

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
~ PLEASE HELP MAINTAIN A REVERENT SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER THE LITURGY~



Easter Vigil in the Holy Night



HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER! ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!!



April 4, 2026

THE LUCERNARIUM

The Liturgy begins outside.

First, the fire which symbolizes the Light of Christ is blessed.

Second, the large Paschal Candle is blessed and lit. The Paschal Candle is then carried in procession into the Church with the ministers and people following in procession with unlit candles.

Once the candle has reached the center of the Church, the people light their candles.

☩. The Light of Christ

℟. **Thanks be to God**

THE EXSULTET

The Easter Proclamation announces the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection and Triumph over evil.

Please extinguish your candles following the Exsultet.

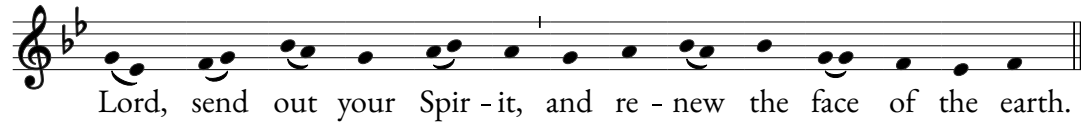
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

Gn 1: 1-2: 2

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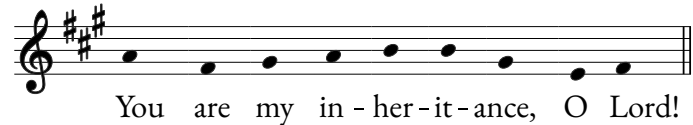
Cf. Ps 104 (103): 30 · VIII

SECOND READING

The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.

Gn 22: 1-18

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Cf. Ps 16 (15): 5a · II

THIRD READING

The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.

Ex 14: 15-15: 1

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℟. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

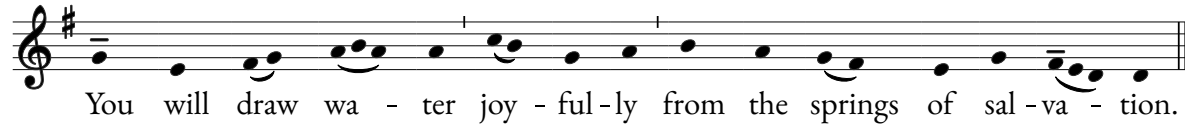
Ex 15: 1b

FIFTH READING

Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.

Is 55: 1-11

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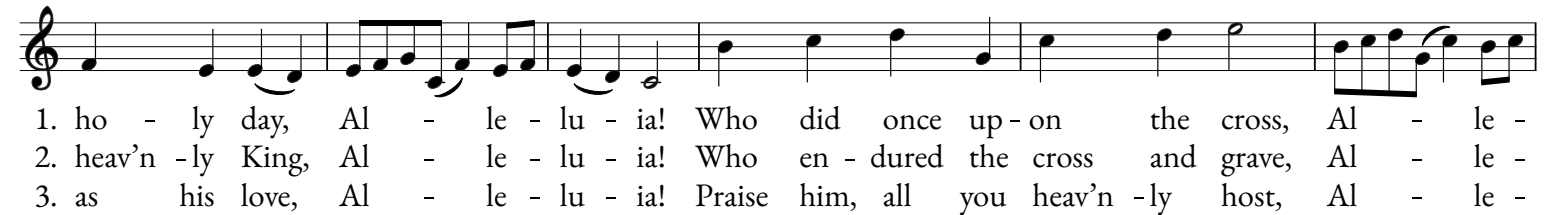
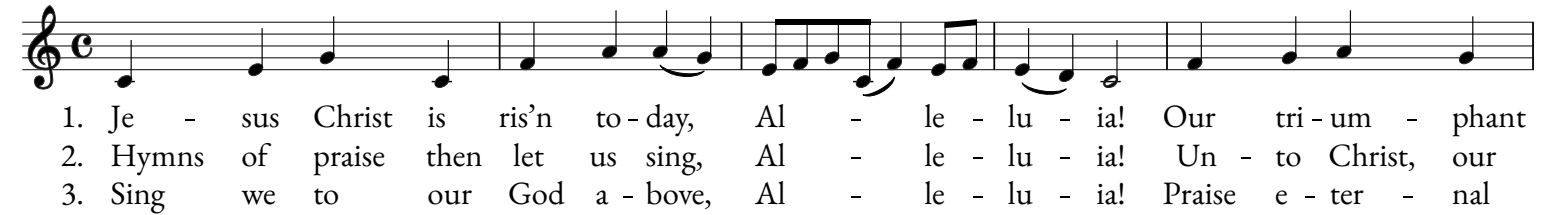
Is 12: 3 · VII

