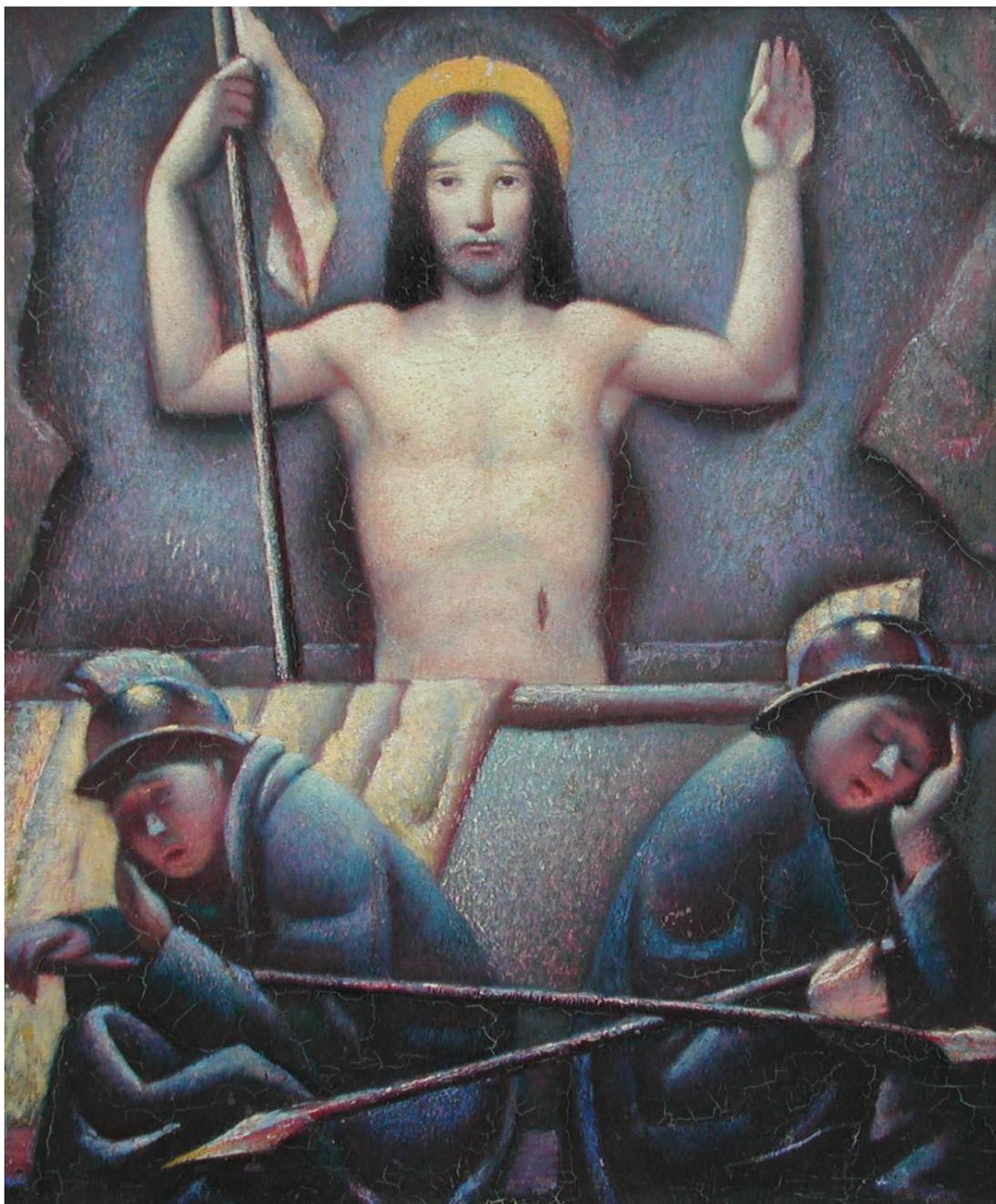


# THE CATHEDRAL PARISH OF BRIDGEPORT



+ The Easter Vigil  
in the Holy Night +

FIRST PART

+ *The Easter Proclamation—Exsultet* +

**Exult**, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,

let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends,  
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,  
invoke with me, I ask you,  
the mercy of God almighty,  
that he, who has been pleased to number me,  
though unworthy, among the Levites,  
may pour into me his light unshadowed,  
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.



