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First Part:

THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

Everyone should take a candle and wax saver, leave the Church and gather around the fire where they will be joined by the Sacred Ministers. The Church remains in TOTAL DARKNESS

THE PROCESSION

Once the Fire has been blessed and the Candle has been duly inscribed and lit the people return to the church. At the church doors the Deacon raises the Candle at three stations and sings:

D: The Light of Christ

C: Thanks be to God

The Paschal Candle is placed in its special stand next to the Ambo. All lights are lit throughout the church, except for the altar candles.

The Easter Proclamation (Exultet)

The Paschal Candle and the Book are incensed

Second Part:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All the people's candles are now extinguished

1st READING

Genesis 1:1.26-31

(God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.)

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM All sing the response:



1. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed with majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
2. You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak;
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys:
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song.
4. From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs.
5. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul.

ALL STAND: THE PSALM PRAYER

2nd READING

Genesis 22:1-18

(The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.)

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM All sing the response:



1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

ALL STAND: THE PSALM PRAYER

3rd READING

Exodus 14: 15-15:1

(The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea.)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM All sing the response:



1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
This is my God and I extol him,
my father's God and I give him praise.
2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone.
3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,
Your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe.
You will lead your people and plant them on your
mountain, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have
made.
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

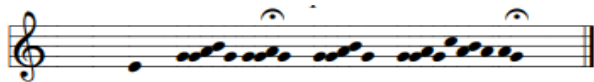
ALL STAND: THE PSALM PRAYER

been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Priest or Cantor solemnly intones the Alleluia three times, raising their voice by a step each time, with all repeating it.



R. Al-le— lu— ia!

Then the Cantor proclaims Psalm 117 all sing the response

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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

THE GOSPEL

Saint Mark 16:1-8

P/D: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P/D: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone—which was very big—had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

P/D: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Third Part: THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

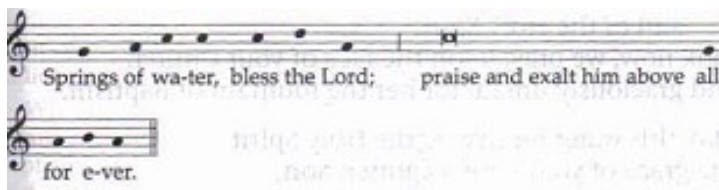
P: Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers come to the aid of this our brother in his blessed hope, so that, as he approaches the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on him all his merciful help.

All stand as the Litany of the Saints is sung by two Cantors

THE BLESSING OF WATER

The Priest blesses the baptismal water: C: Amen

The priest lowers the paschal candle into the water and as it is lifted out all acclaim:



THE RITE OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

All sit except the candidate & sponsor

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The candles of the Faithful are now lighted, all stand and the priest addresses them as follows:

P: Dear brethren (brothers and sisters) through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

He then asks the people to renounce Satan and to profess their Faith, responding: C: I do

He finishes this act with a prayer after which the priest takes Easter Water and walking through the body of the church he sprinkles the Faithful while the antiphon Vidi Aquam is sung. The chant continues by cantor and the people until the priest returns to the Sanctuary.



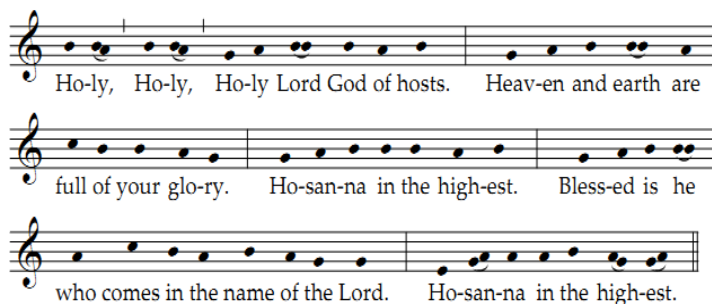
Fourth Part: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN : Thine Be The Glory

