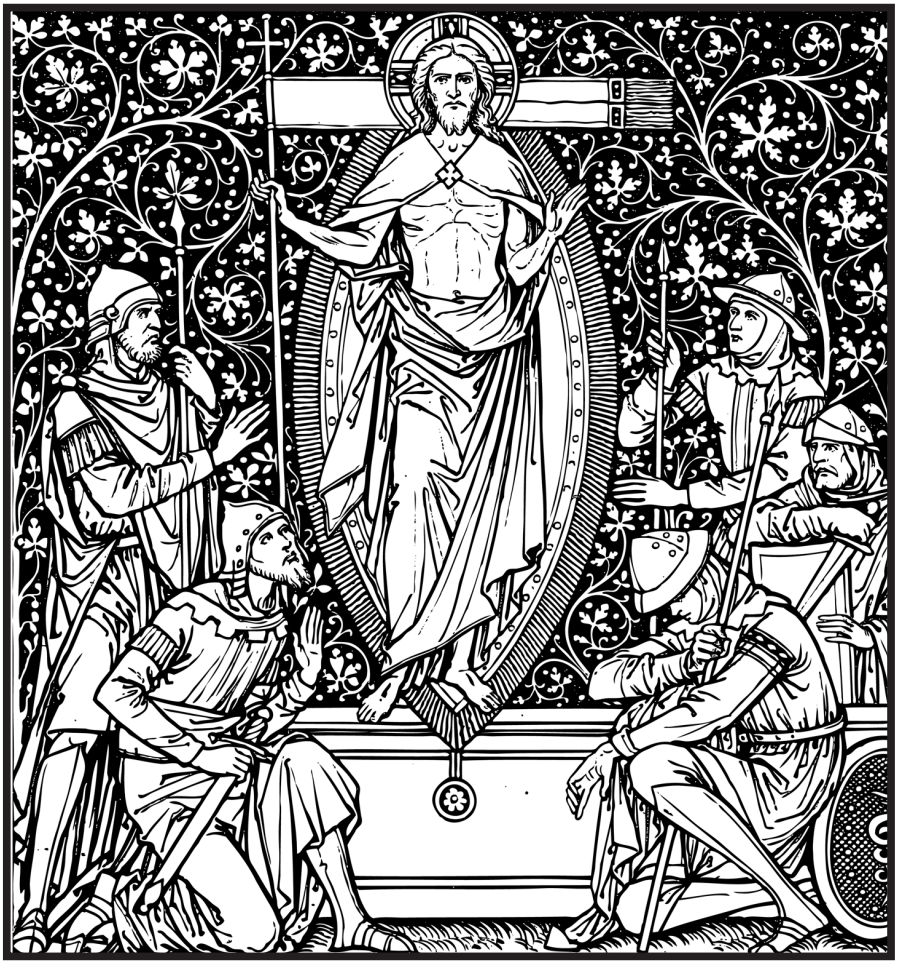

The **Easter Vigil** *in the* **Holy Night**

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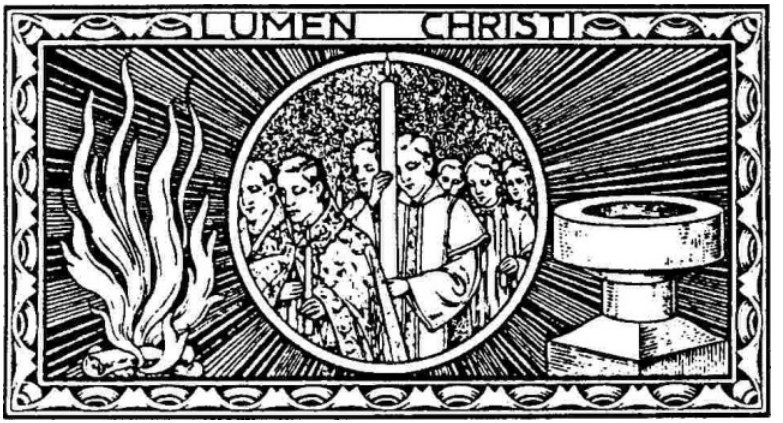
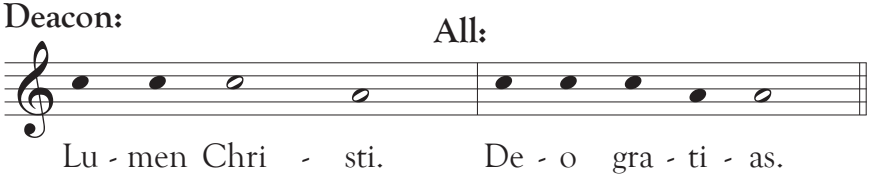


