

# Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

## LUCERNARIUM

### Blessing of Fire & Preparation of the Paschal Candle

#### Procession

*Lumen Christi. Deo gratias.*

#### 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.*

*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.*

*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.  
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!  
The sanctifying power of this night  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.  
O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,  
and divine to the human.  
On this, your night of grace, O Holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees and of your servant's hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.  
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.  
**Amen.***

**First Reading***Genesis 1:1-2:2***Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 104**Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.***Second Reading***Exodus 14:15-15:1***Responsorial Psalm***Exodus 15**Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.***Third Reading***Ezekiel 36:16-28***Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 42**Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God; my soul longs for you, my God.***Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good  
will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,

you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Collect****Epistle***Romans 6:3-11***Solemn Chant Alleluia****Gospel***Matthew 28:1-10***Homily****Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Sprinkling****Universal Prayer****Eucharistic Prayer****Communion Antiphon**

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

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

## Reception of Holy Communion

*The stream will continue to the end of the Mass.*

## Prayer After Communion

## Solemn Blessing & Dismissal

## Closing Hymn

*O God, Beyond All Praising*



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
\*2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.  
Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav - en's gar - den grown.  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;  
For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!  
And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

