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Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Bishop Bambera addresses the faithful so that we may renew the promises of baptismal faith.

Response: I do.

Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

I Saw Water

Leo Nestor

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION

Invitation

Profession by the Candidate

Formula of Reception

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Invitation

Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Chrism

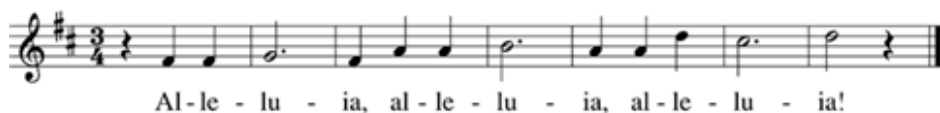
The Universal Prayer

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY



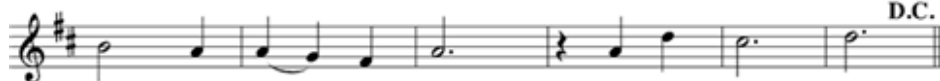
Verses



1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
3. On the third day Christ rose a - gain,
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell;
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you,



Now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won! Songs of re -
 But Christ their le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
 Glo - rious in maj - es - ty to reign. O let us
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of
 Free from death's sting your ser - vants too, That we may



joic - ing have be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 swell the joy - ful strain. Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

D.C.

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Acclamations from Storrington Mass

Marty Haugen

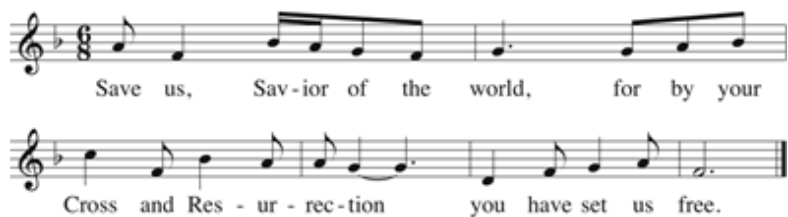
Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

litany from Storrington Mass

Marty Haugen

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Cantor: + Assembly:
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. *To repeat*
Last time
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

This Is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
break - ing of the bread. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.
Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Congregation: **Refrain**

Choir: O taste and see that the LORD is good!
Happy are those who take refuge in him!
O fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no want!

Congregation: **Refrain**

Choir: Christ being raised from the dead will die no more;
death has no more dominion over him.
This is the day which the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Congregation: **Refrain**

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Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Now and forever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Who made heaven and earth.**

Final Blessing

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

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



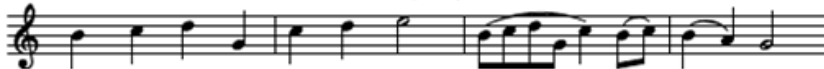
1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

} Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

} Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host,

} Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re-deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re-deem and save.
3. Where the an-gels ev - er sing,
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

} Al - le - lu - ia!



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