Lucernarium

The **Blessing** *of the* **Fire** *and* **Preparation** *of the* **Candle**

Procession

The **Easter Proclamation** (Exsultet)

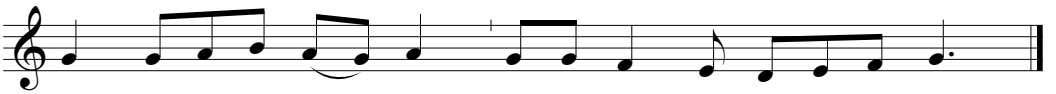
Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom 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. 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.

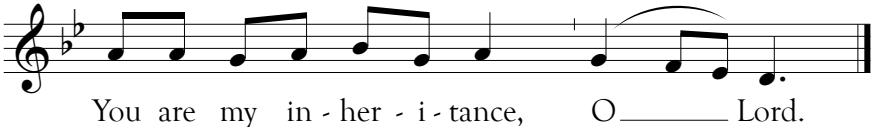
R./ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

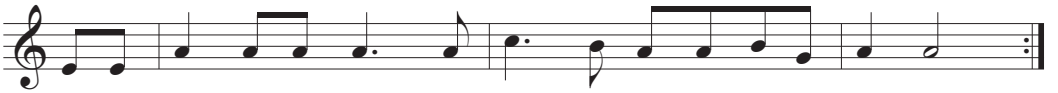
Reading I Genesis 1:1–2:2 *God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Plainsong 2021

Prayer

Reading II Genesis 22: 1-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.*

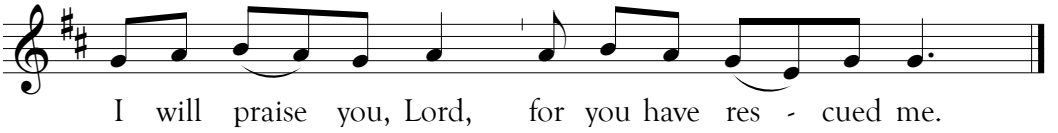
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11 Richard K. Fitzgerald

Prayer

Reading III Exodus 14: 15–15: 1 *The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.*

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 David Clark Isele (1946-2016)

Prayer

Reading IV Isaiah 54: 5-14 *With enduring love,*
the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you.

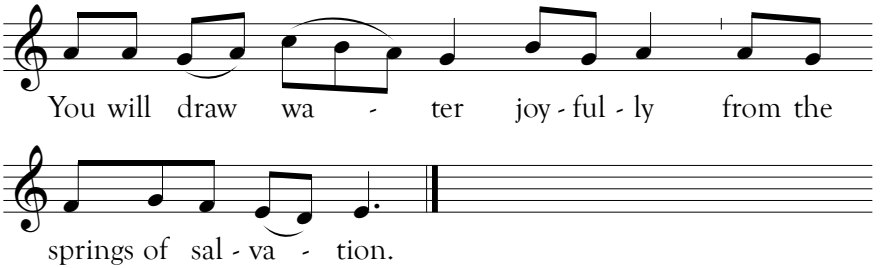
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Lumen Christi Missal



Prayer

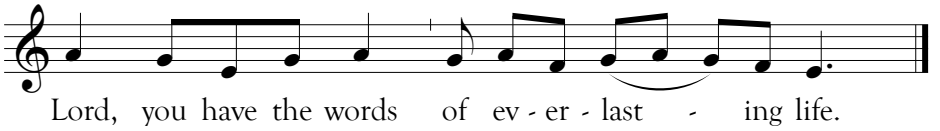
Reading V Isaiah 55: 1-11 *Come to me that you may have life.*
I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6 Plainsong 2021



