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BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED

A Penance Service for Lent 2018

A RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**Concluding Rite**
- Blessing
- Dismissal
- Closing Hymn
Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.

At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.

A musician and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. A list of music suggestions are included on pages 21-22.

A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.

Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.

Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.

For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**OPENING HYMN**

See suggestions herein

**GREETING**

Presider: Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who laid down his life for our sins.

All: And with your spirit.
Presider: We gather here tonight [today] because we are sinners and in need of God's mercy. We come because we have faith that in this sacramental encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, we will receive it.

We come because we have confidence in the mercy of God who loves us so much that he sent his Only Begotten Son to save us from our sins.

We come because we appreciate that Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross, two thousand years ago, was for our sake.

We come because, in this time and place, in every sacramental encounter, in countless undeserved ways, his grace continues to save us.

He has called each of us to be here tonight [today]. He wants us to hear his saving words and, once again, to receive his pardon. Let us be humble and contrite before such a compassionate Savior.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Brothers and sisters, God calls us to conversion, let us therefore ask him for the grace of sincere repentance.

Silent prayer

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you do not wish the sinner to die but to be converted and live. Come to the aid of your people, that they may turn from their sins and live for you alone. May we be attentive to your word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and always be grateful for your loving kindness. Help us to live the truth in love and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.
CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.

The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 55-1-11
Come to me that you may have life.  I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING
Ephesians 2:4-10
Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL
John 3:16
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL
John 3:14-21
God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

HOMILY
**First Reading**

Exodus 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
Moses receives the Ten Commandments

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13  
The Lord, on his part, has forgiven you.

Joel 2: 12-18  
Rend your hearts, not your garments

Wisdom 5:1-16  
The just live forever...the thought of them is with the Most High.

Isaiah 58:6-11  
Share your bread with the hungry.

Ezekiel 18:20-32  
If the wicked man turns away from sin he shall not die.

Ezekiel 36:23-28  
I will sprinkle you with clean water...

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 19  
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Psalm 22  
Father, your will be done.

Psalm 27  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 30  
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Psalm 32  
Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.

Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21  
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

Psalm 85  
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Psalm 106  
Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.

Psalm 119  
Lord, I love your commands.

Psalm 130  
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:6-11  
We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.

Roman 6:2-14  
Think of yourselves as being dead to sin, living for God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
We aspire to please the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2  
We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation.

Galatians 2:16, 19-21  
I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.

Ephesians 5:8-14  
Live as children of the light.

Ephesians 6:10-13, 18  
Draw your strength from the Lord.

Hebrews 4:14-16  
Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

1 Peter 2:20b-25  
You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 John 1:5 - 2:2  
Jesus is expiation for our sins.

**Gospel**

Matthew 9:9-13  
Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners.

Mark 2:1-12  
Curing the paralytic... your sins are forgiven.

Mark 12:28-34  
Greatest of all commandments.

Luke 5:27-32  
Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners.

Luke 15:11-32  
Parable of the prodigal son.

Luke 16:19-31  
There was a poor man named Lazarus.
EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Presider: Sisters and brothers, our Father knows all our failings, but asks us to call them to mind so that we may seek out his forgiveness.

Minister #1: Am I attentive to God’s presence in prayer and worship?

- Do I pray daily?
- Do I receive the sacraments regularly?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?
- Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?
- Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?
- Do I trust God’s goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

Minister #2: In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?
- Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?
- Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

Minister #1: Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship with others?

- In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?
- Do I treat my parents with respect?
• Am I ever angry with those I love?
• Have I been faithful in my relationships?
• Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?
• Am I intolerant of other’s ideas or needs?
• Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
• Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

Minister #2: Do I bring the love of God to the world?
• Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
• Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?
• Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?
• Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?
• Do I use the earth’s resources wisely?
• Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don’t really need?

Minister #1: Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?

• Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?
• Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?
• Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?
• Do I forgive others who have offended me?
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

Presider:    Brothers and sisters,
let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,
and acknowledge our sins,
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

All:        I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider:    Christ our Savior is our advocate with the Father;
with humble hearts,
let us ask him to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every stain.