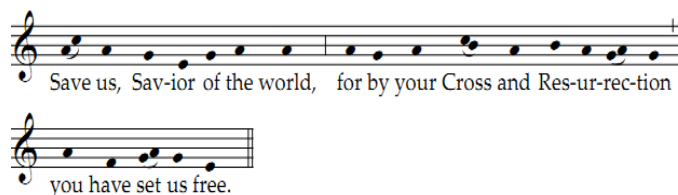
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

- P: Blessed are you, Lord God...
C: **Blessed be God for ever.**
P: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...
C: **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.**

SANCTUS



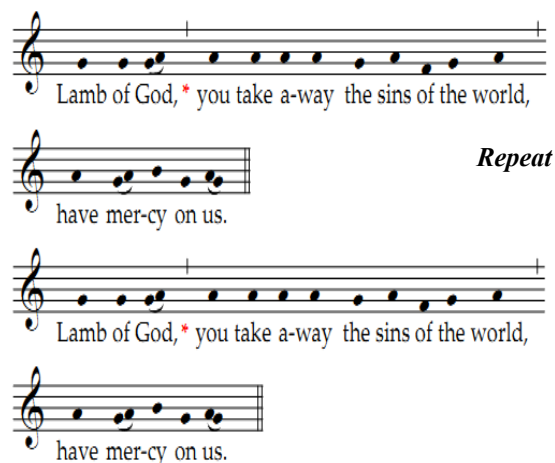
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



OUR FATHER



LAMB OF GOD

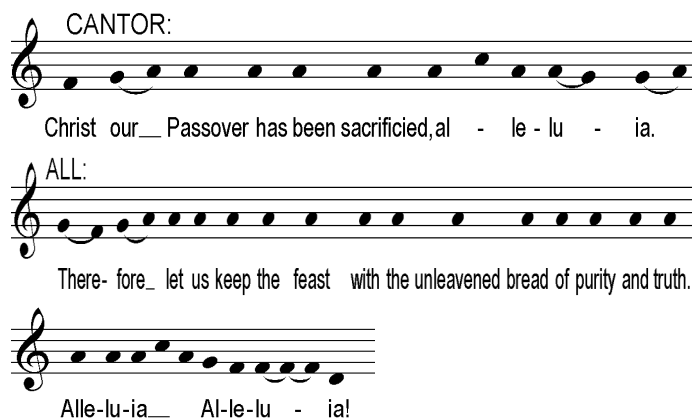


INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Communion Antiphon

1 Co 5:7-8



CHOIR: Still, Small, Voice (Assersohn)
COMMUNION HYMN: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

THE CONCLUDING RITES

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And with your spirit.**
D: Bow down for the Blessing

P: (The Solemn Blessing for Easter)
After each Part of the Blessing we say:
C: **Amen.**

D: Dismissal (alleluia, alleluia!)
C: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ the Lord is risen today!
Christians haste your vows to pay,
offer ye your praises meet
at the paschal victim's feet;
for the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
sinless in the sinner's stead.
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
now he lives no more to die.

Christ, the victim undefiled,
all to God hath reconciled
when in strange and awful strife
met together death and life;
Christians on this happy day
haste with joy your vows to pay.
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;
now he lives, no more to die.

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say
what thou sawest on thy way.
"I beheld where Christ had lain
empty tomb and angels twain,
I beheld the glory bright
of the rising Lord of light;
Christ my hope is ris'n again;
now he lives, and lives to reign."

Christ, who once for sinners bled,
now the first-born from the dead,
throned in endless might and power,
lives and reigns for evermore.
Hail, eternal hope on high!
Hail, thou king of victory!
Hail, thou Prince of life adored!
Help and save us, gracious Lord.

Victimae paschali, tr. Jane Leeson

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Lo, Jesus meets us risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless
love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

E.L. Budry, tr R.B. Hoyle

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem your sweetest notes employ, the
Pashal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains and crushed the serpent's
head;
And brought with him from death's domain, the long impris-
oned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where he hath gone be-
fore.

Triumphant in his glory now his sceptre ruleth all: earth,
heaven, and hell before him bow and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing, his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless sages run.

St Fulbert of Chantres.

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