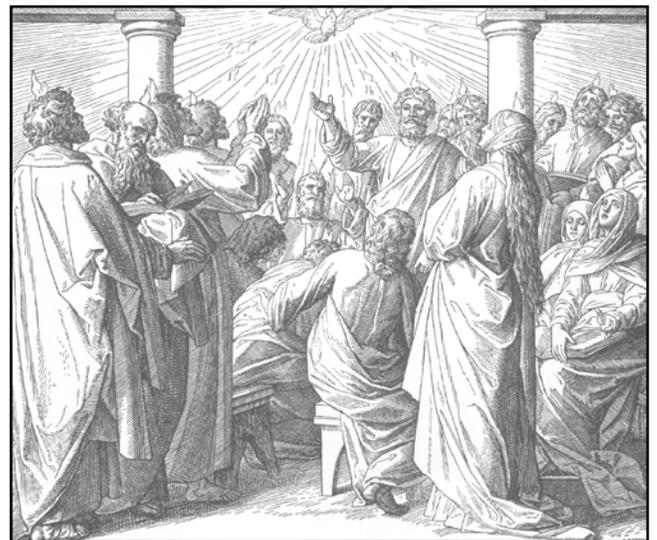


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# **LISTEN TO HIS VOICE**



**A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2020**

## **RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## PREPARATION

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- Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- Musician(s) and cantor(s) should lead the assembly in song. Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. (A list of music suggestions is included herein.)
- A *Lectionary* should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.
- Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### OPENING HYMN

*See suggestions herein*

### GREETING

**Presider:** Grace, mercy, and peace be with you  
from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Savior.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### INTRODUCTION

*in these or similar words*

**Presider:** Time and time again,  
we have heard the words of sacred Scripture.  
Time and again, we have learned what God has done for us  
and how we are to live as followers of Christ.

Yet, time and again, those words have been drowned  
out by the messages of the world.  
In our sinfulness,  
we have pursued wealth instead of holiness,  
listened to commercials instead of the cries of the poor,  
focused on the famous instead of the outcast,  
practiced indifference instead of empathy,  
and listened to countless voices  
instead of the voice of Jesus.

In this Lenten season,  
Christ calls us to repentance.  
He calls us to a deeper appreciation of our baptism  
and to a deeper commitment  
to live in accord with his Gospel.

Tonight [today], he calls each of us to this sacrament,  
in order to be reminded how right it is  
to follow the law of the Lord.  
Once again, he offers us his saving mercy.  
In this time and in this place,  
let us be still,  
and listen to God's voice.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Presider: Brothers and sisters,  
God calls us to conversion.  
Let us therefore ask him  
for the grace of sincere repentance.**

*Silent prayer*

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.  
Come to the aid of your people,  
that they may turn from their sins  
and live for you alone.  
May we be attentive to your word,  
confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**All: Amen.**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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*The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel. The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary should be used during the liturgy.*

### FIRST READING

#### **Jeremiah 7:23-28**

Listen to my voice...  
walk in the ways that I command you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### **Psalm 95:1-2, 6-11**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

### SECOND READING

#### **Ephesians 1:3-10**

In him we have redemption by his Blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions

### VERSE

#### **John 6:63c, 68c**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life

### GOSPEL

#### **John 5:17-30**

Whoever hears my word  
and believes in the One who sent me,  
has eternal life

### HOMILY

## **ALTERNATIVE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

### **First Reading**

Deut 4:1, 5-9	Keep the commandments and your work will be complete
Hosea 6:1-6	For it is love I desire, not sacrifice
Hosea 14:2-10	Take with you words and return to the Lord
Isaiah 53: 1-7, 10-12	It was our infirmities he bore
Isaiah 54:1-10	The Lord calls you back
Isaiah 55:6-9	Let him turn to the Lord who is generous and forgiving
Joel 2:12-18	Spare, O LORD, your people

