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THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

THE PREPARATION AND BLESSING OF THE CANDLE

PROCESSION

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTANT)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1--2:2

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said,

"Let there be light," and there was light. God saw how good the light was.

God then separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said,
"Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters,
to separate one body of water from the other."
And so it happened: God made the dome,
and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it.
God called the dome "the sky."
Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said,
"Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin,
so that the dry land may appear."
And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin,
and the dry land appeared.
God called the dry land "the earth" and the basin of the water he called "the sea."
God saw how good it was.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation:
every kind of plant that bears seed
and every kind of fruit tree on earth
that bears fruit with its seed in it."
And so it happened:
the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed
and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it.
God saw how good it was.
Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said:
"Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night.
Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years,
and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth."
And so it happened: God made the two great lights,
the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night;
and he made the stars.
God set them in the dome of the sky,
to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night,
and to separate the light from the darkness.
God saw how good it was.
Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said,

"Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures,
and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky."

And so it happened:

God created the great sea monsters
and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems,
and all kinds of winged birds.

God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying,

"Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas;
and let the birds multiply on the earth."

Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said,

"Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures:
cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds."

And so it happened:

God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle,
and all kinds of creeping things of the earth.

God saw how good it was.

Then God said:

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
the birds of the air, and the cattle,
and over all the wild animals
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image;
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,
and all the living things that move on the earth."

God also said:

"See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth
and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food;
and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air,
and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground,
I give all the green plants for food."

And so it happened.

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

Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed.

Since on the seventh day God was finished

with the work he had been doing,

he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33



The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;

by the breath of his mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask; in cellars he confines the deep.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

From heaven the LORD looks down; he sees all mankind.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

PRAYER

SECOND READING

GENESIS 22:1-18

God put Abraham to the test.

He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,

There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey,
took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as well,
and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust,
set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar.
Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey,
while the boy and I go on over yonder.

We will worship and then come back to you."

Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust
and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife.

As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham:

"Father!" Isaac said.

"Yes, son, " he replied.

Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood,
but where is the sheep for the holocaust?"

"Son," Abraham answered,

"God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust."

Then the two continued going forward.

When they came to the place of which God had told him,
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.
Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,

"Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.

"Do not do the least thing to him.

I know now how devoted you are to God,
since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about,

he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.

So he went and took the ram

and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh;

hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see."

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:
"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,
that because you acted as you did
in not withholding from me your beloved son,
I will bless you abundantly
and make your descendants as countless
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;
your descendants shall take possession
of the gates of their enemies,
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing--
all this because you obeyed my command."

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PSALM 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R. You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

PRAYER

THIRD READING

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:

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 19:8-11



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

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

FOURTH READING

BARUCH 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life: listen, and know prudence!
How is it, Israel, that you are in the land of your foes,
grown old in a foreign land, defiled with the dead,
accounted with those destined for the netherworld?
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom!
Had you walked in the way of God,
you would have dwelt in enduring peace.
Learn where prudence is, where strength, where understanding;
that you may know also where are length of days, and life,
where light of the eyes, and peace.
Who has found the place of wisdom,
who has entered into her treasuries?

The One who knows all things knows her;
he has probed her by his knowledge--
The One who established the earth for all time,
and filled it with four-footed beasts;
he who dismisses the light, and it departs,
calls it, and it obeys him trembling;
before whom the stars at their posts shine and rejoice;
when he calls them, they answer, "Here we are!"
shining with joy for their Maker.
Such is our God; no other is to be compared to him:
he has traced out the whole way of understanding,
and has given her to Jacob, his servant,
to Israel, his beloved son.

Since then she has appeared on earth, and moved among people.
She is the book of the precepts of God, the law that endures forever;
all who cling to her will live, but those will die who forsake her.
Turn, O Jacob, and receive her: walk by her light toward splendor.
Give not your glory to another, your privileges to an alien race.
Blessed are we, O Israel; for what pleases God is known to us!



R. Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

PRAYER

GLORIA

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses Final ⊕ Coda

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'lny King, O God, almighty Father.

2. 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.
3. 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. (to refrain)

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.



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.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

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.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN OF PREPARATION

OUT OF DARKNESS

Tom Kendzia

Refrain

Out of dark-ness the light of Christ will shine, as the
dawn of day breaks through the night. Then the poor and op -
pressed will cry out and be heard by the light that ris - es from the night.

Verses

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| 1. Let the darkness flee from here.
Put an end to sadness and fear.
The hungry will eat, the sick will dance,
the dead will live again. | This is the light;
the glory of God is raised to life again. |
| 2. This is the night, O holy of nights,
the chains of death are destroyed. | 3. A single flame,
a flicker of hope spreads like a sea of fire.
Open the door, shout to the night:
We will live again. |

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

All respond: **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

The 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.**

HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The third staff includes a 'Fine' marking and a triplet of notes. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

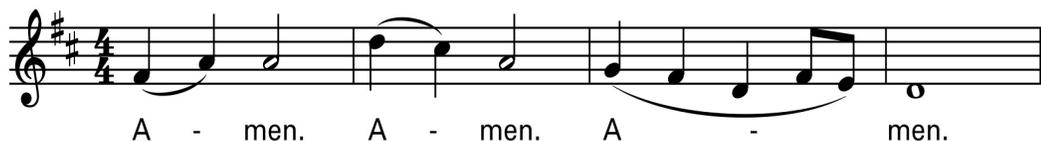
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Dan Schutte

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec-tion you have set us free.

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GREAT AMEN



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed 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,
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

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT (EASTER VIGIL TEXT)

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings. This is the
2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er rose from the
3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness burn to dis -
4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing. Sing of the
5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing. All of God's

1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night _____
2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of
3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,
4. pow'r _____ strong - er than death. Sing of the love _____
5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, _____

1. filled with God's glo - ry, prom - ise of our new birth!
2. e - vil and dark - ness, emp - ty for all to see.
3. Je - sus our Sav - ior, you are the world's true light!
4. end - less as heav - en, dawn - ing through - out the earth.
5. tell out the sto - ry, all of the earth re - joice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Our tri - um-phiant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
 verses 2-3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Later form of melody fr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.



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