

EASTER VIGIL
RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST



Celebrated by
THE MOST REVEREND
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CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY
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*T*he most solemn of ceremonies in the liturgical calendar of the Church is the Easter Vigil. We commemorate that Our Blessed Lord, rode from the dead as He said.

FIRST PART
THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE
VIGIL AND EXULTET

During this part of the liturgy the Archbishop processes to the sanctuary with the lit candle. The Easter Candle was blessed earlier. After the Archbishop, concelebrants and servers have reached their place, the deacon chants the Exultet. The Paschal Candle and the Exultet are reminders of the Risen Jesus.

SECOND PART
LITURGY OF THE WORD

We now listen to the great deeds that God did to save us from our sinfulness and to restore us to his love and friendship. At the end of this part we hear the solemn alleluia announcing that Christ is truly risen.



FIRST READING

A reading from

The Book of Genesis

1, 1 – 2, 2

IN THE BEGINNING when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "Day," and the darkness he called "Night." And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome "Sky."

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land "Earth," and the waters that were gathered together he called "Seas." And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in

it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth."

And it was so. God made the two great lights the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

V. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 104

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills.
By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the
earth.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from

The Book of Exodus. 14, 15 - 31: 15, 20, 1

THE LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to
me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.
But you, lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over
the sea and divide it, that the children of Israel may go into
the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the
Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will
gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his
chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall
know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for
myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The Angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The children of Israel went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch, the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty.

The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the children of Israel, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the children of Israel walked on

dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. The Prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Exodus 15

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

I WILL SING TO THE LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

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

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.
Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

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

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty
you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury,
it consumed them like stubble.

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

You brought your people in and planted them
on the mountain of your own possession,
the place, O Lord, that you made your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.
The Lord will reign forever and ever.

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

THIRD READING

A reading from

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah *55, 1 - 11*

THUS SAYS THE LORD: "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?"

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of

Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked person forsake their way, and the unrighteous person their thoughts; let that person return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, hut it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

V. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12, 2 - 3

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

SURELY GOD is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

FOURTH READING

A reading from

The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 36, 16 – 17; 18 - 28

THE WORD OF THE LORD came to me: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived on their own soil, they defiled it with their ways and their deeds; their conduct in my sight was unclean. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; in accordance with their conduct and their deeds I judged them.

But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that it was said of them, "These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land." But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

V. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 42

R. As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God.

MY SOUL thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

R. As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God.

I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

R. As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God.

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy mountain
and to your dwelling.

R. As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God.

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.

R. As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for you, O God.

EPSITL

A reading from

The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

6, 3 - 11

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

V. The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

After the Epistle the deacon announces to the Archbishop the resurrection saying:

MOST REVEREND FATHER, I bring you a message of great joy! A message of Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – SOLEMN ALLELUIA

Ps. 118

R. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O GIVE THANKS to the Lord, for he is good-
his steadfast love endures forever. '

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

R. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“The right hand of the Lord is exalted
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

R. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

R. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



GOSPEL

† From the holy

Gospel according to Matthew

28, 1 - 10

AFTER THE SABBATH, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an Angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the Angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

V. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THIRD PART
BAPTISMAL LITURGY

After the Homily, the baptismal liturgy follows. During the Covid-19 the baptismal liturgy and reception of new Catholics will take place at a later date:

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

The archbishop blesses the holy water fount.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Following the blessing of the Holy Water the profession of faith and renunciation are done.

The Archbishop, addresses the faithful in these words:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

The Archbishop:

DO YOU
renounce Satan?

All:

I do.

The Archbishop:

AND ALL
his works?

All:

I do.

The Archbishop:

AND ALL
his empty show?

All:

I do.

Then the Archbishop continues:

The Archbishop:

DO YOU BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth?

All:

I do.

The Archbishop:

DO YOU BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and
was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the
right hand of the Father?

All:

I do.

The Archbishop:

DO YOU BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All:

I do.

The Archbishop concludes:

AND MAY ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

R. Amen

FOURTH PART

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST.

Offertory:

Regina Caeli - G. AICHINGER

Sanctus:

Missa Quinta - V. E. HORAK

Communion:

Sicut Cervus - G. P. PALESTRINA

Agnus Dei:

Missa Quinta - V. E. HORAK

Organ Postlude:

"Sortie" from *Suite liturgique* - D. BÉDARD

Music by Denis Bedard.

Cum amplexatus recidisset in



collum Benjamin ... Gen. 45. 14.



Et suscipiens osculatus est eum



cum uxore sua. Tob. 11, 11.



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