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 19	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Psalm 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 30	I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
Psalm 85	Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation
Psalm 103:1-8, 11	The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalm 119	Blessed are they who follow the love of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 6:2-14	Think of yourself as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus
2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2	We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation
Philippians 4: 4-9	The Lord is near... think about whatever is worthy of praise
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us confidently approach the throne of grace
Colossians 3: 12-17	Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
1 John 1:5 - 2:2	Jesus is expiation for our sins
Ephesians 4:23-32	Acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking...
Ephesians 6:10-13, 18	Draw your strength from the Lord...put on the armor of Christ

### **Gospel**

Matthew 4: 1-11	Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God
Matthew 7:21, 24-27	Listen to these words of mine...house built on rock
Matthew 9:9-13	I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners
Mark 12:28-34	Greatest of all commandments
Luke 7:36-50	The one to whom little is forgiven, loves little
Luke 18:9-14	Pharisee and the tax collector in the temple
Luke 23:33-43	(The Good Thief) Today you will be with me in paradise.
John 12: 23-33	The voice did not come for my sake, but for yours
John 20:19-23	Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.

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## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

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*Other formulas are found on page 48*

**Presider:**           **Sisters and brothers,  
our Father knows all our failings,  
but asks us to call them to mind  
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.**

**Minister #1:**

- **Do I pray daily?**
- **Do I receive the sacraments regularly?**
- **Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?**
- **Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?**
- **What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?**
- **Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?**
- **Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?**

**Minister #2:**

- **Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?**
- **Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?**
- **Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?**
- **Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?**
- **Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?**

**Minister #1:**

- **In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?**
- **Do I treat my parents with respect?**
- **Am I ever angry with those I love?**

- **Have I been faithful in my relationships?**

**Minister #2:**

- **Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?**
- **Am I intolerant of others' ideas or inattentive to others' needs?**
- **Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?**
- **Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?**

**Minister #1:**

- **Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?**
- **Have I ignored the poor in our midst?**
- **Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?**
- **Do I use the earth's resources wisely?**
- **Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don't really need?**

**Minister #2:**

- **Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?**
- **Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?**
- **Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?**
- **Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?**

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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SIN

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
Let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,  
and acknowledge our sins,  
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LITANY OF REPENTANCE

**Presider:** The Lord is merciful.  
He makes us clean of heart  
and leads us into his freedom  
when we acknowledge our guilt.  
Let us ask him to forgive us  
and bind up the wounds inflicted by our sins.

**Presider:** You were sent with good news for the poor  
and healing for the contrite.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You came to call sinners, not the just.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You forgave the many sins of the woman  
who showed you great love.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,  
but sent her away in peace.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You called Zacchaeus to repentance and a new life.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You are always interceding for us at the right hand of  
the Father.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Presider: Now, in obedience to Christ himself,  
let us join in prayer to the Father,  
asking him to forgive us as we forgive others.**

**All: Our Father,...**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider: Lord, draw near to your servants  
who in the presence of your Church  
confess that they are sinners.  
Through the ministry of the Church,  
free them from all sin  
so that renewed in spirit,  
they may give you thankful praise.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**All: Amen.**

## **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.*

## **PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION**

**Confessor: God, the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠  
and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Penitent: Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY**

*A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the Scripture citations below.*

**Psalm 28: 6-7**

**Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11**

**Psalm 54**

**Psalm 66**

**Psalm 95**

**Psalm 98: 1-9**

**Psalm 100: 1-5**

**Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18**

**Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29**

**Psalm 145: 1-21**

**Psalm 146:2-10**

**Isaiah 61: 10-11**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

**Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

**Revelation 15: 3-4**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:** Lord God,  
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,  
in your great love for this world,  
you gave your only Son for our salvation.  
His cross has redeemed us,  
his death has given us life,  
his resurrection has raised us to glory.  
Through him  
we ask you to be always present among your family.  
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;  
fill our hearts with faith,  
our days with good works,  
our lives with your love;  
may your truth be on our lips  
and your wisdom in all our actions,  
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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### BLESSING

**Presider:** May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path,  
for he dwells in our hearts.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

### DISMISSAL

**Presider:** The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 7:23-28**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**

