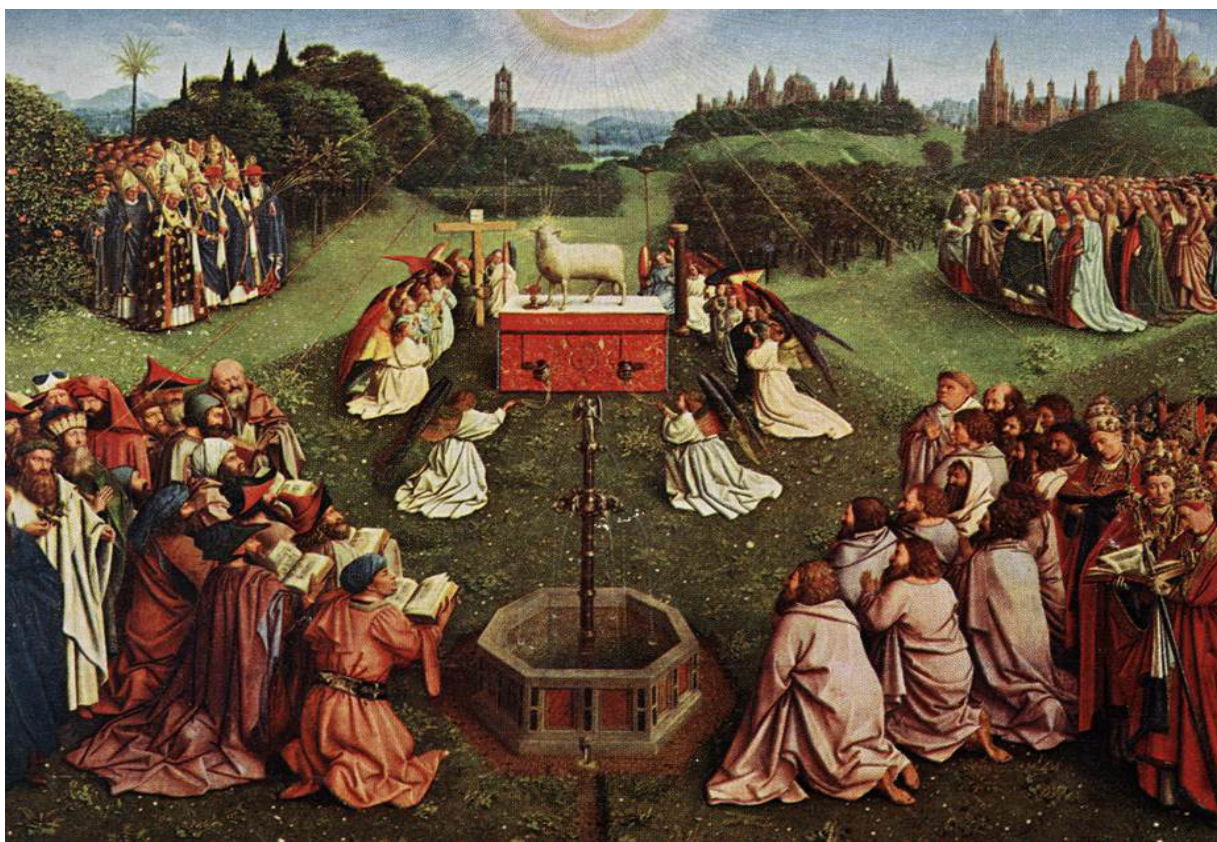


❧ *The Easter Vigil* ❧
❧ *in the Holy Night* ❧



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COVER ARTWORK – Adoration of the Lamb – The most famous work of Jan van Eyck is the huge “Ghent Altarpiece” with many scenes in the city of Ghent, Belgium. It is said to have been begun by Jan’s elder brother Hubert, of whom little is known, and was completed by Jan in 1432. Much has been written about this piece and can easily be found with a quick Google search. The groupings of figures are, from top left counterclockwise: the male martyrs, the pagan writers and Jewish prophets, the male saints, and the female martyrs. Contrasted with Agnus Dei (Jesus presented as the sacrificial Lamb), the Lamb appears as the priest celebrating the sacrifice at the altar. The Lamb is the center of attention in this painting, drawing all to himself.