Prayer

Reading VI Baruch 3: 9-15, 32–4: 4 *Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11 Lumen Christi Missal

Prayer

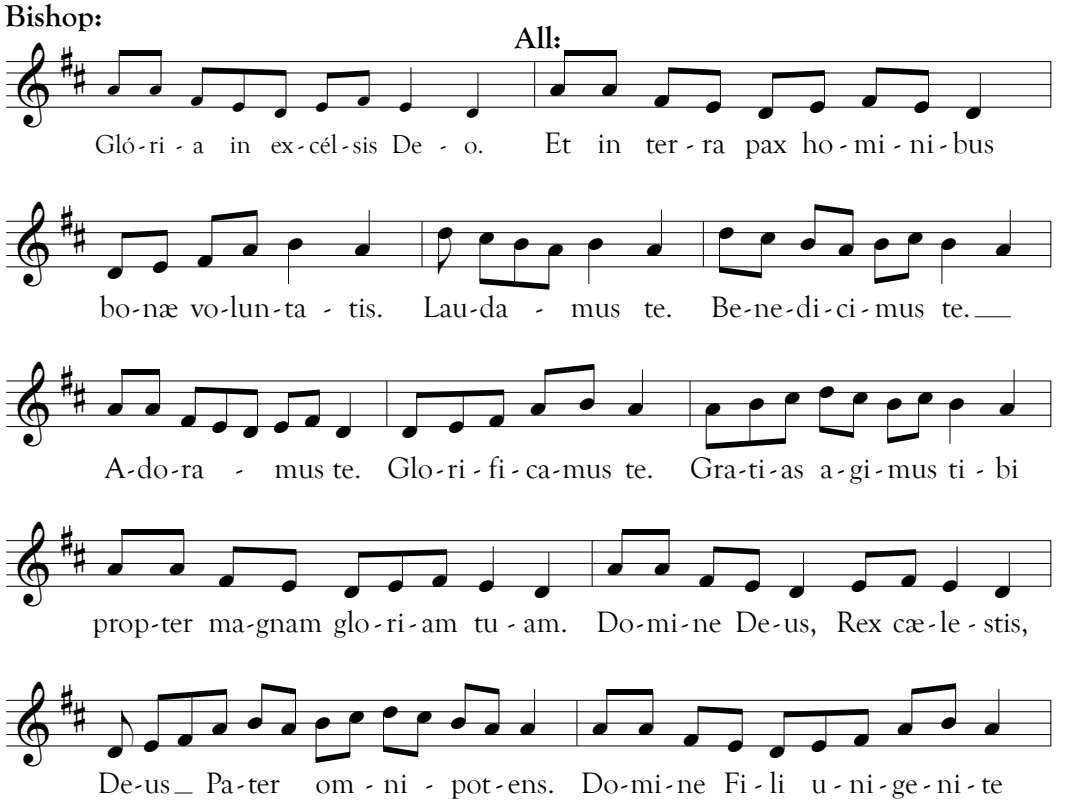