**Thus says the LORD:**

**This is what I commanded my people:**

**Listen to my voice;**

**Then I will be your God and you shall be my people.**

**Walk in all the ways that I command you,  
so that you may prosper.**

**But they obeyed not, nor did they pay heed.**

**They walked in the hardness of their evil hearts**

**and turned their backs, not their faces, to me.**

**From the day that your fathers left the land of Egypt even to this day,**

**I have sent you untiringly all my servants and the prophets.**

**Yet they have not obeyed me nor paid heed;**

**they have stiffened their necks and done worse than their fathers.**

**When you speak all these words to them,**

**they will not listen to you either;**

**when you call to them, they will not answer you.**

**Say to them:**

**This is the nation that does not listen**

**to the voice of the LORD, its God,**

**or take correction.**

**Faithfulness has disappeared;**

**the word itself is banished from their speech.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.**

**R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.**

**R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”**

**R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.**

**In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.**

**In him we have redemption by his Blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.**

**In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us  
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor  
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,  
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**John 6:63c, 68c**

**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**Jesus answered the Jews:**

**“My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.”**

**For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him,  
because he not only broke the sabbath  
but he also called God his own father,  
making himself equal to God.**

**Jesus answered and said to them,**

**“Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own,  
but only what he sees his father doing;  
for what he does, his Son will do also.**

**For the Father loves his Son**

**and shows him everything that he himself does,  
and he will show him greater works than these,  
so that you may be amazed.**

**For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life,  
so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes.**

**Nor does the Father judge anyone,**

**but he has given all judgment to his Son,  
so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.**

**Whoever does not honor the Son**

**does not honor the Father who sent him.**

**Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word**

**and believes in the one who sent me  
has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,  
but has passed from death to life.**

**Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here  
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,  
and those who hear will live.**

**For just as the Father has life in himself,  
so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.**

**And he gave him power to exercise judgment,  
because he is the Son of Man.**

**Do not be amazed at this,  
because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs  
will hear his voice and will come out,  
those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life,  
but those who have done wicked deeds  
to the resurrection of condemnation.**

**“I cannot do anything on my own;  
I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just,  
because I do not seek my own will  
but the will of the one who sent me.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## **SAMPLE PENANCES**

*Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.*

### **✕ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ✕**

- **Pray Psalm 32, 51, 95, 103, or 130 and reflect on its meaning in your life.**
- **Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. Plan a visit and bring a meal.**
- **Choose one Station of the Cross and spend a half hour in meditation upon it.**
- **Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.**
- **Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year A:**

<b>Romans 5:12-19</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>
<b>2 Timothy 1:8b-10</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>
<b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>	<b>Romans 8:8-11</b>
<b>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</b>	<b>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18</b>

### **✕ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR YOUTH ✕**

- **Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Have lunch with that person.**
- **Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Donate the money you would have spent on music or a video game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.**
- **Make an Easter basket for a classmate who is going through a tough time and might need some cheering up.**

## MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2020

### **HYMNODY**

Amazing Grace	Newton (various)
Deep Within	RS, G1, G2-GIA
Eternal Lord of Love	RS
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	(GIA) Hymns for the Gospel
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive	Herklots (WLP)
God, Whose Almighty Word	various
God's Holy Mountain We Ascend	(WLP)
Grant to Us, O Lord	Lucien Deiss (WLP)
Healer of Our Every Ill	G1, G2-GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	various
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning (GIA)
Let Justice Roll Like a River	Marty Haugen (GIA)
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler (GIA, G-6129 [collection])
Lord, Your Almighty Word	various
Mercy, O God	G2-GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen (GIA)
No Greater Love	Michael Joncas (GIA)
Our Father, We Have Wandered	various
Out of Darkness	OCP
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish OCP
<i>Perdónname, Jesús</i>	OCP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord	Inwood (GIA)
Return to God	Haugen (GIA)
The Cross of Jesus	O'Brien (GIA)
The Glory of These Forty Days	Traditional (GIA)
The Reign of God	Delores Duffer (GIA)
The Trumpet in the Morning	Rory Cooney (GIA)
The Word is in Your Heart	(GIA)
There is a Longing	Quigley (OCP)
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber (various)
To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul	Hurd (OCP)
Tree of Life	Aaron Thompson (WLP)
Turn My Heart, O God	Haugen (GIA)
Turn to the Living God	True (GIA)
We Cannot Measure How You Heal	Bell (GIA)
When Jesus Passed Through Jericho	(GIA; Hymns for the Gospel)
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit (various)