It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart  
and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,  
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.  
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,  
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,  
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.  
These, then, are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,  
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.  
This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,  
from slavery in Egypt  
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.  
This is the night  
that with a pillar of fire  
banished the darkness of sin.  
This is the night  
that even now, throughout the world,  
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices

and from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace  
and joining them to his holy ones.  
This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.  
Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!  
O truly necessary sin of Adam,  
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!  
O happy fault  
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!  
O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour  
when Christ rose from the underworld!  
This is the night  
of which it is written:  
The night shall be as bright as day,

dazzling is the night for me,  
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,  
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the  
mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,  
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,  
a fire into many flames divided,  
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,  
for it is fed by melting wax,  
drawn out by mother bees

to build a torch so precious.

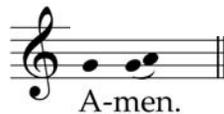
O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,  
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,  
we pray you that this candle,  
hallowed to the honor of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning  
by the Morning Star:

the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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## SECOND PART

# + The Liturgy of the Word +

### First Reading • The Book of Genesis 1 : 1–2 : 2

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and  
the earth,  
the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness cov-  
ered 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.”

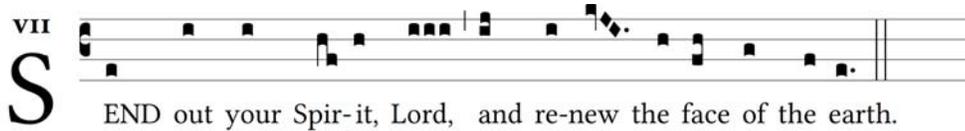
God also said:  
“See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food.”

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.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed.  
Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.



## Psalm 104



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Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
You are clothed with majesty and glory,  
robed in light as with a cloak. • *Response*

You fixed the earth upon its foundation,  
not to be moved forever;  
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;  
above the mountains the waters stood. • *Response*

You send forth springs into the watercourses  
that wind among the mountains.  
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;

from among the branches they send forth their song.

• *Response*

You water the mountains from your palace;  
the earth is replete with the fruit of your works.  
You raise grass for the cattle,  
and vegetation for man's use,  
Producing bread from the earth. • *Response*

How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have wrought them all ~  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! • *Response*

### Second Reading • The Book of Genesis 18 : 1-22

God put Abraham to the test.  
He called to him, "Abraham!"  
"Here I am," he replied.  
Then God said:  
"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,  
and go to the land of Moriah.  
There you shall offer him up as a holocaust  
on a height that I will point out to you."  
Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey,  
took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as  
well,  
and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust,  
set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from  
afar.

Then he said to his servants:  
"Both of you stay here with the donkey,  
while the boy and I go on over yonder.  
We will worship and then come back to you."  
Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust  
and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders,  
while he himself carried the fire and the knife.

As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father  
Abraham:

"Father!" Isaac said.

"Yes, son," he replied.

Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood,  
but where is the sheep for the holocaust?"

"Son," Abraham answered,  
"God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust."  
Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which God had told him,  
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.  
Next he tied up his son Isaac,  
and put him on top of the wood on the altar.  
Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter  
his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,  
"Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.

"Do not do the least thing to him.

I know now how devoted you are to God,  
since you did not withhold from me your own beloved  
son."

As Abraham looked about,  
he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.

So he went and took the ram  
and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh;  
hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD  
will see."

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from  
heaven and said:

"I swear by myself,  
declares the LORD,

that because you acted as you did  
in not withholding from me your beloved son,  
I will bless you abundantly  
and make your descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;

your descendants shall take possession  
of the gates of their enemies,  
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth  
shall find blessing~  
all this because you obeyed my command.”

### *Canticle after the Second Reading • Psalm 125 (124) : 1-2*

**Qui confidunt in Domino**, sicut mons Sion:  
non commovebitur in æternum, qui habitat in Jerusalem.  
Montes in circuitu eius:  
et Dominus in circuitu populi sui,  
ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

**Those who trust in the Lord** are like Mount Zion;  
The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall never be shaken.  
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,  
so the Lord is round about his people,  
from this time forth and for evermore.