ACT OF REPENTANCE

Presider:    Christ our Lord was given up to death for our sins
and rose again for our justification.
Let us pray to him with confidence in his goodness.

Presider:    You were sent with good news for the poor
and healing for the contrite.

All:        Lord, have mercy.

Presider:    You came to call sinners, not the just.

All:        Lord, have mercy.

Presider:    You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed
you great love.

All:        Lord, have mercy.
Presider: You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery, but sent her away in peace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You are the atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.

All: Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

Presider: Let us now pray to God our Father in the words our Savior gave us, and ask him for forgiveness and protection from all evil.

All: Our Father,...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: Deliver us, Father, from every evil as we unite ourselves through penance with the saving Passion of your Son. Grant us a share in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus who is Lord forever and ever.

All: Amen.
INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.

PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

Confessor: God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD’S MERCY

A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God’s power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the scripture citations below.

Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11 Psalm 145: 1-21
Psalm 54             Psalm 146:2-10
Psalm 66             Isaiah 61: 10-11
Psalm 95             Daniel 3:52-57
Psalm 100: 1-5       Ephesians 1:3-10
Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18 Revelation 15: 3-4
Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175
CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: Lord God,  
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,  
in your great love for this world,  
you gave your only Son for our salvation.  
His cross has redeemed us,  
his death has given us life,  
his resurrection has raised us to glory.  
Through him  
we ask you to be always present among your family.  
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;  
fill our hearts with faith,  
our days with good works,  
our lives with your love;  
may your truth be on our lips  
and your wisdom in all our actions,  
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

Presider: May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.  
All: Amen.

Presider: May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.  
All: Amen.

Presider: May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path,  
for he dwells in our hearts.  
All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit.

DISMISSAL

Presider: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.  
All: Thanks be to God.
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 on 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 and 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.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.
SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy,
   because of the great love he had for us,
   even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —,
   raised us up with him,
   and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
   that in the ages to come
   he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
   in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith,
   and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;
   it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works
   that God has prepared in advance,
   that we should live in them.

The word of the Lord.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
SAMPLE PENANCES
Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ◆

▪ Pray Psalm 32, 51, 95, 103, or 130 and reflect on its meaning in your life.
▪ Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.
▪ During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for all those who are the victims of war.
▪ Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.
▪ Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.
▪ Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.
▪ Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year B:
  1 Peter 3:18-22   Mark 1:12-15
  Romans 8:31b-34   Mark 9:2-10
  1 Corinthians 1:22-25   John 2:13-25
  Ephesians 2:4-10   John 3:14-21

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR YOUTH ◆

▪ Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.
▪ Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch with that person.
▪ Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.
▪ For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.
▪ Donate the money you would have spent on a fast food meal to your parish outreach ministry. Send it anonymously.
▪ Make an Easter basket for a poor child.
MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2018