### **LITANIES/CHANTS**

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx (WLP)
Gather us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso (GIA)
Hold us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle (GIA)
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan (OCP)

**PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY**

All You Nations	Deiss	WC
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEZ A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	(WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson	(OCP, 20267 Z2)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	(GIA, G-2896)
<i>La Alegría en el Perdón</i>	Gabaráin	OCP
Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
<i>The Psalter – Psalms and Canticles for Singing</i>	Isele	
There's A Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	(OCP, 7150)

**Alternative Psalmody**

	<b><u>OCP</u></b>	<b><u>GIA</u></b>	<b><u>WLP</u></b>
Psalm 19	Joncas	Proulx, Haas, Alonso	Haugen
Psalm 27	DeBruyn	Proulx, Haas	Isele, Haas
Psalm 30	Inwood	Guimont, Inwood	
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Willcock	Craig, Haugen	Berrell, Ward Schaefer
Psalm 85	Cortez, Hurd	Haugen, Carroll, Dameans	French, Bogdan
Psalm 103:1-8, 11	Cortez, Dufford	Cotter, Haas, Haugen	Kolar, Stahl
Psalm 119	Booth	Batastini	

## FREQUENTLY- ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER TIME FOR EASTER VIGIL?

A. On Saturday evening, April 11, the end of civil twilight (nightfall) will occur at various times throughout the country. Please consult the Naval Observatory website for the exact time near you –<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS-OneDay.php>. The Easter Vigil celebration should not begin before nightfall, which is usually a half hour after sunset.

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday.” This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 78. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, quoting the Roman Missal).

According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation.

– *Paschale Solemnitatis*, no. 77  
(quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*)

### Q. THE WORD “TRIDUUM” MEANS “THREE DAYS.” WHAT ARE THE THREE DAYS OF THE TRIDUUM?

A. The three days of the Sacred Triduum are Sunday, Saturday, and Friday. Good Friday has a vigil, which we celebrate liturgically as the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

This seventy-two hour period is the most important celebration of our entire liturgical calendar; it begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. The Sacred Triduum is actually ONE liturgy over three days. We may go home and come back again, but we do not actually “begin” and “end” our daily celebrations.

### Q. WHAT IS THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE PASCHAL CANDLE?

The paschal candle is a symbol for Christ, “the light of glory... scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds” (RM, Easter Vigil). It is to be a genuine candle, and its design and size should be in proportion to the sanctuary in which it will be placed.

During the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season, the paschal candle is to be placed in the sanctuary, near the altar or the ambo. Placed at the ambo, it is as if Christ is teaching us and the neophytes (A. Nocent, *The Liturgical Year*).

After the Easter Season it is moved to a place of honor in the baptistery, for use in the celebration of baptism. (Often, in newer construction, receptacles for the candle are imbedded near the font.) In the celebration of a funeral, the paschal candle is placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is one’s own passover. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed inside the sanctuary outside the Easter season (*Paschale Solemnitatis*, 99).

### Q. MAY WE USE MORE THAN ONE CROSS FOR THE VENERATION ON GOOD FRIDAY?

A. No. Only one Cross should be used for the veneration, as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite. It should be a cross, not a crucifix, and it should be of sufficient size and beauty.

One or other of the forms found in the Roman rite may be followed. The rite should be carried out with the splendor worthy of the mystery of our salvation. Both the invitation pronounced at the unveiling of the Cross and the people’s response should be sung.