DISMISSAL



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today



Text: *Surrexit Christus bodie*, 14th c. Latin; Tr. Sts. 1-3 John Walsh, alt. Arnold; St. 4 Charles Wesley. Melody: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; John Walsh; alt. John Arnold.

COMMUNION CHANT

1 Cor 5: 7-8 · VI

Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed; there - fore let us keep the feast with the un -
leav - ened bread of pu - ri - ty and truth, al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION HYMN

I am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, I am the
5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that you are the
hun - ger; and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
2. world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for
3. Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his
4. life. If you be - lieve in me, e - ven though you
5. Christ, the Son of God, who have
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons. And I will raise you
2. ev - er, you shall live for ev - er. And I will raise you
3. blood, you shall not have life with - in you. And I will raise you
4. die, you shall live for - ev - er. And I will raise you
5. come in - to the world. And I will raise you
up, and I will raise you up, and I will
raise you up on the last day.

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart

SEVENTH READING

Ezek 36: 16-17a, 18-28

I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 42 (41): 2

℣. Like a deer that longs for running streams, 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.

EPISTLE

Rom 6: 3-11

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

After the Epistle has been read, all rise, then the Priest solemnly intones the Alleluia three times, raising his voice by a step each time, with all repeating it. If necessary, the psalmist intones the Alleluia.

Then the psalmist or cantor proclaims Psalm 118 (117) with the people responding Alleluia.

℣. Ps 118 (117): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

℣. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I shall not die, but live, / and declare the works of the
LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, / for his
mercy endures forever.

℣. Alleluia.

Let the house of Israel say, / "His mercy endures
forever."

The stone the builders rejected / has become the
cornerstone.

℣. Alleluia.

By the LORD has this been done; / it is wonderful in
our eyes.

The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; /
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

℣. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 28: 1-10

He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.

HOMILY

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

V: Lord, have mercy **℟. Lord, have mercy**
V: Christ, have mercy **℟. Christ, have mercy**
V: Lord, have mercy **℟. Lord, have mercy**
V: Holy Mary, Mother of God **℟. Pray for us.**
V: Saint Michael **℟. Pray for us.**
V: Holy Angels of God **℟. Pray for us.**
V: Saint John the Baptist **℟. Pray for us.**
V: Saint Joseph ...
V: Saint

☩ All holy, men and women, Saints of God, **℟. Pray for us.**

V: Lord, be merciful, **℟. Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
V: From all evil, **℟. Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
V: From every sin, **℟. Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
V: From everlasting death, **℟. Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
V: By your Incarnation, **℟. Lord, deliver us, we pray.**
V: By your death and Resurrection **℟. ...**

☩ By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit **℟. ...**

☩ Be merciful to us sinners, **℟. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer**

☩ Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of Baptism, **℟. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

☩ Jesus, Son of living God, **℟. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

☩ Christ, hear us. **℟. Christ, hear us.**

☩ Christ, graciously hear us. **℟. Christ, graciously hear us.**

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

During the Blessing of Baptismal Water, when the candle is lifted out of the water, the people acclaim:

- Springs of water, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

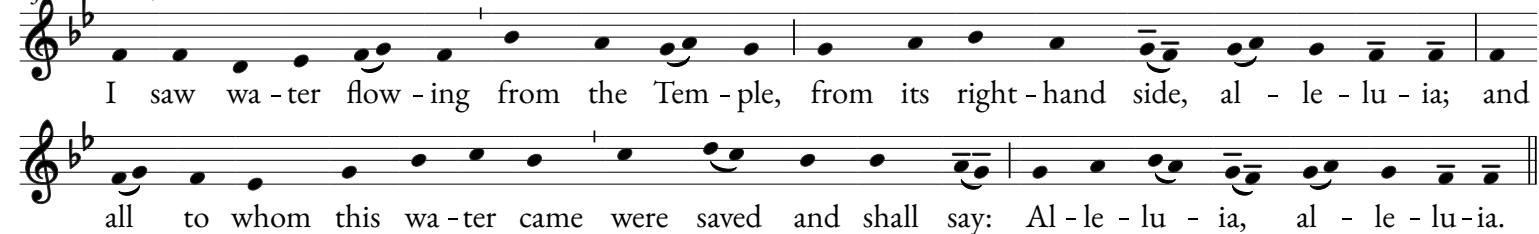
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

℟. I DO.