### *Third Reading • The Book of Exodus 14 : 15–15 : 1*

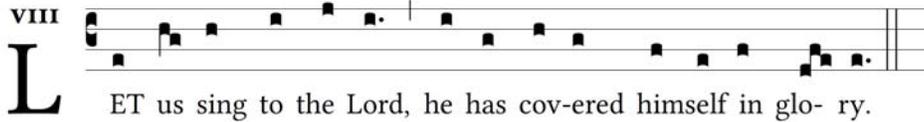
The LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me?  
Tell the Israelites to go forward.  
And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched  
over the sea,  
split the sea in two,  
that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land.  
But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate  
that they 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 sea shore  
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.

## Exodus 15



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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. • *Response*

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 in the Red Sea.

• *Response*

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.

• *Response*

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, LORD, which your hands established.  
The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

• *Response*



### Fourth Reading • The Prophet Isaiah 54 : 5-14

The One who has become your husband is your Maker;  
his name is the LORD of hosts;  
your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,  
called God of all the earth.  
The LORD calls you back,  
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,  
a wife married in youth and then cast off,  
says your God.  
For a brief moment I abandoned you,  
but with great tenderness I will take you back.  
In an outburst of wrath, for a moment  
I hid my face from you;  
but with enduring love I take pity on you,  
says the LORD, your redeemer.  
This is for me like the days of Noah,  
when I swore that the waters of Noah  
should never again deluge the earth;  
so I have sworn not to be angry with you,

or to rebuke you.  
Though the mountains leave their place  
and the hills be shaken,  
my love shall never leave you  
nor my covenant of peace be shaken,  
says the LORD, who has mercy on you.  
O afflicted one,  
storm-battered and unconsolated,  
I lay your pavements in carnelians,  
and your foundations in sapphires;  
I will make your battlements of rubies,  
your gates of carbuncles,  
and all your walls of precious stones.  
All your children shall be taught by the LORD,  
and great shall be the peace of your children.  
In justice shall you be established,  
far from the fear of oppression,  
where destruction cannot come near you.

Canticle after the Fourth Reading • Psalm 117 (116)

**Laudate Dominum**, omnes gentes:  
et collaudate eum, omnes populi.  
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus:  
et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

**O praise the Lord**, all ye nations:  
praise him together, all ye people.  
For his mercy is confirmed upon us:  
and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.



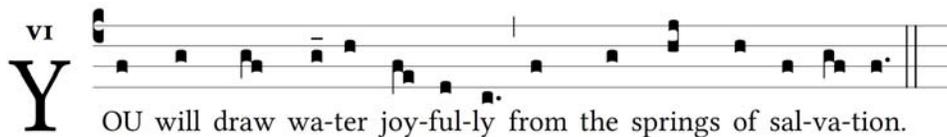
Fifth Reading • The Prophet Isaiah 55 : 1–11

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.

Isaiah 12



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My God indeed is my savior;  
I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation. *Response*  
Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;

among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name. • *Response*  
Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;  
let this be known throughout all the earth.  
Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel! • *Response*

## Sixth Reading • The Prophet Baruch 3 : 9-15, 32-4:4

Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life:  
listen, and know prudence!  
How is it, Israel,  
that you are in the land of your foes,  
grown old in a foreign land,  
defiled with the dead,  
accounted with those destined for the netherworld?  
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom!  
Had you walked in the way of God,  
you would have dwelt in enduring peace.  
Learn where prudence is,  
where strength, where understanding;  
that you may know also  
where are length of days, and life,  
where light of the eyes, and peace.  
Who has found the place of wisdom,  
who has entered into her treasures?  
The One who knows all things knows her;  
he has probed her by his knowledge~  
The One who established the earth for all time,  
and filled it with four-footed beasts;  
he who dismisses the light, and it departs,

calls it, and it obeys him trembling;  
before whom the stars at their posts  
shine and rejoice;  
when he calls them, they answer, "Here we are!"  
shining with joy for their Maker.  
Such is our God;  
no other is to be compared to him:  
he has traced out the whole way of understanding,  
and has given her to Jacob, his servant,  
to Israel, his beloved son.