The cross is to be presented to each of the faithful for their adoration. “If, because of the large number of people, it is not possible for all to approach individually, the Priest, after some of the clergy and faithful have adored, takes the Cross and, standing in the middle before the altar, invites the people in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards holds the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence” (Roman Missal 19).

**A LITURGICAL YEAR CALENDAR ADVISORY  
FOR LENT, TRIDUUM, AND THE EASTER SEASON**

DAY	DATE	LITURGICAL DAY	RANK	COMMENTS
Wednesday	Feb 26	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	March 1	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #22
Sunday	March 8	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #25
Sunday	March 15	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #28; Scrutiny I
Thursday	March 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	Lect #543 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Food – BB, Chapter 53
Sunday	March 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	2	Lect #31, Scrutiny II
Wednesday	March 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545 Gloria, Creed, Proper Preface Genuflect at “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.”
Sunday	March 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #34, Scrutiny III
Sunday	April 5	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession: Lect #37 - Gospel A Mass: Lect #38 – Gospel A
Monday	April 6	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	April 7	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	April 8	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	April 9	Thursday of Holy Week (Day)	2	Chrism Mass Lect #260 Funeral Mass not permitted
Thursday	April 9	Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper	Triduum	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	April 10	Good Friday	Triduum	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion to the Sick
Saturday	April 11	Holy Saturday	Triduum	BB, Chapter 54 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
Saturday	April 11	Easter Sunday: The Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter	Triduum	Lect #41 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	April 12	Easter Sunday: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Triduum	Lect #42 Sequence: <i>Victimae paschali laudes</i> Funeral Mass not permitted
Monday	April 13	Monday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #261; Gloria, Preface I of Easter all during the Octave
Tuesday	April 14	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	April 15	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	April 16	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	April 17	Friday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265

Saturday	April 18	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	April 19	Second Sunday of Easter ( or Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #43
Saturday	April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	7	Lect #555
Sunday	April 26	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #46
Wednesday	April 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #557
Saturday	May 2	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	10	Lect #560
Sunday	May 3	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #49
Sunday	May 10	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #52
Thursday	May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 17	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #55 May use second reading and gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 21	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (in six provinces of the USA) OR Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter	3 13	Lect # 58 Lect #294
Sunday	May 24	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (in most dioceses of the USA) OR Seventh Sunday of Easter	3 2	Lect #58 Lect #59
Tuesday	May 26	St. Philip Neri, priest	10	Lect #570 (or 298)
Sunday	May 31	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62 A Extended Vigil: Lectionary Supplement [see p. 31 herein] Day: Lect #63
		ORDINARY TIME		
Monday	June 1	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10	Lect #572 A
Sunday	June 8	The Most Holy Trinity	3	Lect #164
Sunday	June 15	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	3	Lect #167
Friday	June 19	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	3	Lect #170



“Pentecost” by Jean Il Restout (1692-1768)

## LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR A

### **Ash Wednesday, February 26**

Joel 2:12-18

Psalms 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.

Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

### **First Sunday of Lent, March 1**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

The creation of our first parents, and sin.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.

### **Second Sunday of Lent, March 8**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

Jesus' face shone like the sun.

### **Third Sunday of Lent, March 15**

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 OR

John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### ***First Scrutiny (RCIA 141-146, 150-156)***

Give us water, so that we may drink.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

### **Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, March 19**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.

The son of David will live for ever.

Abraham believed, hoping against hope.

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22**

1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 OR

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### ***Second Scrutiny (RCIA 164-170)***

David is anointed as king of Israel.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

### **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Behold, the virgin shall conceive

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

As it is written of me in the scroll, behold I come to do your will, O God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 OR

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

#### ***Third Scrutiny (RCIA 171-177)***

I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

I am the resurrection and the life.

## HOLY WEEK READINGS

### **Psalm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 5 (A)**

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66 OR

Matthew 27:11-54

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Monday of Holy Week, April 6 (ABC)**

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7 (ABC)**

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab,P, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8 (ABC)**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.

