

ALLELUIA!!

Easter Vigil

March 31, 2018

Mass Intention:

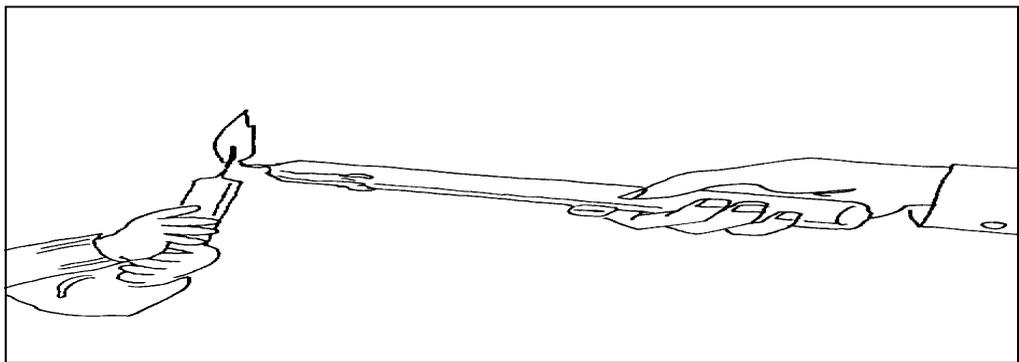
The Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph and St.

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Christ is risen



Part I:

Liturgy of the Light

Blessing of the fire and the Easter Candle.

These are the great symbols of the Risen Christ.

He is the Light of the world, dispelling the darkness of sin and ignorance and death.

Lighting of People's Candles

The people are the Body of the Risen Lord,
The place where He now dwells.



JESUS ROSE AGAIN



For Je-sus rose a-gain! Je-sus rose a-gain! Death had no pow-er o-ver



Him! And we will rise a-gain, we will rise a-gain, if we be-lieve in Him.

Announcements

Recessional: #143, Glory and Praise

The Light Shines On

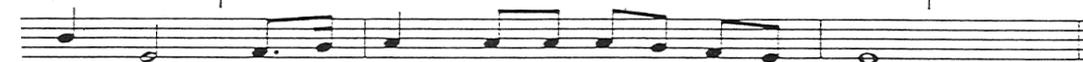


And the Light shines on in the dark-ness, and the



dark-ness has nev-er o-ver-come it; And the Light shines on in the

Repeat twice at end of final Chorus as a CODA



dark-ness, And the dark-ness will nev-er o-ver-come.

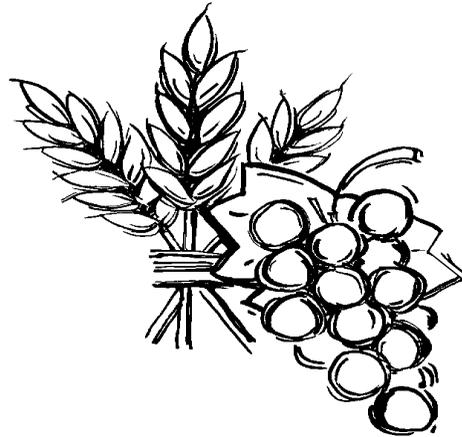
Part IV:

Liturgy of Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SONG: #231, Gather
Lift Up Your Hearts

SERVICE MUSIC: Holy Holy,
Memorial Acclamation,
Amen, Lamb of God



COMMUNION SONGS: Jesus Rose Again (Next page)

#123, Spirit and Song
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EXULTET: "The Easter Proclamation"

#178, Gather

Light of Christ / Exsultet

Cantor
This is the light of Christ; Thanks be to God.

Cantor
You are the light of Christ; Thanks be to God.

Cantor
Live in the light of Christ. He is our life.

Refrain
The light of Christ sur - rounds us, the love of Christ en - folds
us, the pow'r of Christ pro - tects us. the
pres - ence of Christ watch - es o - ver us.

To verses
Coda - after last refrain
for ev - er and ev - er. for ev - er and ev - er. A - men!

(Candles are extinguished. Lights in church are turned on.)

Part II:

Liturgy of the Word

- FIRST READING:** Genesis 1
The Creator lovingly gives us life.

Prayer after reading.
- SECOND READING:** Genesis 22
Abraham shows his faithfulness to God in his willingness to sacrifice his own son. We are invited to be faithful to God in our lives poured out in like service.

Prayer after reading.

Response to reading: God of All Creation
#196, Gather Vs. 1-2
- THIRD READING:** Exodus 14
God rescues His people from slavery to give them freedom and dignity. We too have been rescued.

Prayer after reading.
- FOURTH READING:** Isaiah 54
God establishes with us an everlasting covenant in unending love.

Response to reading: I Have Loved You
#334, Gather (Refrain Only)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- Presider: On this most holy and wonderful night, we take the time now to gather our prayers and lift them up to the Lord.
- Leader: For all the Church, cleansed and refreshed on this holy night in the waters of baptism, that we may boldly proclaim Jesus' victory over death to the whole world, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: For peace and justice throughout the world, as we continue to work to bring God's kingdom to fruition, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: For a renewed commitment to care for all of God's creation, especially that which is affected by the negative consequences of human activity, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: For the newly baptized members of the Body of Christ, throughout the world: May their risen life in Christ Jesus shine forth to all, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: For our parish, renewed in our own initiation into our faith, that we may be energized in building up the kingdom of God in our families, our communities, and our world, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: We draw hope from your resurrection for our beloved dead, especially for those who have passed away in this last year, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Leader: For the intentions in our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, the continued success of our Renovation projects and the Diocesan Annual Appeal, we pray:
All: Risen Savior, grant our prayer.
- Presider: Almighty and ever-living God, you so loved the world that you sent your only Son to redeem it. Hear now the prayers from the world you love and grant them through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.
ALL: Amen.

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Pascal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in the 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. And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

And all his works?

All: I do.

And all his empty show?

All: I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was 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?

All: 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?

All: I do.

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

SONG: Song Over the Water, #312, Gather

FIFTH READING:

Isaiah 55

God freely extends salvation to all peoples.

Prayer after reading.

Response to reading: Table of Plenty
#163, Spirit & Song

SIXTH READING:

Baruch 3, 4

God gives guidance in how to live the covenant.
We are invited to grow in wisdom and live God's law.

SEVENTH READING:

Ezekiel 36

Even after all these wonders, we like the Hebrews are still sinners. But He will give us new life and a new heart. God is compassionate.

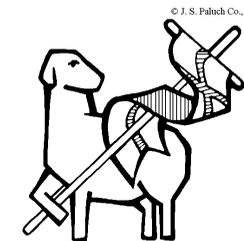
HYMN:

Gloria
(Ring bells.)

EIGHTH READING:

Romans 6

We were baptized and we live now in Christ Risen. This is a gift Abraham, Moses and Ezekiel never saw!



Part III:

Baptism Liturgy

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Please join in song before and after the Gospel.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

HOMILY

BLESSING OF THE WATER

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled upon us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people who keep vigil on this most sacred night, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.

You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters, who at Easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.