Easter Vigil Mass

St Teresa of Avila
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The rubrics remind us that this “mother of all vigils” is the “greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single Church” (Roman Missal, “Rubrics for the Easter Vigil,” no. 2).

On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory.

It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant, which marks Christ’s passage from death to life. Therefore, the Easter Vigil does not correspond to the usual Saturday evening Mass and its character is unique in the cycle of the liturgical year.
Solemn Beginning of the Vigil:

Lucernareum (Service of Light)

(page 154)

The Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of a new Paschal fire in the presence of the assembly.

The fire is blessed by Father Ingram and the Paschal Candle is prepared and lighted from the new fire.
The priest may say the following in whole or in part as he scribes the design into the candle:

Christ yesterday and today
the Beginning and the End
the Alpha,
and the Omega.
All time belongs to him
and all the ages.
To him be glory and power
through every age for ever. Amen

The priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle,
held in place by wax nails:

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

Priest:
“May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”
Service of the Light
(page 156)

Procession (in darkness)

At the door of the church, the deacon takes the Easter candle, lifts it high and sings alone:

The light of Christ

All answer:

Thanks be to God

Then all enter the church, led by the deacon with the Easter candle.
In the middle of the church, the deacon lifts the candle high and sings a second time:

*The light of Christ*

All answer: *Thanks be to God*
When the deacon arrives before the altar, he faces the people and sings a third time:

*The light of Christ*

All answer:

*Thanks be to God*

Then the lights of the church are turned on
When he comes to the Altar, the priest goes to his chair.

The deacon places the Easter candle in its stand near the ambo (lectern).

The deacon asks the blessing of the priest, who says in a low voice:

“The Lord be in your heart and on your lips, that you may worthily proclaim the Easter praise. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The candle is incensed.
The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

In this ancient text the Church gives thanks and praise to God for all that is recalled this night:

- Adam’s fall
- The deliverance from Egypt
- The Passover of Christ
- The wedding of Heaven and earth
- Our reconciliation
Liturgy of the Word
(page 162-192)

- Seven Readings from the Old Testament with responsorial psalms and prayers
- Following the 7th reading the altar candles are lighted and the Gloria is sung
- The Collect
- Epistle  Romans 6: 3-11
- Gospel Acclamation
- Homily
Liturgy of the Word
First Reading
(pages 164, 166)

Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

Story of Creation…
“In the Beginning…”

“Darkness covered the abyss… ‘Let there be light…”

“…the earth was a formless wasteland…and a wind swept over the waters”
Liturgy of the Word
Second Reading
(Pages 168,170)

- Genesis 22: 1-18
- Story of Abraham and Isaac
- God’s covenant with Abraham
Liturgy of the Word
Third Reading
(Pages 172, 174)

Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

Israelites crossing the Red Sea

Symbolizes our freedom from the slavery/captivity of sin by the waters of baptism
Isaiah 54: 5-14

Consolation/Hope/Love

“For a brief moment I will abandon you, but with great tenderness I will take you back…”

“Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you…”
Liturgy of the Word
Fifth Reading
(Pages 178, 180)

Isaiah 55: 1-11

- Hope/Love

- “All you who are thirsty come to the water…”

- “I will renew with you the everlasting covenant…”

- “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near…”
Baruch 3: 9 - 15, 32 - 4.4

Prudence/Wisdom

“Had you walked in the way of God, you would have dwelt in enduring peace…”

“Blessed are we, O Israel; for what pleases God is known to us…”
Liturgy of the Word
Seventh Reading
(Pages 184,186)

- Ezekiel 36: 16 – 17a, 18 – 28
- Forgiveness

- “I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from your impurities…”

- “I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you…”
Gloria  (page 188)

Collect  (page 188)

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.
“If then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him.”
Gospel

Matthew 28: 1-10

“Do not be afraid…
…he has been raised...”

Homily
Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Elect  (page 192)
The elect are called to the altar by name with their sponsor

Fr Ingram invites all to pray for the Catechumens
Prayer  (page 192)

Deacon Kerry with Paschal Candle will proceed to the Baptismal font followed by the catechumens with sponsors, Fr Ingram and Fr Johnson

During the above procession the Litany of Saints is being sung  (page 194,196)

Blessing of Baptismal Water  (page 198)
The Paschal candle is lowered into the baptismal water
Priest: *Do you renounce Satan?*  
All: *I do*

Priest: *And all his works?*  
All: *I do*

Priest: *And all his empty show?*  
All: *I do*

Or

Priest: *Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?*  
All: *I do*

Priest: *Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?*  
All: *I do*

Priest: *Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?*  
All: *I do.*
Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, suffered death, and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: I do.
“I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”
The sponsor of each of the newly baptized goes forward and receives a candle that has been lighted from the flame of the Easter candle.

The lighted candle is then presented to the newly baptized.

The priest then prays over the newly baptized, commending them to Christ:

“You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom. AMEN”
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
(page 204)

All of the faithful repeat and affirm the rejection of sin made at baptism and profess faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Renewal of Baptismal Promises

- The priest sprinkles all the people with the blessed baptismal water (page 204)

- Prayer (page 204)
Celebration of Full Reception into the Church

- **Presentation of Candidates** (page 206)
  Each candidate to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church is called forward by name

- **Profession of Faith** (page 206)
  Each candidate makes a personal profession of faith:

  *I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God*

- **The priest addresses the candidates** (page 206)
Celebration of Confirmation
(page 206)

⚠ Invitation

⚠ Laying on of Hands (page 208)

⚠ Candidates are anointed with Sacred Chrism (page 208)

Priest:  Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit
Response:  Amen

Priest:  Peace be with you
Response:  And with your spirit
Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Presentation of Gifts
- Sanctus Acclamation
- Memorial Acclamation
- Great Amen
- Our Father
- Agnus dei/Lamb of God
- Communion
- Prayer after Communion
Dismissal

Deacon: *Go in the Peace of Christ  Alleluia, Alleluia!!*

Response:  *Thanks Be to God  Alleluia, Alleluia!!*