P L E A S E T A K E T H I S W O R S H I P A I D W I T H Y O U .

THE EASTER VIGIL: Hungering with excitement, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible; then we pray to the Communion of Saints to stand with us as we bless the Easter waters in the Baptismal Font and renew our own Baptismal Promises. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the altar and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins, and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing!

I: LUCERNARIUM

GATHERING

Within Our Darkest Night

Taizé

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a -

- way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

PLEASE PROCESS INTO CHURCH WHEN DIRECTED.

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE AT THE CHURCH DOOR

AND PROCEED TO YOUR PEW WITHOUT STOPPING.

Deacon/Priest

Lu-men Chris-ti.

Assembly

De-o grá-ti-as.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION – EXULTET

In this ancient text, the Church gives thanks and praise to God for all that is recalled this night: Adam's fall, the deliverance from Egypt, the passover of Christ, the wedding of earth and heaven, our reconciliation. The rich images of this text connect us to our ancestors in faith and to the powerful mysteries of this night.

Exult let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

(Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,
that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.)

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord,
his Son, his Only Begotten.
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt
to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of
sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great,
so glorious a Redeemer!

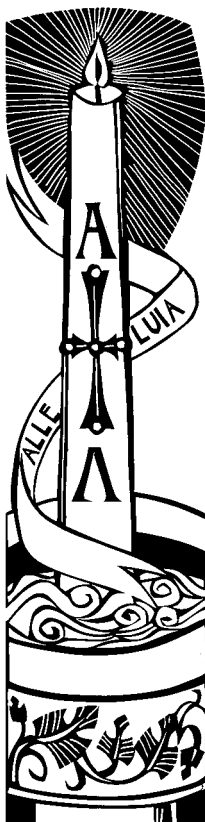
O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night
of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness,
washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord,
and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace,
O holy Father, accept this candle,
a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants'
hands, an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,



a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven
are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honor of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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II: LITURGY OF THE WORD

In this prayerful proclamation of seven readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Church invites us to sit back and listen with wonder and gratitude to the great stories of our salvation. God has been at work on our behalf since the creation of the world. Then we will hear two more readings from the New Testament, which proclaim the fulfillment of God's intervention in history – the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:2

And God saw all that He made, and behold, it was very good.

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.

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Psalm 104



PRAYER: on creation (*All Stand*)

The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.

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, and go to the land of Moriah.
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."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16



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

O LORD, it is you who are my portion
and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall
not be moved. *R.*

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is
glad;

even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to
hell,
nor let your holy one see
corruption. *R.*

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever. *R.*

PRAYER: on Abraham's Sacrifice (All Stand)

And the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on dry land.

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.



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Exodus 15



I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free!



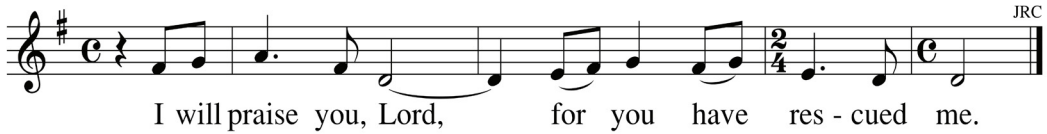
Phar-aoh's ar-my and his char-i-ots God cast in - to the sea!

PRAYER: on the passage through the Red Sea (*All Stand*)

With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you.

The One who has become your husband
is your Maker;
his name is the LORD of hosts;
your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
called God of all the earth.
The LORD calls you back,
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
a wife married in youth and then cast off,
says your God.
For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with great tenderness I will take you back.
In an outburst of wrath, for a moment
I hid my face from you;
but with enduring love I take pity on you,
says the LORD, your redeemer.
This is for me like the days of Noah,
when I swore that the waters of Noah
should never again deluge the earth;

so I have sworn not to be angry with you,
or to rebuke you.
Though the mountains leave their place
and the hills be shaken,
my love shall never leave you
nor my covenant of peace be shaken,
says the LORD, who has mercy on you.
O afflicted one, storm-battered and unconsoled,
I lay your pavements in carnelians,
and your foundations in sapphires;
I will make your battlements of rubies,
your gates of carbuncles,
and all your walls of precious stones.
All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
and great shall be the peace of your children.
In justice shall you be established,
far from the fear of oppression,
where destruction cannot come near you.



