

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

The Great Vigil in the Holy Night – Saturday 8th April, 7:00pm

FIRST PART : THE SOLEMN SERVICE OF LIGHT – THE LUCERNARIUM

The Blessing of the Holy Fire & Preparation of the Paschal Candle

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

Greeting and instruction

Blessing of the holy fire

Preparation of the Candle

P (sung): May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession

At the door of the church:

P (sung): The light of Christ.

ALL (sung): Thanks be to God.

In the middle of the church:

P (sung): The light of Christ.

ALL (sung): Thanks be to God.

Before the Altar:

P (sung): The light of Christ.

ALL (sung): Thanks be to God.

The Easter Proclamation – Exsultet

SECOND PART : THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After setting aside their candles, all sit. Before the readings begin, the Priest instructs the people in these or similar words:

Dearly Beloved, 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 God may complete this paschal work of salvation
by the fullness of redemption.

Then the readings follow. Each Reader goes to the ambo and proclaims the reading, then a cantor sings a Psalm with the People making the response. Then the Priest says: Let us pray, and says the prayer corresponding to the reading.

First Reading *Genesis 1:26-31 – God saw all that God had made, and indeed it was very good.*

... The Word of the Lord. **ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 103 (104) *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Setting: Francesca LaRosa. Cantor, Organ, Choir & All*

Prayer *... forever and ever. AMEN.*

Second Reading *Exodus 14:15-15:1 – The Crossing of the Red Sea*

The Canticle is sung immediately, without the reader proclaiming 'The Word of the Lord' etc.

Canticle Exodus 15 *Let us sing to the Lord: he has covered himself in glory. Setting: Francesca LaRosa. Cantor, Organ, Choir & All*

Prayer ... through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Third Reading Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28. I shall pour clean water over you and give you a new heart.
... The Word of the Lord. **ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 41 (42) Like a deer that yearns for running streams... . Setting: Francesca LaRosa. Cantor, Organ, Choir & All

Prayer ... through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

After the last reading from the Old Testament, with its Psalm and Prayer, the altar candles are lit, and the Priest intones the hymn Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest) which then is sung by all, while bells are rung.

The Collect Let us pray:
*And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.
Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer:*

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.

ALL: AMEN.

Then a Reader proclaims the Epistle from the Apostle Paul.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 6:1-13) *Having risen from the dead, Christ can never die again.*
... The Word of the Lord. **ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

After the Epistle is read, all rise, as the Cantor intones the Alleluia, and the Book of the Gospels is carried solemnly to the Ambo.

Cantor (sings): Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat)

Cantor (sings): *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
cf Psalm 117(118) This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.*

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (repeat) plus Coda at end

While the Alleluia and its verse are sung, there takes place the Procession of the Book of the Gospels to the Ambo.

The Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) *The women meet an angel at the empty tomb.*

P: The Lord be with you. **ALL: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

P: ✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
ALL: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

At the end of the Gospel, Deacon, or the Priest, acclaims:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Then kissing the book, saying quietly:
Through the words of the Gospel
May our sins be wiped away.
After the Gospel, the Homily, even if brief, is not to be omitted.

The Homily

THIRD PART : THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Blessing
of the Font

During this prayer, the Presider lowers the Paschal Candle into the Font 3 times.

A Lay Minister takes a pitcher of consecrated water from the sanctuary, and processes to the Narthex, where they fill the font there.

Litany of the Saints *Becker Setting*

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling Rite

Hymn: *Come to the Water (Refrain, verse 1, refrain verse 2, refrain).*

FOURTH PART : THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory

Procession
of the Gifts *Now the green blade rises (all verses)*

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Missa Santa Clara

Memorial Acclamation *Missa Santa Clara – When we eat this bread*

Great Amen *Missa Santa Clara*

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Missa Santa Clara

Holy Communion
1. Jesus Christ, Bread of Life – Jacques Berthier (Taizé chant)
2. Only a Shadow – Carey Landry

Concluding Rite,
Blessing and Dismissal ***P (sung):*** Go in peace, Alleluia, Alleluia_____!

All (sung): Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia_____!

Recessional Hymn ***1 verse only.*** Sing with All the Saints in Glory, Sing the Resurrection Song.
Ode to Joy Setting (Ludwig von Beethoven)

Organ Voluntary *Played as Ministers process out.*

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