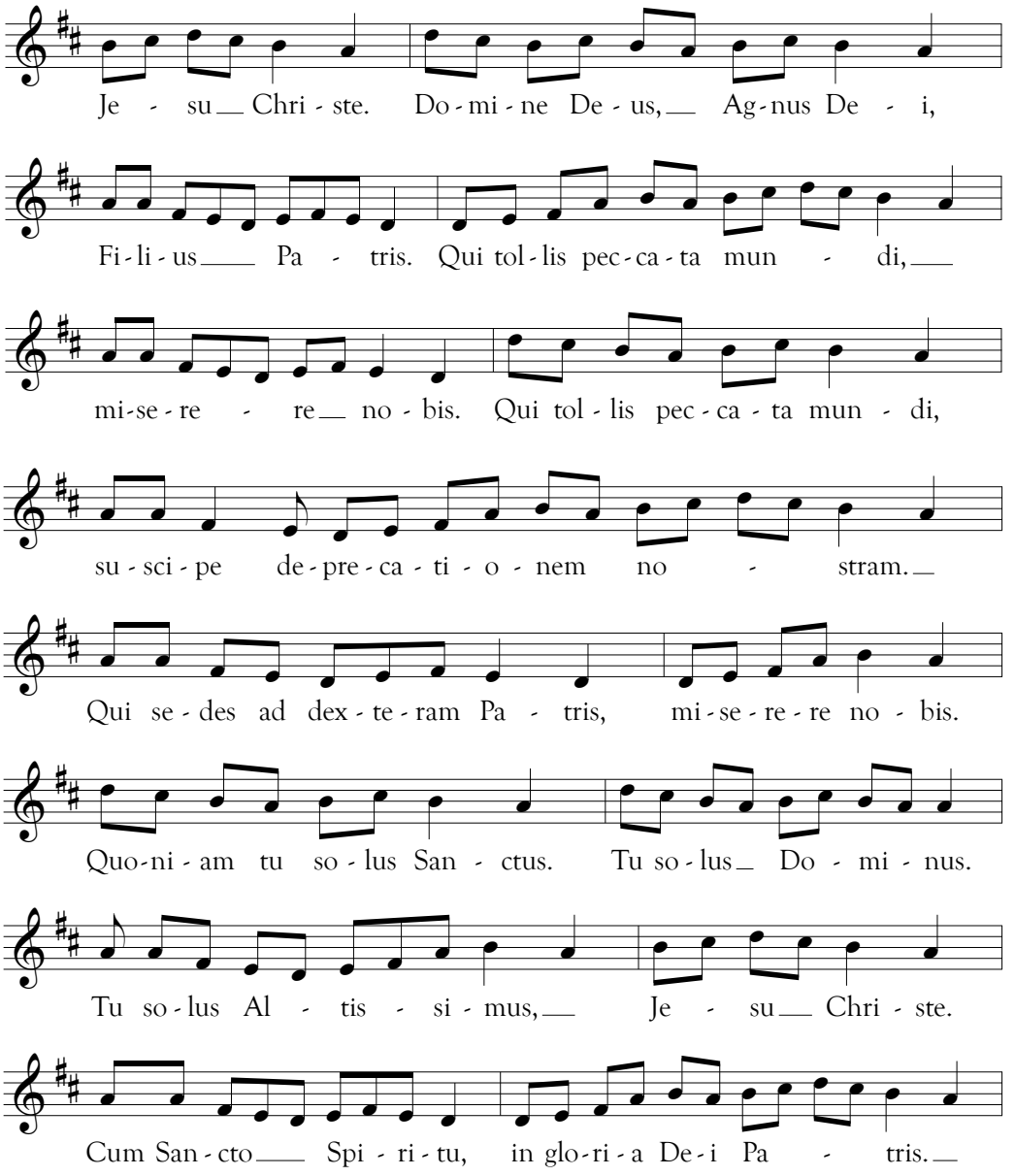
Reading VII Ezekiel 36: 16-17a, 18-28 *I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.*