I will extol you, LORD, for you have
raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice
over me.

O LORD, you have lifted up my soul
from the grave,
restored me to life from those who
sink into the pit. *R.*

Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful
ones;
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favor all
through life.
At night come tears, but dawn
brings joy. *R.*

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into
dancing.

O LORD my God, I will thank you
forever. *R.*

PRAYER: on the New Jerusalem *(All Stand)*



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

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,
the benefits assured to David.

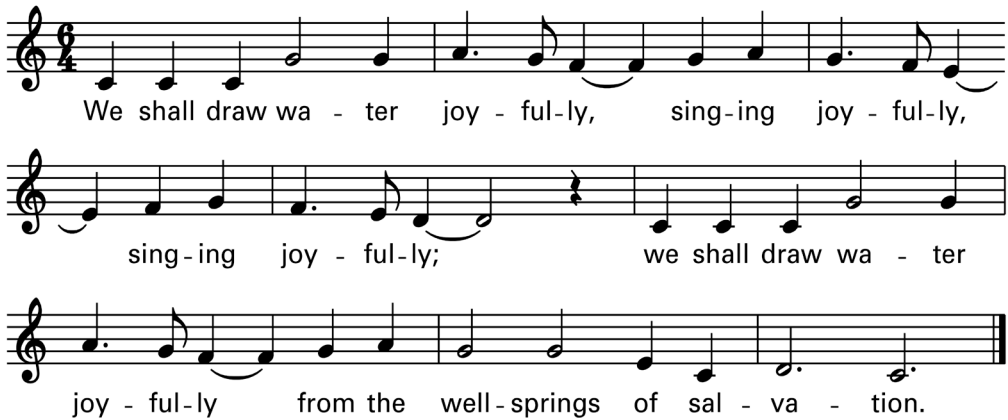
As I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander of nations,
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,
because of the LORD, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.



1. Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength,
the Lord is our song;
he became our Savior.
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known to
all of the nations; proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.



PRAYER: on salvation freely offered (All Stand)

Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.

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| Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life: | calls it, and it obeys him trembling; |
| listen, and know prudence! | before whom the stars at their posts |
| How is it, Israel, | shine and rejoice; |
| that you are in the land of your foes, | when he calls them, they answer, "Here we are!" |
| grown old in a foreign land, | shining with joy for their Maker. |
| defiled with the dead, | Such is our God; |
| accounted with those destined for the netherworld? | no other is to be compared to him: |
| You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom! | he has traced out the whole way of understanding, |
| Had you walked in the way of God, | and has given her to Jacob, his servant, |
| you would have dwelt in enduring peace. | to Israel, his beloved son. |
| Learn where prudence is, | Since then she has appeared on earth, |
| where strength, where understanding; | and moved among people. |
| that you may know also | She is the book of the precepts of God, |
| where are length of days, and life, | the law that endures forever; |
| where light of the eyes, and peace. | all who cling to her will live, |
| Who has found the place of wisdom, | but those will die who forsake her. |
| who has entered into her treasures? | Turn, O Jacob, and receive her: |
| The One who knows all things knows her; | walk by her light toward splendor. |
| he has probed her by his knowledge-- | Give not your glory to another, |
| The One who established the earth for all time, | your privileges to an alien race. |
| and filled it with four-footed beasts; | Blessed are we, O Israel; |
| he who dismisses the light, and it departs, | for what pleases God is known to us! |



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

The law of the LORD is perfect;
it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple. *℟.*

The precepts of the LORD are right;
they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear;
it gives light to the eyes. *℟.*

The fear of the LORD is pure,
abiding forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true;
they are, all of them, just. *℟.*

They are more to be desired than gold,
than quantities of gold.

