



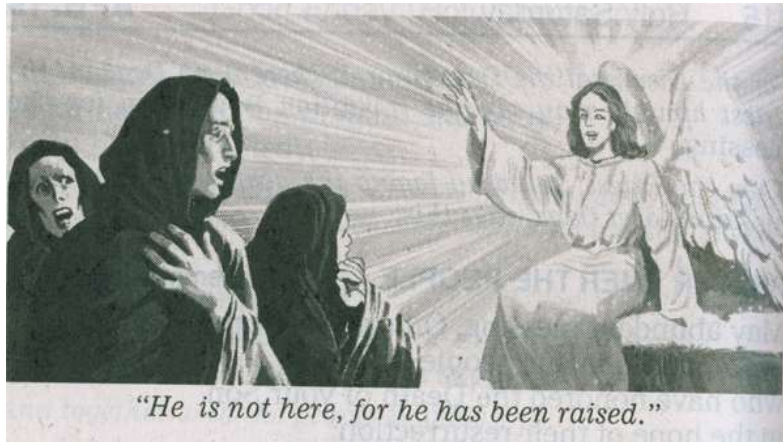
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EASTER VIGIL MASS

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Saturday, 2:00 pm



"He is not here, for he has been raised."

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The Choir Immortal

PART ONE : THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*All the lights in the church are put out
 A large fire is prepared*

[Keeping the Lord's Paschal Solemnity]

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters)
 on this most sacred night,
 in which our Lord Jesus Christ
 passed over from death to life,
 the Church calls upon her sons and daughters,
 scattered throughout the world,
 to come together to watch and pray.
 If we keep the memorial
 of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way,
 listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,
 then we shall have the sure hope
 of sharing his triumph over death
 and living with him in God.

The Priest blesses the fire, with hands extended:

Let us pray.

[Fire of God's Glory]

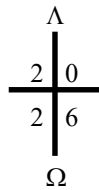
O God, who through your Son
 bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory,
 sanctify ✠ this new fire, we pray,
 and grant that,
 by these paschal celebrations,
 we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires,
 that with minds made pure
 we may attain festivities of unending splendor.
 Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

The Easter candle is lighted from the new fire.

The procession may follow immediately or the optional blessing of the candle may follow.

Preparation of the Candle

- 1. Christ yesterday and today** (*he cuts a Vertical line*),
- 2. the Beginning and the End,** (*he cuts a horizontal line*)
- 3. the Alpha,** (*he cuts the Letter Alpha above the vertical line*)
- 4. and the Omega;** (*he cuts the Letter Omega below the vertical line*)
- 5. All time belongs to him,** (*he cuts the first numeral of the current year in the upper left corner of the cross*);
- 6. and all the ages** (*he cuts the second numeral of the current year in the upper right corner of the cross*).
- 7. To him be glory and power** (*he cuts the third numeral of the current year in the lower left corner of the cross*);
- 8. through every age and for ever. Amen.** (*he cuts the fourth numeral of the current year in the lower right corner of the cross*).



Lighting of the Candle

When the cross and other marks have been made, the priest may insert five grains of incense in the candle. He does this in the form of a cross, saying:

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| 1. By his holy | | 1 | |
| 2. and glorious wounds | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 3. may Christ our Lord | | | |
| 4. guard us | | 3 | |
| 5. and protect us. Amen. | | | |

Lighting of the Candle

The priest lights the Paschal candle from the new fire, saying:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession**STAND**

The Priest lights his candle from the flame of the paschal candle.

At the door of the church the Priest standing and raising up the candle, sings:

V The Light of Christ.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

All light their candles from the flame of the paschal candle and continue in procession.

Then the Priest moves forward to the middle of the church and, standing and raising up the candle, sings a second time;

V The Light of Christ.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

When the Priest arrives before the altar, he stands facing the people, raises up the candle and sings a third time:

V The Light of Christ.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Then the lights in Church are put on, except for the altar candles.