### **Thursday of Holy Week - Mass of Chrism, April 9 (ABC)**

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

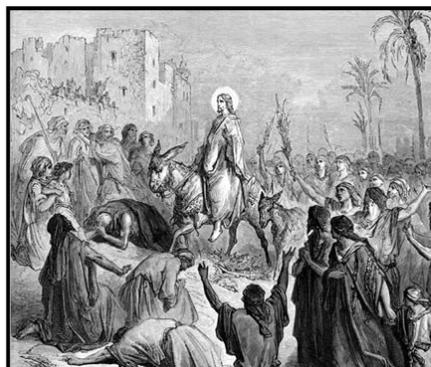
Luke 4:16-21

The LORD anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.



*Detail -- Gustave Doré*

## READINGS FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

### **Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9**

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14                      The law regarding the Passover meal.  
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18        Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26                      For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death  
of the Lord.  
John 13:1-15                                  Jesus loved them to the end.

### **Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion, April 10**

Isaiah 54:13 – 53:12                        He himself was wounded for our sins.  
(Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord.)  
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25        Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9                      Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey  
him.  
John 18:1 – 19:42                            The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 11**

Genesis 1:1 – 2:2 *or* 1:1, 26-31a            God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.  
Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12,                Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.  
13-14, 24, 35 OR  
Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22        The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.  
  
Genesis 22:1-18 *or*                            The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.  
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11                          You are my inheritance, O Lord.  
  
Exodus 14:15 – 15:1                        The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.  
Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18            Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.  
  
Isaiah 54:5-14                                With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you.  
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13                I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.  
  
Isaiah 55:1-11                                Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting  
covenant.  
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6                        You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.  
  
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4                      Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11                        Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
  
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28                    I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.  
Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4                        Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.  
OR Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6                You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.  
OR Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19        Create a clean heart in me, O God.  
  
Romans 6:3-11                                Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23                Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
  
Matthew 28:1-10                              He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Mass During the Day, April 12**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43                        We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23                This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
(OR Alleluia)  
Colossians 3:1-4                              Seek what is above, where Christ is.  
OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8                    Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.  
SEQUENCE                                      *Victimae paschali laudes*  
  
John 20:1-9                                  He had to rise from the dead.  
OR Matthew 28:1-10                        He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.  
OR Luke 24:13-35                            Stay with us it is almost evening. [at an afternoon or evening Mass]

## THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

“Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary...” (RCIA 247).

### YEAR A

#### **Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)

God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-25

It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (OR Alleluia)

You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36-41

Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-4, 5, 6

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (OR Alleluia)

You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

I am the gate for the sheep.

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (OR Alleluia)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (OR Alleluia)

Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.

I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (OR Alleluia)

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living OR Alleluia

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.

Father, glorify your Son.

## **Pentecost Sunday – Vigil Mass**

Genesis 11:1-9  
or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
or Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.  
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.  
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

## **Pentecost Sunday – Extended Readings for the Vigil Mass**

Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
Prayer

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.  
Response: Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.  
(See Roman Missal)

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
OR  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Prayer

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.  
Response: Glory and praise for ever!

Response – Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
(See Roman Missal)

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Prayer

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
Response: Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia)  
(Three options provided in Roman Missal)

Joel 3:1-5  
Psalm 104: 1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29-30  
Prayer

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.  
Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

Gloria

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

## **Pentecost Sunday – Mass During the Day**

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

SEQUENCE

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: receive the Holy Spirit.



## RITES BELONGING TO THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

“The period of purification and enlightenment, which the rite of election begins, customarily coincides with Lent. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery” (RCIA 138).

“This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect” and to enlighten their minds and hearts “with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (RCIA 139).

Among these rites are the scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good” (RCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A may be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. RCIA 146).

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer take place during the week following the First and Third Scrutiny (unless they have been celebrated earlier). “Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer” (RCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The preparation rites on Holy Saturday are most proximate to the celebration of the sacraments of initiation and, as a rule, should not be omitted. Among these rites is the recitation of the Creed. Again, according to ancient custom, the Elect recite (“give back,” *reditio*) the Creed which they had been given (“handing over,” *traditio*).