HYMNODY

Amazing Grace    Newton    various
Ashes           Conry      GIA
Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy  Mims   various
Deep Within     Jer 31:33/Haas  GIA
Eternal Lord of Love  Cain/Joncas GIA
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing Jones/Dudley-Smith GIA-HFG
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive  Herklots   WLP
From Deepest Need We Cry  Delores Dufner GIA
God is Forgiveness   Taizé Community GIA
God So Loved the World  Paul Tate  WLP
Grant to Us, O Lord   Lucien Deiss  WLP
He Healed the Darkness of My Mind  Green/Haas GIA
Healer of Our Every Ill  Haugen     GIA
How Great Thou Art (v. 3)   Stewart Hine various
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  Bonar/KINGSFOLD various
Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy  Palmer      WLP
Lead Us to Your Light  Carol Browning GIA
Let Us Sing to the Lord/Cantemos al Señor Alonso/Mahler GIA, G-6129
Lift High the Cross  Sydney Nicholson various
Lord of the Dance      Carter/Shaker melody various
Mercy, O God            F. P. O’Brien GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits Marty Haugen GIA
No Greater Love         Michael Joncas GIA
O Christ the Great Healer  Green      GIA
O Christ, Bright Son of Justice  Freeman/ Lewis OCP
Our Father We Have Wandered  Nichols/ Hassler various
Out of Darkness         Kendzia    OCP
Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord Joel 2:17/Ps 51 various
Perdón Señor            Traditional Spanish OCP
Perdóname, Jesús        Rodriguez   OCP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord  Inwood    GIA
Return to God            Haugen     GIA
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling  Will Thompson GIA
The Call is Clear and Simple  Ruth Duck/PASSION CHORALE GIA
The Cross of Jesus       O’Brien     GIA
The Glory of These Forty Days  tr. Bell  GIA
The Master Came to Bring Good News  Finn/ Gesangbuch GIA
The Peace of God         Haas       GIA
The Reign of God         Delores Duffer GIA
There is a Longing       Quigley    OCP
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  Faber various
This is Our Accepted Time  Gannon    WLP
This Season Calls Us     chant      OCP
To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul  Hurd     OCP
Tree of Life             Aaron Thompson WLP
Turn My Heart, O God     Haugen     GIA
Turn to the Living God   Lori True   GIA
We Are Your People       Wren/Wilson GIA
We Cannot Measure How You Heal  Bell     GIA
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  Lowell Mason   various
Where Charity and Love Prevail  Benoit     various

**LITANIES & CHANTS**
Two Litanies for Advent/Lent  Richard Proulx     WLP
Gather us in Mercy, Lord  Alonso      GIA
Hold us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany  Cooney/Daigle     GIA
Penitential Litany  Prendergast/Sullivan     OCP

**PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD’S MERCY**
All You Nations  Deiss    WLP
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)  Schutte   OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)  Green, Daw, Joncas various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted  RENZEZ A DIEU various
God is Here! As We His People  ABBOTT’S LEIGH     GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending  Edwards/ RUSTINGTON     GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness  Chisholm/Runyan   LMGM
His Love is Everlasting  Roberts   LMGM
I Turn to You  Joe Mattingly   (WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, Lord  Craig and Kristen Colson   (OCP, 20267 Z2)
I Turn to You, O Lord  Jeremy Young   (GIA, G-2896)
La Alegría en el Perdón  Gabarán     OCP
Sing, My Tongue, The Song of Triumph  PICARDY     GIA
Thanks be to You  Haugen   GIA
Those Who Seek Your Face  Faber/ IN BABILONE     OCP

**PSALM 103**
The Lord is Kind and Merciful/ El Señor es Compasivo  Grail/Tony Alonso   GIA
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Haugen   GIA
My Soul, Give Thanks to the Lord  Gelineau.Joncas/Proulx  GIA
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Cotter   GIA
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Modlin   OCP
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Hughes, SM   OCP
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Manalo   OCP
The Lord is Kind and Merciful  Kolar, Stahl   WLP

**Alternative Psalmody**
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| Psalm 27  | DeBruyn                                     |       |
| Psalm 30  | Inwood                                      |       |
| Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21 | Willcock |       |
| Psalm 85  | Cortez, Hurd                                |       |
| Psalm 119 | Booth                                       |       |
| Psalm 130 | Hurd                                        |       |
Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?

A. On Saturday evening, March 31, 2018, the sun will set in your diocese at _____ PM. The end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at ____PM. The Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before _____ PM.

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses” (Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts, no. 78. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, quoting The Roman Missal).

According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation.

_Paschale Solemnitatis, no. 77_
(quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the Ceremonial of Bishops)

Q. WHERE DOES THE WORD “PASCHAL” COME FROM? WHERE DOES THE WORD “EASTER” COME FROM?

A. “Pascha” is a Greek word which translates the Hebrew word for “Passover.” Many Eastern Christians use it to refer to Easter. It may have two meanings. First, it may refer to “passage” – the passage of the Hebrews fleeing Egypt and the passage of Christ from death to life. Secondly, it has been interpreted as “passion” in the sense of Christ’s suffering. Both meanings are alluded to in the liturgical texts (Solarksi, Dennis, _Liturgical Literacy, _162).