And sweeter are they than honey,
than honey flowing from the comb. *℟.*



PRAYER: on the fountain of wisdom (All Stand)

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

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:
Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land,
they defiled it by their conduct and deeds.
Therefore I poured out my fury upon them
because of the blood that they poured out on the ground,
and because they defiled it with idols.
I scattered them among the nations,
dispersing them over foreign lands;
according to their conduct and deeds I judged them.
But when they came among the nations wherever they came,
they served to profane my holy name,
because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD,
yet they had to leave their land."
So I have relented because of my holy name
which the house of Israel profaned
among the nations where they came.
Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD:
Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel,
but for the sake of my holy name,
which you profaned among the nations to which you came.
I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations,
in whose midst you have profaned it.
Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD,
when in their sight I prove my holiness through you.
For I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands,
and bring you back to your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you
to cleanse you from all your impurities,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

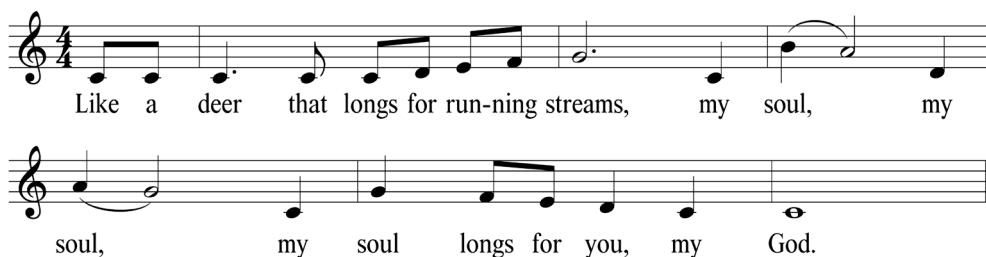
I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.

I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,
careful to observe my decrees.

You shall live in the land I gave your fathers;
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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Psalm 42



My soul is thirsting for God,
the living God;
when can I enter and appear
before the face of God? *R.*

For I would go to the place
of your wondrous tent,
all the way to the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng keeping joyful festival. *R.*

O send forth your light and your truth;
they will guide me on.
They will bring me to your holy
mountain,
to the place where you dwell. *R.*

And I will come to the altar of God,
to God, my joy and gladness.
To you will I give thanks on the harp,
O God, my God. *R.*

PRAYER: on a new heart and new spirit *(All Stand)*

GLORIA *(found on next page)*

MASS OF WISDOM

Steve Janco

COLLECT

Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.

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 EASTER ALLELUIA

Paul French



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

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.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.

When the sabbath was over,
Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome
bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.
Very early when the sun had risen,
on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.
They were saying to one another,
“Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?”
When they looked up,
they saw that the stone had been rolled back;
it was very large.



On entering the tomb they saw a young
man
sitting on the right side, clothed in a
white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.
He said to them, “Do not be amazed!
You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the cruci-
fied.
He has been raised; he is not here.
Behold the place where they laid him.
But go and tell his disciples and Peter,
‘He is going before you to Galilee;
there you will see him, as he told you.’”

III: BAPTISMAL LITURGY

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND LITANY OF SAINTS

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Continues with invocations for other saints...

Assembly: All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.

Cantor: Lord, be mer - ci - ful, From all e - vil, From ev - 'ry sin, From ev - er - last - ing death,

Assembly: Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: By your In - car - na - tion, By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion, By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Assembly: Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: Be merciful to us sin - ners, **Make this font holy by your grace for the new birth of your chil - dren, Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God,

Assembly: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor: Christ, hear us.

Assembly: Christ, hear us.

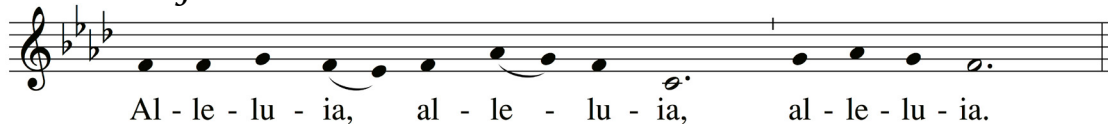
Cantor: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Assembly: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