It is very important to remember that these rites are for the catechumens (Elect) only! Those who have been baptized “should not take part in rites intended for unbaptized catechumens”(USCCB, National Statutes for the Catechumenate, no. 31).

Second Sunday of Lent	Penitential Rite (candidates; optional)	RCIA 459-472
Third Sunday of Lent	First Scrutiny	RCIA 141-145, 151-56
Third Week of Lent	Presentation of the Creed	RCIA 143, 157-163
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Second Scrutiny	RCIA 164-170
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Third Scrutiny	RCIA 171-177
Fifth Week of Lent	Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer	RCIA 149, 178-184
Holy Saturday	Preparation Rites	RCIA 183-199, 203-205

**FIRST SCRUTINY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)  
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Exodus 17:3-7**

*Give us water so that we may drink.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

**Verse Before the Gospel**

**see John 4:42, 15**

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

**Gospel**

**John 4:5 – 42 [or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]**

*The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

**Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer**

*to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: God of All Power (Text and Music by David Haas, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

## PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

### An Order of Service

“The presentation of the Creed, which takes place during the week after the first scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass after the homily” (RCIA 157). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 157-162 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 748.

### **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

#### INTRODUCTION

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 10: 8-13 -- The confession of faith of the Elect      OR

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing what I preached to you.

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 3:16

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18 -- On this rock I will build my church      OR

John 22:44-50 -- I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.

#### HOMILY/REFLECTION

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Creed.*

*The Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.*

#### PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

**SECOND SCRUTINY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE MAN BORN BLIND**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**  
*David is anointed as king of Israel*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**  
*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**  
*Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*

**Verse before the Gospel**

**John 8:12**  
*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

**Gospel**

**John 9: 1-41 [or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**  
*The man who was blind went off and washed himself  
and came back able to see.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**  
**Invitation**  
**Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer**  
**Laying on of Hands**  
**Prayer**

*to the Father*  
*to the Holy Spirit*  
*to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: Christ, be our Light!*  
*Text and Tune: Bernadette Farrell © 1993, 2000 Published by OCP.*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

**THIRD SCRUTINY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*I will put my spirit within you that you may live.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:8-11**

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.*

**Verse before the Gospel**

**John 11:25a, 26**

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*

**Gospel**

**John 11:1-45 [or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

**Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer**

*to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: O Christ, Who Shared our Mortal Life*

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*Tune: KINGSFOLD by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
An Order of Service

"The presentation of the Lord's Prayer, which takes place during the week after the third scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass" (RCIA 178). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 178-184 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 749.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

[SIGN OF THE CROSS]

INTRODUCTION

**THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8e-9

*I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 – *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

OR

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 -- *As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – *You have received the Spirit that makes you God's children and in that Spirit we cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

OR

*Galatians 4:4-7 – God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, Abba, Father!"*

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:15

*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry "Abba! Father!"*

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Gospel.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9-13

*Lord, teach us to pray.*

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

[DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT]

[SIGN OF PEACE]

**PREPARATION RITES**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**A Suggested Order of Service**

Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. Please see RCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. "If the presentation of the Creed was not celebrated, the recitation of the Creed is not celebrated" (RCIA 186).

The choosing of a baptismal name is not celebrated in the dioceses of the United States. A diocesan bishop has discretion to authorize its use in particular circumstances. Please see RCIA 33.4, 73, and 200.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

SONG

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

**THE RECITATION OF THE CREED**

READING

Matthew 16:13-17 – *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

OR

John 6:35, 63-71 *To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

[THE EPHPHATA RITE]

[READING]

EPHPHETA

*see RCIA 186.2,  
Mark 7:31-37*

HOMILY

PRAYER BEFORE THE RECITATION

RECITATION OF THE CREED

*The Elect, alone, recite the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONCLUDING RITE**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

DISMISSAL



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### **THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

*Please see the Roman Missal for complete rubrics and texts.*

#### **First Form: The Procession**

Assembly gathers outside, at a smaller church, or other suitable place, holding branches