The priest incenses the altar and the paschal candle.

Easter Proclamation : Exsultet

The Easter Proclamation maybe sung. (please refer to the song sheets)
All stand and hold lighted candles.

PART TWO : THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**SIT**

After The Easter proclamation, the candles are put aside and all sit down. The priest speaks to the people;

[Listen with Quiet Hearts]

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,
let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.
Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people
and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.
Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation
by the fullness of redemption.

First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:2

God created the world and all that is in it.

A reading from the book of Genesis. **SHORTER FORM** *[God Our Creator]*

▶ In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, ◀

▶ 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.

The word of the Lord.

R./ Thank be to God

The choir takes up the Responsorial Psalm immediately.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33

[The Lord's Goodness]

R./ The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **(R.)**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;
by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask;
in cellars he confines the deep. **(R.)**

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind. **(R.)**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. **(R.)**

Prayer [Creation in the Beginning]

STAND

Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,
may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvelous
than the world's creation in the beginning
except that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R./ Amen.**

Second Reading Ex 14:15 - 15:1 [Exodus]

SIT

Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt. He opens a path of escape through the Red Sea. God protects his people. Through the waters of Baptism, human beings are freed from sin.

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 also 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 escape. 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.

R./ Thanks be to God.

The choir takes up the Responsorial Psalm immediately

Responsorial Psalm Ex 15 [God the Savior]

R./ Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea
My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him;
the God of my father, I extol him. **(R)**

The Lord is a warrior,
Lord is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged into the Red Sea. **(R)**

The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O Lord, has shattered the enemy. **(R)**

You brought in the people you redeemed
and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance
the place where you made your seat, O Lord
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands established.
The Lord shall reign forever and ever. **(R)**

Prayer [Children of Abraham]

STAND

Let us pray.
O God, whose ancient wonders
remain undimmed in splendor even in our day,
for what you once bestowed on a single people,
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution
by the power of your right hand,
now you bring about as the salvation of the nations
through the waters of rebirth,

grant, we pray, that the whole world
may become children of Abraham
and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.
Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

Third Reading Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 **[God's People]** **SIT**
Ezekiel, as God's prophet, speaks for God who is to keep his name holy among his people. All shall know the holiness of God. He will cleanse his people from idol worship and make them his own again. This promise is again fulfilled in Baptism in the restored order of redemption

A reading from the book 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.

R/ Thanks be to God

The choir takes up the Responsorial Psalm immediately.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 51 **[A Clean Heart]**

R./ Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **(R.)**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you. **(R.)**

For you are not pleased with sacrifices;
should I offer a holocaust, you would not accept it.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Prayer **[Confirm Our Hope]**

O God, who by the pages of both Testaments
instruct and prepare us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery,
grant that we may comprehend your mercy,
so that the gifts we receive from you this night
may confirm our hope of the gifts to come.
Through Christ our Lord **R. Amen.**

STAND

After the last reading from the Old Testament with its responsorial psalm and prayer, the altar candles are lighted, and the priest in tones the **GLORIA**, which is taken up by all present. The church bells are rung, according to local custom.

At the end of the **Gloria**, the priest sings or says the opening prayer in the usual way.

Collect **[Renewed in Body and Mind]**

Let us pray.
O God, who make this most sacred night radiant
with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection,
stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption,
so that, renewed in body and mind,
we may render you undivided service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Epistle Roman 6:3-11 **[Alive in Christ]**

SIT

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

A reading from the letter of St 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 the death, so that, 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.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm. **Ps 118** **[God's Mercy]**

STAND

R/. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever." **(R.)**

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. **(R.)**

Incenses may be used at the gospel, candles are not carried.

Gospel <A **Mt 28:1-10** **[The Resurrection]**

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ Glory to you 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.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

SIT

The homily follows the gospel.