SPRINKLING RITE

After the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, the Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Cf. Ez 47: 1-2, 9 · VIII



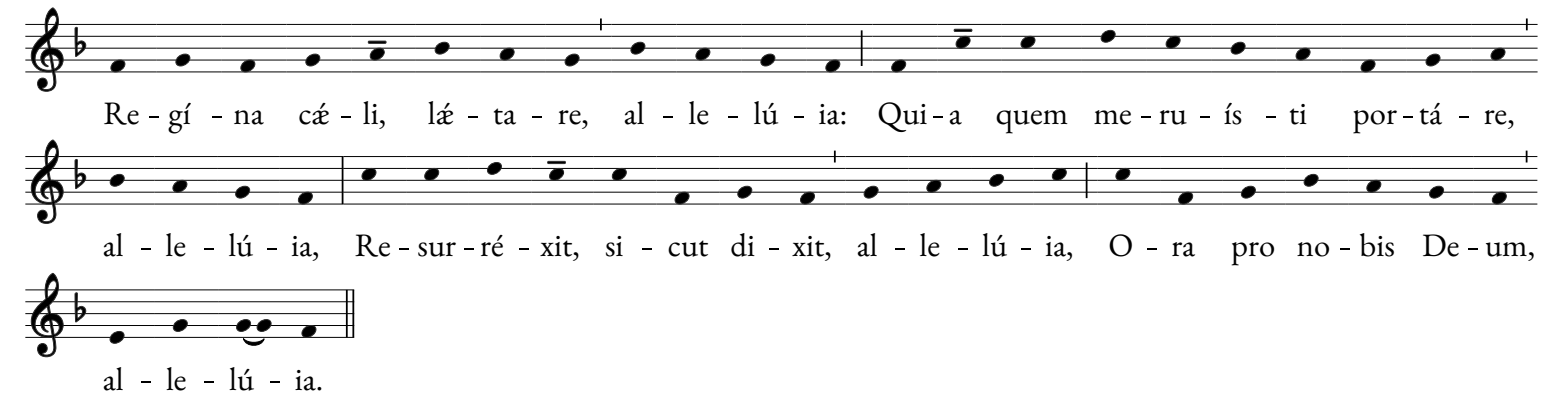
I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the Tem - ple, from its right - hand side, al - le - lu - ia; and
all to whom this wa - ter came were saved and shall say: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CONFIRMATION OF NEWLY BAPTIZED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY CHANT

Regina Caeli



Re - gí - na cá - li, læ - ta - re, al - le - lú - ia: Qui - a quem me - ru - ís - ti por - tá - re,
al - le - lú - ia, Re - sur - ré - xit, si - cut di - xit, al - le - lú - ia, O - ra pro no - bis De - um,
al - le - lú - ia.

Text: 12th c. Latin. Melody: REGINA CAELI (CHANT), Irregular, Mode 6; Anon.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Joyful, Mary



1. Be joy - ful, Mar - y, heav'n - ly queen, Gau - de, Ma - rí - a: Your
2. The Son you bore by heav - en's grace, Gau - de, Ma - rí - a: Did
3. The Lord is ris - en from the dead, Gau - de, Ma - rí - a: He
4. Then pray to God, O Vir - gin fair, Gau - de, Ma - rí - a: That
1. Son who died was liv - ing seen,
2. all our guilt and sin ef - face, Al - le - lú - ia, Læ - tá - re, O Ma - rí - a!
3. rose with might as he had said,
4. he our souls to heav - en bear.

Text: *Regina caeli, jubila*, 17th c. Latin; Tr. Anon., 1901. Melody: REGINA CAELI, 8.5.8.4.7; 16th c. German.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection / until you come again.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, / hallowed be thy name; / thy kingdom come, / thy will be done / on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us

our trespasses, / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.