Psalm Psalm 42: 3, 5; 43: 3, 4 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.	As the hart yearns for the water springs, so longs my soul for thee, O God!

Prayer

Gloria Mass VIII (De angelis) Mode 5



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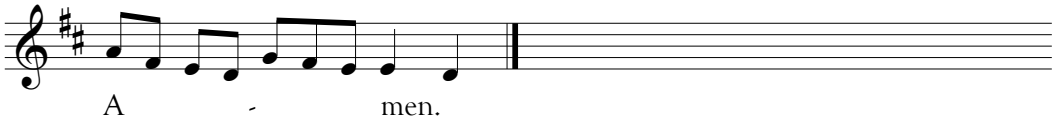
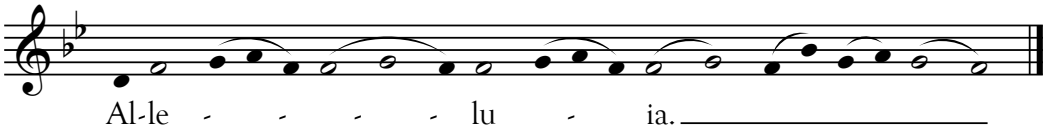


Collect

Epistle Romans 6: 3-11 *Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mode 8

Gospel Luke 24: 1-12 *Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?*

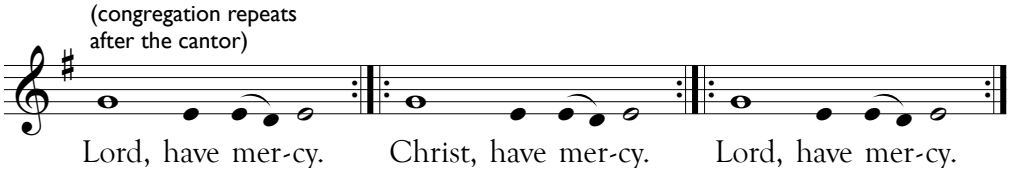
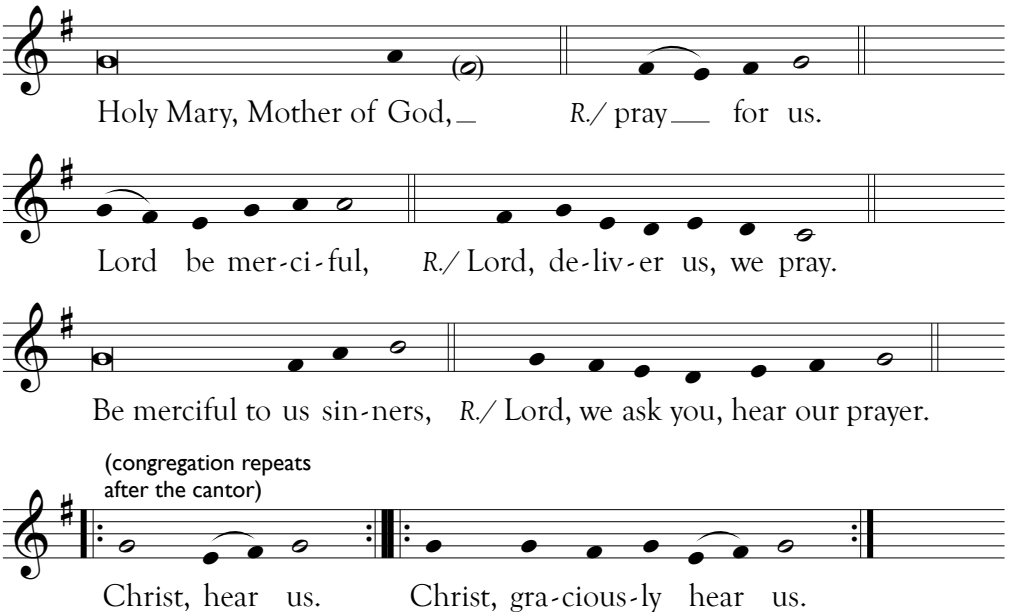
Homily

Baptismal Liturgy

Presentation *of the* **Elect** *for* **Baptism**

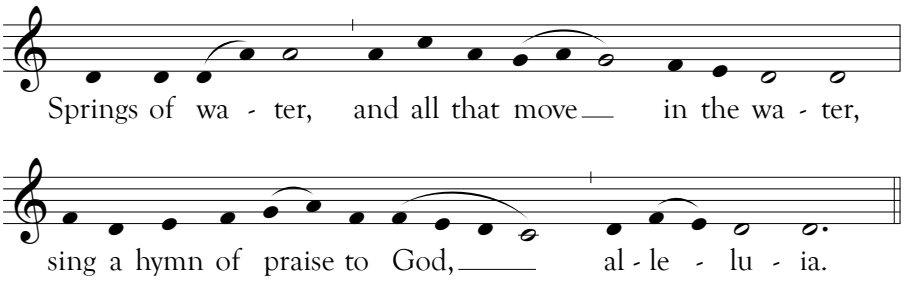
Procession *to the* **Baptismal Font**

Litany *of the* **Saints** *Sung while the ministers and the Elect process to the font.*