PART THREE : BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER & THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER **[Grace-Filled Water]**

The Priest then blesses the baptismal water, saying the following prayer with hands extended:

O God, who by invisible power
accomplish a wondrous effect
through sacramental signs
and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,
to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit
in the first moments of the world's creation
hovered over the waters,
so that the very substance of water
would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood
foreshadowed regeneration,
so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water
would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham
to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,
so that the chosen people,
set free from slavery to Pharaoh,
would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,
baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,
was anointed with the Holy Spirit,
and, as he hung upon the Cross,
gave forth water from his side along with blood,
and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:
"Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church
and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
So that human nature, created in your image
and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism
from all the squalor of the life of old,
may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children
through water and the Holy Spirit.

*And, If appropriate, lowering the paschal candle into the water either once or three times,
he continues:*

May the power of the Holy Spirit,
O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son
into the fullness of this font,

and, holding the candle in the water, he continues:

so that all who have been buried with Christ
by Baptism into death
may rise again to life with him.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:

**Spring of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

Relight the candles

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

STAND

INVITATION

[Call to Renewal]

All present stand and hold lighted candles to renew their baptismal promises.

The priest speaks to the people in these or similar words:

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.
And so I ask you:

RENUNCIATION OF SIN

[Reject Evil]

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?

All: **Ido.**

Priest: And all his works?

All: **Ido.**

Priest: And all his empty show?

All: **Ido.**

PROFFESION OF FAITH

[We do Believe]

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **Ido.**

Priest: 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: **Ido.**

Priest: 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: **Ido.**

And the Priest concludes:

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.**

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

[Water of life]

*The Priest sprinkles all the people with the blessed baptismal water, while all sing
the following song or any other that is baptismal in character.*

Antiphon.

**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.**

At end of sprinkling with baptismal water, put out the candles.

Offertory Hymn

Offertory family brings up the offerings

PART FOUR : THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Priest goes to the altar and begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the usual way.

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer**STAND**

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**People : 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**

Prayer over the Offerings [God's Saving Work]**STAND**

Accept, we ask, O Lord,
the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that what has begun in the paschal mysteries
may, by the working of your power,
bring us to the healing of eternity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer**STAND**

Introductory Dialogue

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

Preface I of Easter**[The Paschal Mystery]**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but (on this night) above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world;
by dying he has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer 1**KNEEL****Praise to the Father**

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

Intercession for the Church

which we offer you firstly
for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with your servant *N.* our Pope
and *N.* our Bishop,
and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.*
and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves
and all who are dear to them:
for the redemption of their souls,

in hope of health and well-being,
and paying their homage to you,
the eternal God, living and true.

In Communion with the Saints

From the Mass of the Easter Vigil until the Second Sunday of Easter

**In communion with those whose memory we venerate
Celebrating the most sacred night (day)
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,**
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
(James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew,
Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement,
Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints;
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.
(Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

From the Mass of the Easter Vigil until the Second Sunday of Easter

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
**which we make to you
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,
granting them forgiveness of all their sins;**
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.
(Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven to you,
O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

***Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.***

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

***Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.***

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.
All : *When we eat this Bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim, this holy victim,
this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing
(Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

For the Departed Souls

Remember also, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.*,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.
(Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

For the Living

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
(Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity,
Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you,
into their company,
not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

STAND

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.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

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

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your
Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance
with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Lamb of God

<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:</i>	Have mercy on us.
<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:</i>	Have mercy on us.
<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:</i>	Grant us peace.

Reception of Communion**KNEEL**

Priest : 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.

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

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Prayer after Communion **[One in Mind and Heart]**

STAND

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make those you have nourished
by this paschal Sacrament
one in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

General Announcement**SIT****SOLEMN BLESSING****[God's Blessings]****STAND**

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin. **R/ Amen.**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality. **R/ Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended, Alleluia, alleluia.

Go in peace, **alleluia, alleluia.**

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.