Since then she has appeared on earth,  
and moved among people.  
She is the book of the precepts of God,  
the law that endures forever;  
all who cling to her will live,  
but those will die who forsake her.  
Turn, O Jacob, and receive her:  
walk by her light toward splendor.  
Give not your glory to another,  
your privileges to an alien race.  
Blessed are we, O Israel;  
for what pleases God is known to us!

## Canticle after the Sixth Reading • Deuteronomy 32 : 1-4

**Attende caelum,** et loquar:  
et audiat terra verba ex ore meo.  
Expectetur sicut pluvia eloquium meum:  
et descendant sicut ros verba mea.  
Sicut imber super gramen.  
Et sicut nix super foenum:  
quia nomen Domini invocabo.  
Date magnitudinem Deo nostro:  
Deus, vera opera ejus, et omnes viae ejus judicia.  
Deus fidelis, in quo non est iniquitas:  
justus et sanctus Dominus.

**Give ear, O heavens,** and I will speak;  
let the earth hearken to the words of my mouth.  
Let my speech be longed for as the rain;  
let my words come down like the dew,  
like showers upon the grass.  
Yes, and like snow upon the dry herb;  
for I will invoke the name of the Lord.  
Ascribe greatness to our God;  
The works of God are true and all his ways are justice.  
God is faithful, there is no iniquity in him;  
the Lord is just and holy.

## Seventh Reading • The Prophet Ezekiel 36 : 16-17a, 18-28

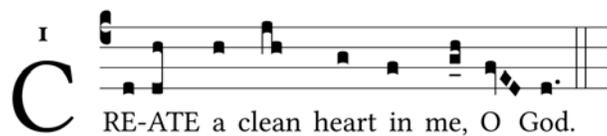
The word of the LORD came to me, saying:  
Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their  
land,  
they defiled it by their conduct and deeds.  
Therefore I poured out my fury upon them  
because of the blood that they poured out on the  
ground,  
and because they defiled it with idols.  
I scattered 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.

### Psalm 51



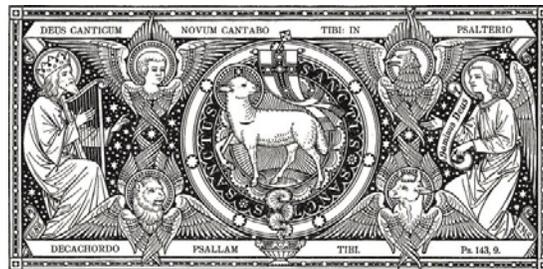
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A clean heart create for me, O God,  
 and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
 Cast me not out from your presence,  
 and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
 • *Response*

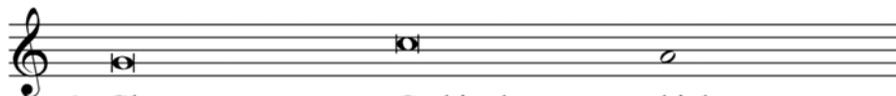
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
 and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways,  
 and sinners shall return to you. • *Response*

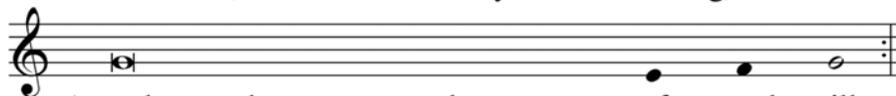
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
 should I offer a holocaust, you would not accept it.  
 My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
 a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
 • *Response*



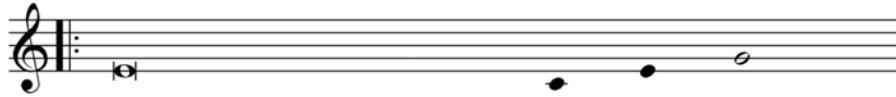
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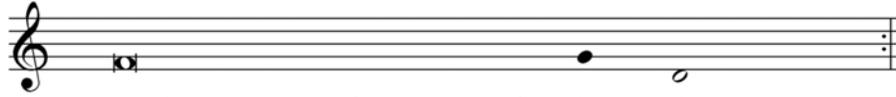
1. Glory to God in the highest,  
 2. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
 3. Lord God, heavenly King,



1. and on earth peace to people of good will.  
 2. we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 3. O God, almighty Father.