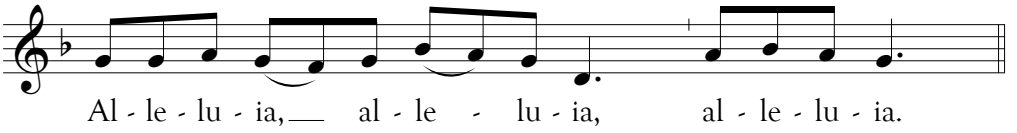


Blessing *of* **Baptismal Water**

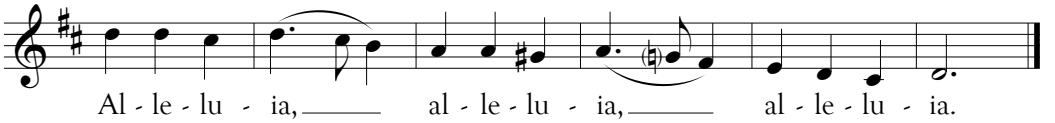
Acclamation *of the* **People** *Sung when the Paschal candle is lifted out of the baptismal font.*



Renunciation *of* **Sin** *and* **Profession** *of* **Faith** *of the* **Elect**

Baptisms *The refrain below is sung at the conclusion of each baptism.*

Clothing *with* **Baptismal Garment**

Presentation *of* **Baptismal Candle** *for the* **Newly Baptized**

Processional Hymn *Please join the choir in singing the "Alleluia" refrain (below) while the clergy, ministers, and catechumens process back to the sanctuary.*

Renewal *of* **Baptismal Promises** *of the* **Faithful**

Sprinkling Vidi aquam Mode 8

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo,	I saw water coming forth from the temple,
a latere dextro, alleluia:	from the right side, alleluia:
et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,	and all to whom this water comes
salvi facti sunt, et dicent: alleluia.	are made saved, and they will say: alleluia.
Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus:	Bless the Lord, for he is good:
Quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.	for his mercy endures forever.
Gloria Patri, et Filio,	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
et Spiritui Sancto.	and to the Holy Spirit.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,	As it was in the beginning is now
et semper,	and ever shall be,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	world without end. Amen

Text: Ezekiel 47: 1, 9; Psalm 117: 1

Reception *into* **Full Communion** *of* **Candidates**

Celebration *of* **Confirmation** Veni, creator Spiritus Mode 8

Veni, Creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita, imple superna gratia quae tu creasti pectora.	Come Creator Spirit, visit the souls of thy people, fill with grace from on high the hearts which thou hast created.
Qui diceris Paraclitus, donum Dei altissima, fons vivus, ignis, caritas, et spiritalis unctio.	Thou who art called the Comforter, gift of the most high God, living fountain, fire, love and unction of souls.
Tu, septiformis munere, digitus paternae dexterae, Tu rite promissum Patris, sermone ditans guttura.	Sevenfold in thy gifts, finger of the Father's right hand, thou promised truly by the Father, giving speech to tongues.
Accende lumen sensibus: infunde amorem cordibus: infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.	Inflame our senses with thy light, pour thy love into our hearts, strengthen our weak bodies with lasting power.
Hostem repellas longius, pacemque dones protinus: ductore sic te praevio vitemus omne noxium.	Drive far away the enemy, grant peace at all times: so under thy guidance may we avoid all evil.
Per te sciamus da Patrem, noscamus atque Filium; Teque utriusque Spiritum credamus omni tempore.	Grant us by thee to know the Father and to know the Son, and thee, Spirit of both, may we always believe.
Deo Patri sit gloria, et Filio, qui a mortuis surrexit, ac Paraclito, in saeculorum saecula. Amen.	To God the Father be glory, to the Son who rose from the dead and to the Comforter, for all ages. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Collection *of* **Offerings**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation *of the* **Altar**