The word “Easter” may have originally derived from a mythological goddess of fertility. Early Christians often Christianized pagan observances. In the third edition of the Roman Missal, you will see titles that reflect the European custom of calling the day “Resurrection Sunday,” though Easter is certainly still used.

Q. WHY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD NOT CELEBRATED ON MARCH 25 THIS YEAR?

A. March 25 is associated with the Angel Gabriel’s announcement to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church assigned that date since it falls nine months before the assigned date for the Nativity of the Lord.

This year, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord falls on Sunday, March 25. It has a rank of “2” on the “Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence.” The solemnity of the Annunciation has a rank of “3.” When this happens, the Annunciation is moved to the next available liturgical day which does not “outrank” it. We find this after Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and the Octave of Easter. Therefore, the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, April 9.
INTRODUCTION

It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the holy Chrism, which are blessed and consecrated by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community.

In 1989, the Holy See confirmed a ritual text for the reception of the holy oils for optional use in the dioceses of the United States. The original text of the Reception of the Holy Oils is still in force as an optional rite in the United States. As indicated in its introduction, the text may be adapted as needed.

Whether or not a formal reception of the oils is celebrated, the pastor may wish to acknowledge the presence of the newly received holy oils as a sign of unity with the Bishop and the diocesan Church.

RUBRICS

- The reception of the holy oils may take place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

- “The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate” (The Roman Missal, third edition, Chrism Mass, no. 15).

- These times may include the Presentation of the Gifts (before the bread and wine, as in the original ritual) or perhaps before the Penitential Act.

- The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font.

- The oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in procession by members of the assembly.

- The oils are received by the Priest and are then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved.

- As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil.

- The people's response may be sung.
RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick: The Oil of the Sick.

Priest: May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love, in body and soul.

The people may respond: Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Oil of Catechumens: The Oil of Catechumens.

Priest: Through anointing with this oil, may our catechumens who are preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms.

The people may respond: Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Holy Chrism: The holy Chrism.

Priest: Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed, and Priests, who are ordained, experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

The people may respond: Blessed be God for ever.
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** Liturgically, Easter Time also includes the Sunday of the Resurrection—its Vigil and its Mass during the Day

** In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen.

** The Paschal Fast should also be kept sacred. It is to be celebrated everywhere on the Friday of the Lord’s Passion and, where appropriate, prolonged also through Holy Saturday as a way of coming with spirit uplifted to the joys of the Lord’s Resurrection.

~ The Roman Missal
LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR B

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Rend your hearts, not your garments.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.
Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

First Sunday of Lent, February 18
Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15
God’s covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.
Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
God did not spare his own Son.
This is my beloved Son.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 4
Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25
(or First Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 28)
The law was given through Moses.
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.
Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21
(or Second Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 31)
The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.
God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33
(or Third Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 34)
I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.
Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.
If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 19
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
OR
Luke 2:41-51a
The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.
The son of David will live for ever.
Abraham believed, hoping against hope.
Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.
Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord -- moved to Monday, April 9
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalm 40: 7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38
The virgin shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel.
Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.
As it is written of me in the scrolls...I come to do your will, O God.
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.
HOLY WEEK READINGS

Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 25
Mark 11:1-10  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
OR John 12:12-16  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Isaiah 50:4-7  My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Philippians 2:6-11  Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.
Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39  The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday of Holy Week, March 26
Isaiah 42:1-7  He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.
(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14  The Lord is my light and my salvation.
John 12:1-11  Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27
Isaiah 49:1-6  I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17  I will sing of your salvation.
John 13:21-33, 36-38  One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28
Isaiah 50:4-9a  My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.
(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34  Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Matthew 26:14-25  The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

Thursday of Holy Week, March 29
Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  The following are readings for Chrism Mass
Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21
The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.

READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord’s Supper: At the Evening Mass, March 29
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  The law regarding the Passover meal.
Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.
John 13:1-15  Jesus loved them to the end.
Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday], March 30

Isaiah 54:13 -- 53:12  He himself was wounded for our sins.
(Fourth oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1 - 19:42  The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, March 31

Genesis 1:1 -- 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a  God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35  Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
OR Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22  The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Genesis 22:1-18  The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
Genesis 22:2-2, 9a, 10-12, 15-18  You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Psalm 16:5-8-9, 11  The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.
Exodus 14:15 - 15:1  Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 54:5-14  Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Isaiah 54:5-11  You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4  I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28  You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4  Create in me a clean heart, O God.
OR Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  Romans 6:3-11  Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.
OR Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised

Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day, April 1

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
(OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4  Seek what is above, where Christ is.
OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough
Sequence  Victimae paschali laudes
John 20:1-9  He had to rise from the dead.
OR Luke 24:13-35  Stay with us for it is almost evening (at afternoon or evening Mass)
OR Mark 16:1-7  Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised (from Easter Vigil)
THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary... (RCIA 247).

YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

They were of one heart and mind.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)
Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Third Sunday of Easter
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.
Lord, let your face shine on us. (OR Alleluia)
Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.
Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

There is no salvation through anyone else.
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
(OR Alleluia)
We shall see God as he really is.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (OR Alleluia)
This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (OR Alleluia)
God is love.
No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
OR Ephesians 4:1-3 OR Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mark 16:15-20

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
(OR Alleluia)
God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.
To the extent of the full stature of Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)
It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection.
The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (OR Alleluia)
Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.
That they may be one just as we are one!
Pentecost (Vigil)

Genesis 11:1-9
or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ezekiel 37:1-14
or Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)
The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
Rivers of living water will flow.

[Optional]

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 33:10-15

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 107:2-9

Joel 3:1-5

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Romans 8:22-27
John 7:37-39

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Rivers of living water will flow.

*Prayers following the readings may be chosen from among the Collects (Opening Prayers) of the ferial days of the Seventh Week of Easter. See also Lectionary for Mass Supplement, #62 (published in 2017).

Pentecost (Day)

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
OR Galatians 5:16-25

Sequence

John 20:19-23
OR John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
The fruit of the Spirit.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

As the Father sent me, so I send you; Receive the Holy Spirit.
The Spirit of truth will guide you to all the truth.
THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: AT THE EVENING MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITE
Entrance Procession/Hymn
Greeting
Presentation of the Oils
Glory to God
Collect

sung

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading
Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14
Laws regarding the Passover Meal
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord.
Chant before the Gospel
John 13:34
... Love one another as I have loved you
Gospel
John 13: 1-15
Jesus washes the feet of his disciples
Homily
Washing of the Feet
optional
Antiphons or Hymn
Antiphons: Missal provides seven options
Hymn:
Profession of Faith
Omitted
General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Presentation of the Offerings
gifts for the poor, bread and wine
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer
Preface: “The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ”
Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms
Memorial Acclamation
Great Amen
Communion Rite
Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread
Distribution of Holy Communion
Hymn(s)
Prayer After Communion
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Incensation
Acclamation or Hymn
Procession to Place of Reposition
Pange Lingua or other hymn
“at an appropriate time”
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers
in silence; red vestments, reverence altar
ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time

Prayer
“Let us pray” is omitted

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

(Fourth Servant Song) He was wounded for our sins

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Second Reading
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.

Chant Before the Gospel
Phil 2:8-9
Christ became obedient unto death...

Gospel
John 18:1 - 19:42
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Homily
Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions
For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.

Introduction
Kneel/Silent Prayer
Prayer

THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Showing of the Holy Cross
First Form
The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually

Second Form
The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross

Invitation
Priest: “Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world.”
All: “Come, let us adore.”

Procession
Antiphon or Hymn

Adoration of the Holy Cross
a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

HOLY COMMUNION
[Covering of the Altar]
Ciborium to Altar
by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles

Lord’s Prayer
Invitation to Communion
“Behold the Lamb of God...”