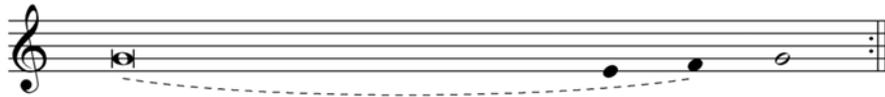
4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son,  
 5. you take away the sins of the world,  
 6. you take away the sins of the world,  
 7. you are seated at the right hand of the Father,



4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 5. have mercy on us;  
 6. receive our prayer;  
 7. have mercy on us.



8. For you a - lone are the Holy One,  
 9. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
 10. A - men,



8. you alone are the Lord,  
 9. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
 10. A - men.

### Collect

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,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

### Amen

### Epistle · The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6 : 3-11

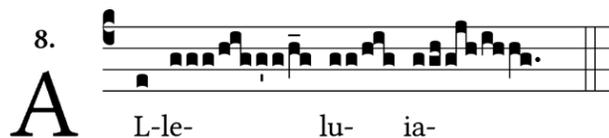
Brothers and sisters:  
 Are you unaware that we who were baptized into  
 Christ Jesus  
 were baptized into his death?  
 We were indeed buried with him through baptism  
 into death,  
 so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
 by the glory of the Father,  
 we too might live in newness 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 Deacon approaches the Bishop and announces to him:

“Most Reverend Father, I bring you a message of great joy, the message of Alleluia.”

The cantor then intones the Alleluia three times, which is repeated each time by all present:



### Psalm 118



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

“His mercy endures forever.” • *Response*

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. • *Response*

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes. • *Response*

## + Holy Gospel +

### St. Matthew 28 : 1-10

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.”

## Homily

### THIRD PART

## + The Renewal of Baptismal Promises +

All renew their baptismal Profession of Faith by responding, “I do.”

FOURTH PART  
+ The Liturgy of the Eucharist +

Offertory Chant • Psalm 118 (117) : 16-17

*Dextera Domíni* fecit virtutem,  
dextera Domini exaltavit me:  
non moriar, sed vivam,  
et narrabo opera Domini, alleluia.

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



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

**A:** 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.

Then the bishop sings the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people respond: **Amen**.

  
**V.** The Lord be with you.      **R.** And with your spir-it.

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

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

# SANCTUS

VI

**S** An-ctus, \* Sanctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus

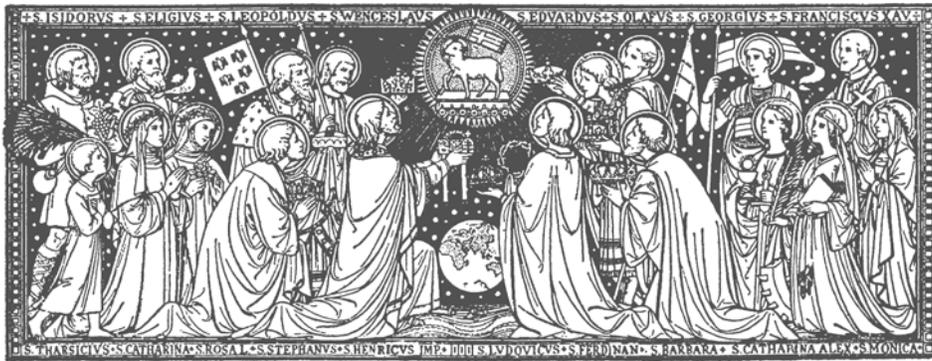
De-us Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ-li et

ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sánna in excél-sis.

Bene-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni.

Ho-sán-na in excél-sis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*



## Mysterium Fidei / The Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a-gain.

## AGNUS DEI

VI

**A** - gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di: dona no- bis pa- cem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

## Communion Chant

1 Corínthians 5 : 7-8

**Pascha nostrum** immolatus est Christus, alleluia: itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Christ our Passover** has been sacrificed; alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



## Dísmísal

V. Go in peace, al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

R. Thanks be to God, al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Organ Postlude

Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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