

Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today

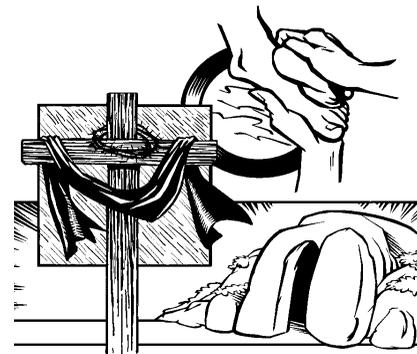
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal, as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest, Alleluia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14 C.; St. 2-3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c. 1750; St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

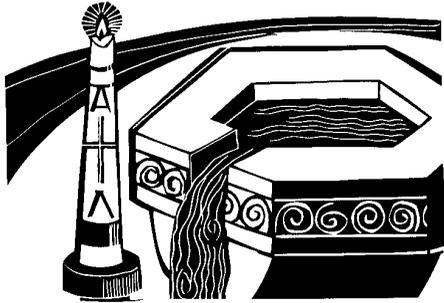
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



*Holy
Saturday—the
Great Vigil*

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday



Holy Saturday is the queen of all liturgies. The Church outdoes itself to-night. This is what it's all about. This is what we celebrate in one way or another all year long. We light the new fire, proclaiming Jesus to be our light and our life. We hear the readings that tell the primal stories

of who God is and who we are. Even before that, we hear the Exsultet, proclaiming the night of nights when Jesus rose. We bless the waters of baptism through which new members are initiated into the Church. Along with these new members, we celebrate the renewal of old members, insuring a Church alive and ever-new. Finally, the Eucharist celebrates our coming together to nourish ourselves at the font of all life—the Lord's table.

SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

Greeting

Blessing of Fire and Lighting of the Easter Candle

Procession to the Church

(As all process, the presider stops three times. Presider sings "The Light of Christ!" All respond, "Thanks be to God!" After the presider stops the second time, all light their candles from the Easter candle, assisted by the servers)

Exsultet

(At the conclusion of the Exsultet, please extinguish your candles and be seated for the readings)

Reception into Full Communion for Candidates General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

Song: A Place at the Table

G 812

Invitation to Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamations—Mass of Glory

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Song: Joyous Cup

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Prayer after Communion

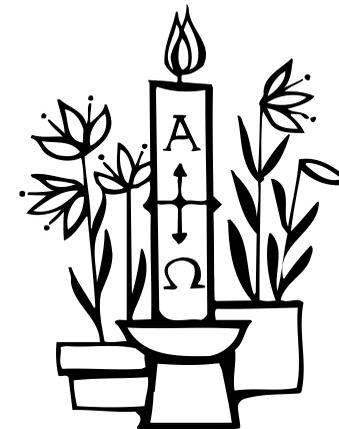
CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

Dismissal

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Dan Schutte

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of

1-4 to Verses Final

God! God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

Verses

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Response During Reading:

And God said that it was good, and there was
eve - ning and mor - ning.

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Response After Reading:

We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are won - der - ful.
We praise you, O Lord, for - ev - er is your love.

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Prayer

Second Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1

Responses: Sung throughout (see next page)

Prayer

Cantor, All repeat Cantor, All repeat Cantor, All repeat

Sing the song of free-dom! God has won the vic - t'ry. Horse and char - i - ot are

Final refrain -Cantor, All repeat Cantor, All repeat Cantor, All repeat

cast in - to the sea. Horse and char - i - ot, fear and lone - li - ness, death and

Horse and char - i - ot, hate and prej - u - dice, chains and

Cantor, All repeat

emp - ti - ness; Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

slav - er - y; Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

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Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
Response: First Song of Isaiah

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a -

fraid. For the Lord is my strong - hold and my

sure__ de - fense, and he will__ be my__ Sav - ior.

Prayer
Glory to God
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

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Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
Homily

G 334

LITURGY OF FULL INITIATION

Blessing of Water *(please take your candles and follow procession to baptismal font for blessing of water)*

Renewal of Baptismal Promises for Candidates and all the Faithful
Blessing of Assembly with Water/Sprinkling Rite *(see song on next page)*