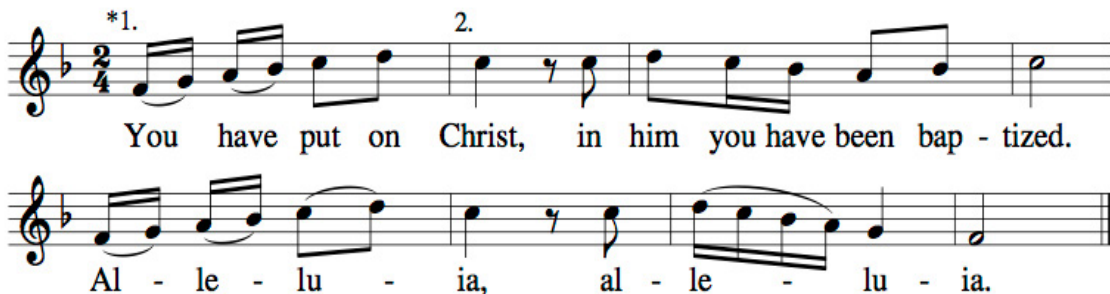
Cantor: Springs of water, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Assembly:



BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

Howard Hughes, SM



CLOTHING WITH THE BAPTISMAL GARMENT AND PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

PROFESSION OF FAITH

SPRINKLING RITE ANTIPHON

I Saw Water

Chrysogonus Waddell, OCSO



From the opened side of Christ,
water and blood streamed forth.

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

CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION

INVITATION

PROFESSION BY THE CANDIDATE

ACT OF RECEPTION

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

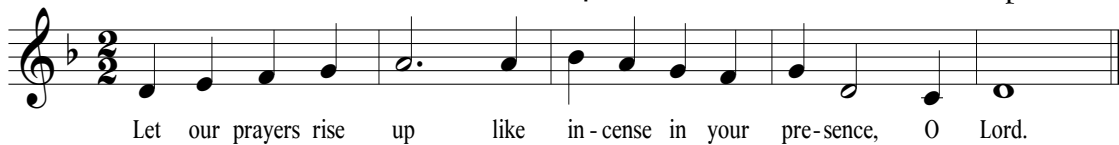
Veni, Creator Spiritus



UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Psalm 141

Stephen Eros



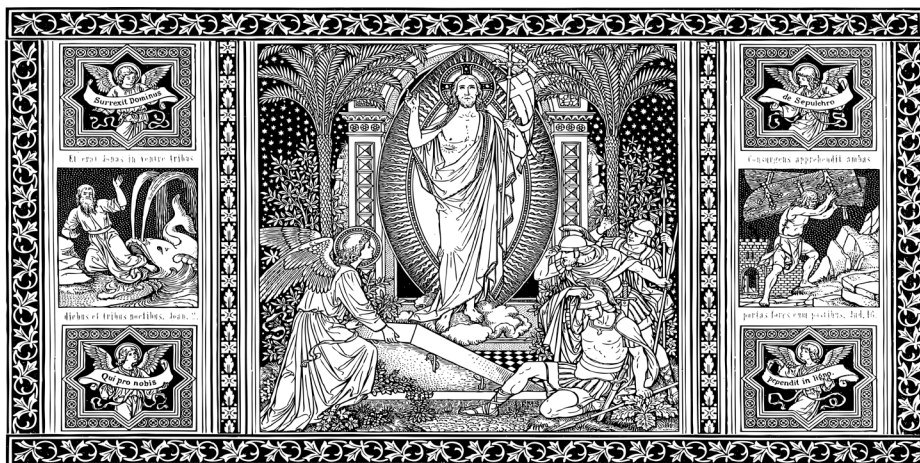
IV: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM


Hallelujah *from*
“Christ on the Mount of Olives”


Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

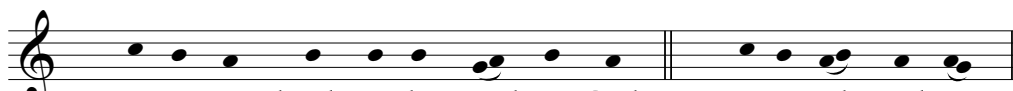
Hallelujah! Unto God’s Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