Distribution of Communion
Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

Prayer Over the People

Departure
All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross
A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the Paschal Candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.

**THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM**

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle
- Sign of the Cross [new]
- Greeting
- Instruction
- Blessing of the Fire
- Preparation of the Candle
- Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Procession
- thurifer leads people with unlit candles
- “Light of Christ” “Thanks be to God”
- Priest lights his candle from the Paschal Candle
- Lighting of Assembly’s Candles (those persons already baptized)

The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet
- by a deacon, priest, or other person

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

see Lectionary #41 all should be read, at least three from OT; Exodus 14 is never omitted

**Introduction**

Reading I
- Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR Genesis 1:1, 26-31a
- Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12,13,14,24,35
- OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

Prayer

Reading II
- Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
- Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

Prayer

Reading III
- Exodus 14:15 - 15:1
- Ps 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Prayer

Reading IV
- Isaiah 54: 5-14
- Ps 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

Prayer

Reading V
- Isaiah 55: 1-11
- Ps 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

Prayer

Reading VI
- Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
- Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Prayer

Reading VII
- Ezekiel 36: 16-28 I shall sprinkle water on you and give you a clean heart
- Ps 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Gloria

Collect

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

Responsorial Psalm
- Ps 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23
Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.

Homily

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism
Invitation to Prayer
Litany of the Saints
Blessing of Baptismal Water
Prayer
Acclamation
Renunciation of Sin
Profession of Faith
Baptism
Clothing with a White Garment
Presentation of a Lighted Candle

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Sprinkling with Baptismal Water
Celebration of Reception into Full Communion

Invitation
Profession of Faith
Act of Reception

Celebration of Confirmation

Invitation
Laying on of Hands
Anointing with Chrism

Universal Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Offerings

by the neophytes

[Presentation Hymn]

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Preface I of Easter

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Invitation to Communion

“Behold the Lamb of God…”

Distribution of Communion

Hymns:

Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving

Prayer After Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

see RM #68

Dismissal

see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

Note: The “double alleluia” is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.
INTRODUCTORY RITES
Opening Hymn
Greeting
[Sprinkling Rite]
Glory to God
Collect

Setting: ______________________________________

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)
Setting: ______________________________________
Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Setting: ______________________________________
Gospel John 20:1-9 OR Mark 16:1-7
OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)
Homily
Renewal of Baptismal Promises see Easter Vigil #55
Sprinkling with Blessed Water Song
Creed Omitted
Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Preparation of the Altar
Presentation Hymn
Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer I II III IV
Preface Preface I of Easter: “The Paschal Mystery”
Eucharistic Prayer proper forms of Communicantes and hanc igitur if EP I is used
Holy, holy, holy
Acclamations
Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Breaking of the Bread Lamb of God: ________________________________
Invitation to Holy Communion
Communion Hymn(s)
Prayer After Communion

CONCLUDING RITE
[Announcements]
Greeting
Solemn Blessing see Easter Vigil #68
Dismissal Alleluia, alleluia
Closing Hymn
INTRODUCTORY RITE

Introductory Verse
Presider: God, * come to my assistance.
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology
Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

PSALMODY

Antiphon I   Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord’s tomb, alleluia.
Psalm    Psalm 110:1-5, 7
Antiphon I   Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord’s tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon II   Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.
Psalm    Psalm 114
Antiphon II   Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III   Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.
NT Canticle    Revelation 19:1-17
Antiphon III   Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee; there they will see me, alleluia.

THE WORD OF GOD
Reading    Hebrews 10:12-14
Silence
Antiphon    This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE
Antiphon    On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.
Canticle of Mary    Luke 1: 46-55
Antiphon    On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.
INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples, send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit as we proclaim your resurrection.
All: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah, and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.
Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints, and grant us rest from our labors in their company.
All: You have triumphed over death, your enemy; destroy in us the power of death, that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.
Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death, and were raised up to the right hand of the Father, in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

Lord’s Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.
All: Our Father,...

Collect (first option)

Presider: God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.
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