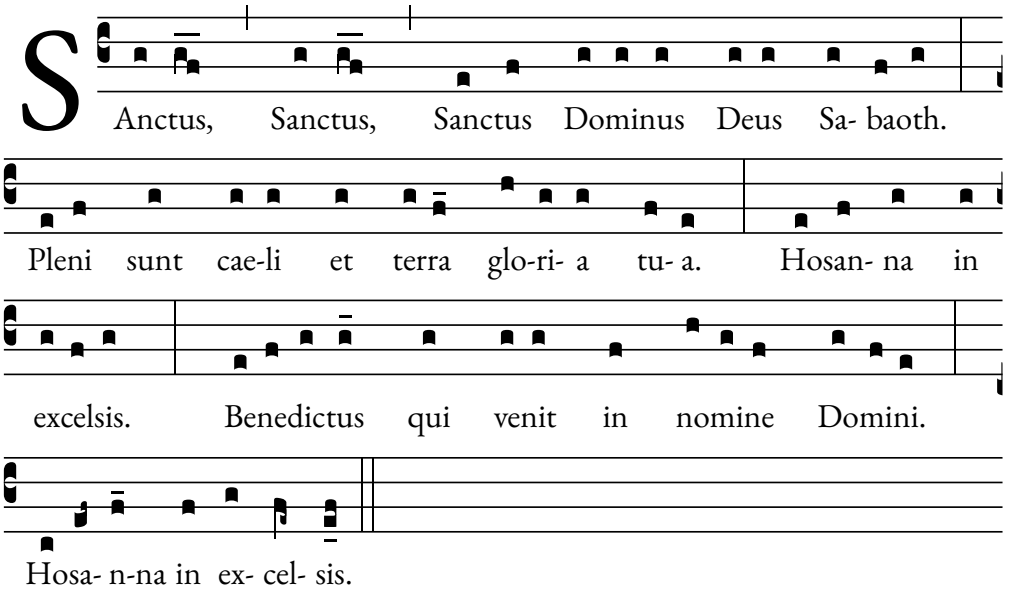
Anthem Sing Ye to the Lord Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea.
Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;
now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall.
Thou hast opened Paradise, and in thee thy Saints shall rise.
Alleluia! Amen.

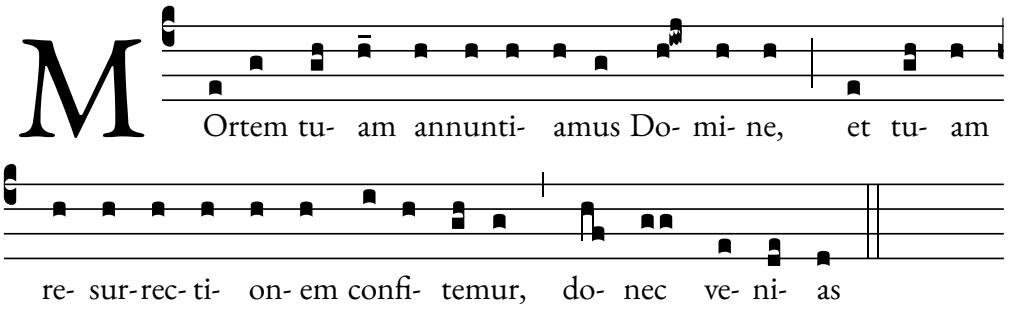
Text: Exodus 15: 21, 4; Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Preface Dialogue

Sanctus Mass XVIII



Mystery *of* **Faith** ICEL



The **Lord's Prayer**

Agnus Dei *from* Missa Brevis No. 1 Fitzgerald

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Guidelines *for the* **Reception** *of* **Holy Communion**

For Catholics …

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians …

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion …

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians …

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

Communion Antiphon — Pascha nostrum — 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8; *Vs.* Psalm 118: 1