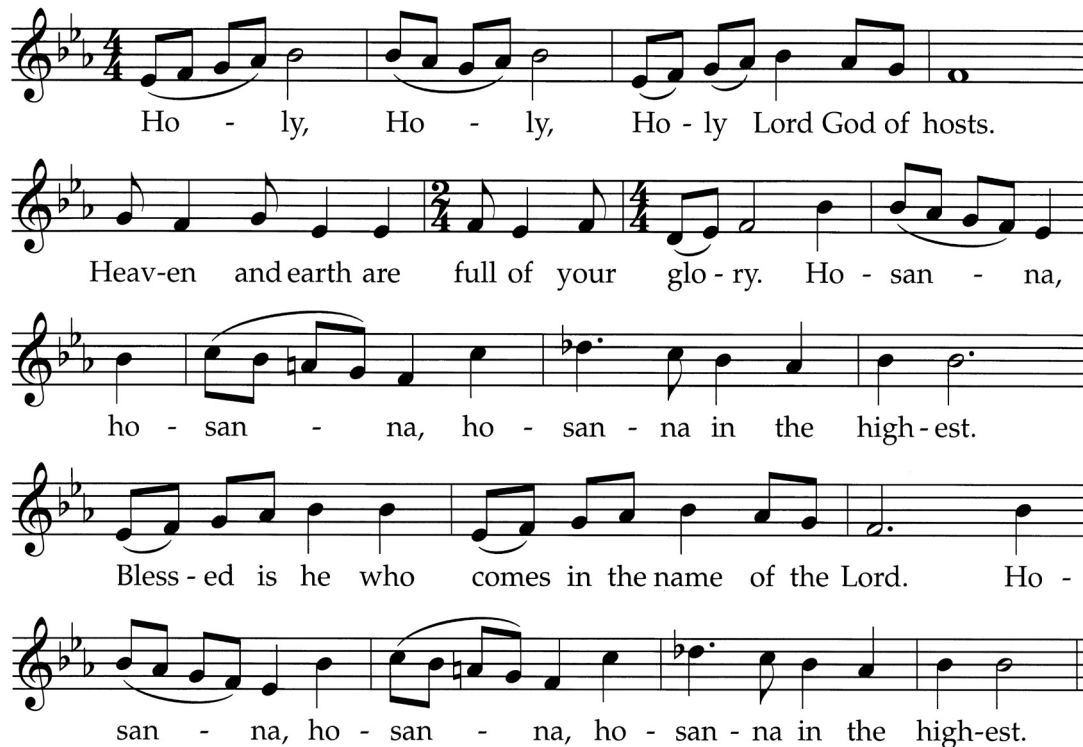

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.


V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.


V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

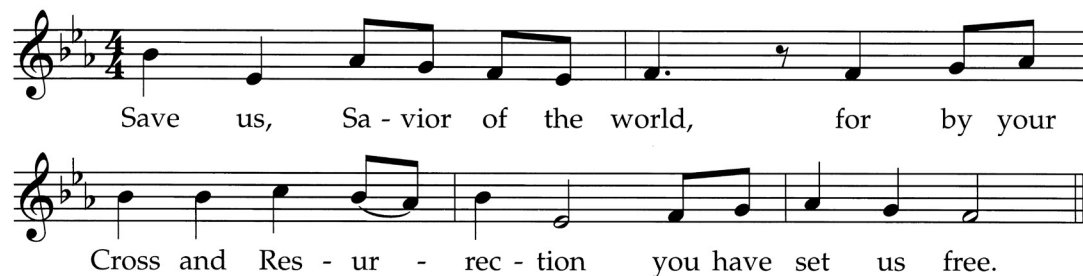
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH ACCLAMATION



Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Wisdom

Steve Janco

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace. The first staff begins with a 'Cantor' part (quarter notes) and an 'All' part (half notes). The second staff continues the 'All' part and then has a 'Cantor' part (quarter notes) and an 'All' part (half notes). The third staff continues the 'All' part. The lyrics are: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

CHRIST YESTERDAY AND TODAY

*Christ our passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth. Alleluia.*

REFRAIN

Alleluia

Mode VI



ANTHEM

Hallelujah from "Messiah"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings and lord of lords. Hallelujah!



CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING & DISMISSAL



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today

Easter Hymn



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



Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 2 Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

PLEASE TAKE THIS WORSHIP AID WITH YOU.

✻ *Easter* ✻
George Herbert (1593-1633)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.