



*St. Alphonsus Catholic Church + Mt. Pleasant, Iowa + Fr. Paul Connolly*

## THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

THE PREPARATION AND BLESSING OF THE CANDLE

PROCESSION

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTANT)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Instead of the usual multiple readings,  
there will be one reading tonight from the Old Testament,  
due to COVID Virus precautions.*

READING 1

EXODUS 14:15—15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept

the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

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I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

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

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him.

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

The LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name!

Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea; the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

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

The flood waters covered them, they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power, your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

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

You brought in the people you redeemed

and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance the place where you made your seat, O LORD, the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

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

## PRAYER

## 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, 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.

## COLLECT

## EPISTLE

ROMANS 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

#### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION TO PRAYER

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS (Sung by Cantor)

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

Priest:: O God, .....Amen.

**All: Springs of water, bless the Lord;  
praise and exult him above forever.**

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

BAPTISM; ANNOINTING

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

#### CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Invitation

Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Chrism

Renunciation of Sin

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL *Response: Lord, hear our prayer*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**  
It is truly right and just.....as without end we acclaim:

HOLY **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

*After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:*

The mystery of faith:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord , until you come again.**

## AMEN

*The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings:*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven.....but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

## RITE OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*The people exchange a sign of peace.*

## LAMB OF GOD

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: *ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI*

All: **My Jesus, believe that You are present 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**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;  
therefore let us keep the feast in the unleavened bread of purity and truth. Alleluia.**

## COMMUNION PROCESSION

*If you are not of the Catholic faith, or do not wish to receive Communion, you may join procession,  
cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

(Sung by Cantor)

*(Easter Vigil Verses)*

*This is the night of new beginnings. This is the night when heaven meets earth.*

*This is the night filled with God's glory, Promise of our new birth!*

*(R.) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*This is the night Christ our redeemer rose from the grave triumphant and free,*

*Leaving the tomb of evil and darkness, empty for all to see. (R.)*

*Now will the fire kindled in darkness Burn to dispel the shadows of night.*

*Star of the morning, Jesus our Savior, You are the world's true light! (R.)*

*Sing of the hope deeper than dying, Sing of the power stronger than death*

*Sing of the love endless as heaven, Dawning throughout the earth. (R.)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

(Sung by Cantor)

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!*

*Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!*

*Our true God by all confessed, Alleluia! Father, Son and Spirit blest. Alleluia!*

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