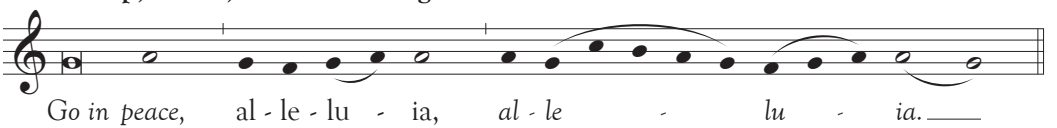
Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus, alleluia: itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia.	Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.
Vs. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus, quoniam in saeculum misericordiam ejus.	*Vs.* Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Thanksgiving — Christ Our Passover — Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Prayer *after* Communion ◆ Blessing *and* Solemn Dismissal

the Bishop, Priest, or Deacon sings:



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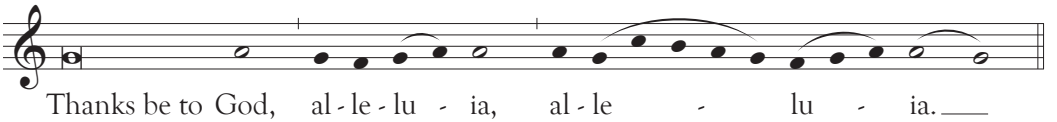
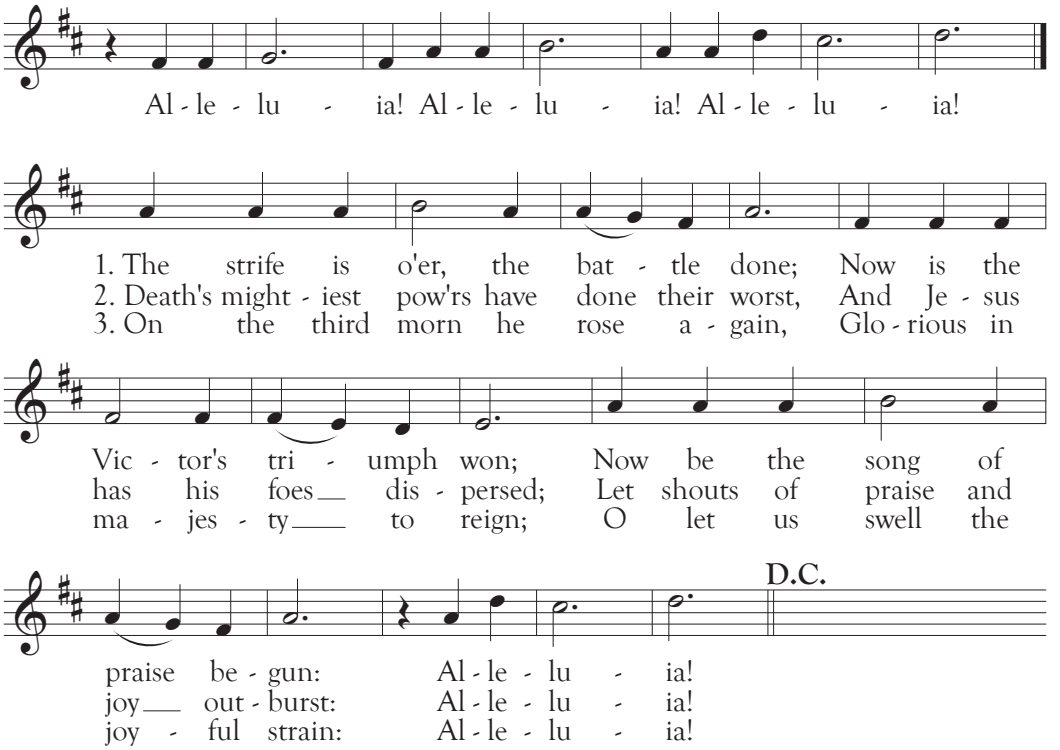


Please respect our custom of standing in place and singing the complete recessional hymn.

Recessional Hymn Alleluia! The strife is o'er *Victory*

Postlude Toccata *from* Symphony No. 3 [based on EASTER HYMN] Richard K. Fitzgerald Brass arrangement by Tony Zilincik

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