

## All gather outside the Church

### **PART ONE: THE SERVICE OF LIGHT**

*A fire is prepared in a suitable place and when the people are gathered, the priest goes to the fire. An assistant holds the Paschal Candle.*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

#### *Instruction*

*The blessing of the fire.*

*The blessing of the candle.*

*The Procession of the Light into Church:*

*The Versicle and Response are sung three times in procession.*

The Light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Easter Proclamation—Exsultet  
(remain standing)*

### **PART TWO:**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading** *Sit*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*1. 26-31*

God said, "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth."

God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth." God said, "See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food." And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it

was very good. Evening came and morning came : the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

Bless the Lord my soul !

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe ! **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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 ! **R/**

#### **Stand**

Let us pray

....Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the book of Genesis *22:1-18*

God put Abraham to the test, "Abraham, Abraham," he called. "Here I am," he replied. "Take your son," God said "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his

son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham," he said. "I am here," he replied. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth

shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**PRESERVE ME, GOD,  
I TAKE REFUGE IN YOU.**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**

*Stand*

Let us pray

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**Third Reading**

A reading from the book of Exodus

14:15 - 15:1

The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on.

For yourself, raise your staff and stretch our your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord."

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole nightlong. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. "Let us flee from the Israelites," the Egyptians cried " the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!" "Stretch out your hand over the sea," the Lord said to Moses "that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egypt-

tians, and the people venerated the Lord;  
they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses,  
his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel  
sang this song in honour of the Lord.

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*Ex 15:1-6. 17-18*

*is taken up IMMEDIATELY*

**I WILL SING TO THE LORD,  
GLORIOUS HIS TRIUMPH !**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

You will lead them and plant them  
on your mountain,  
the place, O Lord,  
where you have made your home,  
the sanctuary, Lord,  
which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **R/**

*Stand*

Let us pray  
....Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Fourth Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *55:1-11*

Thus says the Lord:  
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come !  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy ?  
Listen, listen to me,  
and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness  
to the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation  
you never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil  
man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the  
Lord who will take pity on him, to our God  
who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are  
not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways  
- it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth  
as my ways are above your ways, my  
thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down  
from the heavens and do not return without  
watering the earth, making it yield and giving  
growth to provide seed for the sower and  
bread for the eating, so the word that goes  
from my mouth does not return to me empty,  
without carrying out my will and succeeding in  
what it was sent to do.

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

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*Isaiah 12-2-6*

**WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER  
FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION.**

Truly God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R/**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
give praise to his name !  
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,  
declare the greatness of his name. **R/**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth !  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One  
of Israel. **R/**

**Stand**

Let us pray  
....Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Fifth Reading**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*36:16-17a, 18-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows : "Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions.

"I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say to them, 'These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land.' But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, 'The Lord says this : I am not doing this for your sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord - it is the Lord who speaks - when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**LIKE THE DEER THAT YEARNES  
FOR RUNNING STREAMS, SO MY SOUL  
IS YEARNING FOR YOU, MY GOD**

My soul is thirsting for God,  
the God of my life;  
when can I enter and see  
the face of God ? **R/**

These things will I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd  
into the house of God,  
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,  
the throng wild with joy. **R/**

O send forth your light and your truth;  
let these be my guide.  
Let them bring me to your holy mountain  
to the place where you dwell. **R/**

And I will come to the altar of God,  
the God of my joy.  
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,  
O God, my God. **R/**

**Stand**

Let us pray  
....Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE GLORIA

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

*The fanfare is sounded, bells are rung, lights  
& altar candles are lit  
People extinguish candles.*

**Et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite Iesu Christe  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.**

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**COLLECT**

Let us pray.

....Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**New Testament Reading**

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

6.3-11

You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand: for the*

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**EASTER ALLELUIAS**

Priest Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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." **R/**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according  
to Matthew. 28: 1-10

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lighting, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him.' Now I have told you." Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. "Greetings," he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sit for the Homily*

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**PART THREE: BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

*The candidates and sponsors come forward*  
Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul,  
let us by our prayers come to the aid of these  
(our brothers and sisters) in their blessed  
hope, so that, as they approach the font of  
rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on  
them all his merciful help.

*servers and priest make their way to the font.*  
*The Litany may be sung, the people answer.*



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## RENUNCIATION OF SIN

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? **I do.**

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you? **I do.**

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? **I do.**

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## ANNOINTING WITH CATECHUMEN

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## PROFFESION OF FAITH

**N.**, Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **I do.**

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## BAPTISM

**N.**, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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## CLOTHING IN WHITE

**N.** you have become a new creation and have clothed yourselves in Christ. Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life.

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## GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Godparents, please give to the newly baptised the light of Christ.

You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles the people with holy water as all sing:*

**I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right hand side, alleluia: and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## CONFIRMATION

My dear candidate(s) for confirmation, by your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptised. The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be active members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

*he addresses the people:*

Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*Silent prayer*

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## THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## ANNOINTING WITH CHRISM

**N.**, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*All return to their places for  
The Prayer of the Faithful*

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**PART FOUR:**  
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Sit for the hymn,*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.

*Alleluia!*

Death's mightiest powers  
have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.

*Alleluia!*

On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.

*Alleluia!*

He brake the age bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.

*Alleluia!*

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants  
free, That we may live, and sing to thee.

*Alleluia!*

*Words Latin, 17th century*

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SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again

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AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Bernadette Farrell*

*silence follows*

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THE DISMISSAL.

The Mass is ended, go in peace,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!