Priest may wear a cope (which he sets aside after the procession) or chasuble

- Antiphon
  - "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest." OR
  - "*Hosanna filio David; benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.*"
  - OR other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches sprinkled with holy water
- Proclamation of the Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
- [Homily]
- Invitation
- Procession to the Church
  - Antiphon1 and Psalm 24 (23)
  - OR
  - Antiphon 2 and Psalm 47(46)
  - OR
  - Hymn to Christ the King ["Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ King and Redeemer..."]
  - OR other suitable chant (e.g., All Glory, Laud and Honor)
- Responsory or other Chant

#### **Second Form: The Solemn Entrance**

The people are gathered inside the church

The ministers are gathered in a place other than the sanctuary, visible to most of the Assembly

- Antiphon -- Hosanna or other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches Sprinkled with Holy Water
- Proclamation of the Gospel
- Procession of the Ministers to the sanctuary
- Veneration of the Altar
- [Kyrie / Lord, have mercy]
- Collect (at the chair)

### **Third Form: The Simple Entrance**

- Procession to the Altar
  - with Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 24(23):9-10
  - OR priest recites this Antiphon when he reaches the altar
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Collect

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7 <i>My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) <i>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</i>
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.</i>
Verse before the Gospel	Philippians 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,</i>
Gospel	Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 OR Matthew 27:11-54 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> (The Passion begins directly without the greeting and acclamation of the people, but concludes in the usual manner. It is read without candles or incense.)
Homily	
Creed	
Universal Prayer	

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	The Passion of the Lord
Eucharistic Prayer	I, II, III, or IV
Holy, holy, holy	
Acclamations	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Holy Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____
Prayer after Communion	

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting	
Prayer over the People	
Dismissal	
Closing Hymn	_____



## HOLY THURSDAY: EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Entrance Procession/ Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting

Presentation of the Oils

Glory to God

Collect

sung

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

*The law regarding the Passover meal*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

*Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord.*

Chant before the Gospel

John 13:34

*... Love one another as I have loved you*

Gospel

John 13: 1-15

*Jesus loved them to the end.*

Homily

Washing of the Feet

*optional*

Antiphons or Hymn

Antiphons: *Missal provides seven options*

Profession of Faith

Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

General Intercessions

Omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings

*gifts for the poor, bread and wine*

Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Incensation

Acclamation or Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Procession to Place of Reposition

*Pange Lingua* or other hymn

[Stripping of the Altar]

"at an appropriate time"



## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers

in silence; red vestments, reverence altar  
Ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time.

Prayer

“Let us pray” is omitted

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

*He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the Servant of the Lord)*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

*Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.*

Chant Before the Gospel

Phil 2:8-9

*Christ became obedient to the point of death...*

Gospel

John 18:1 - 19:42

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Homily

Silent Prayer

The Solemn Intercessions

For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation.

Introduction

Kneel/Silent Prayer

Prayer

### **THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

The Showing of the Holy Cross

First Form

The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually.

Second Form

The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross.

Invitation

Priest: “Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world.”

All: “Come, let us adore.”

Procession

Antiphon or Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Adoration of the Holy Cross

a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

[Covering of the Altar]

Ciborium to Altar

*by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles*

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

“Behold the Lamb of God...”

Distribution of Communion

Hymn(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer after Communion

Prayer over the People

Departure

*All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross*



## EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

*A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the paschal candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.*

### **THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM**

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Sign of the Cross [new]

Greeting

Instruction

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

Procession

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles

"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"

from the Paschal Candle

*(those persons already baptized)*

The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet

by a deacon, priest, or other person

Long Form or Short Form

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*see Lectionary #41 all should be read, at least three from OT, Exodus 14 is never omitted*

Introduction

Reading I

Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31a *God looked at everything he had made...*

Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10,12, 13-14,24,35

OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

Prayer

Reading II

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham...*

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

Reading III

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

*The Israelites marched on dry land ...*

Exodus 15: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Reading IV

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

*With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer...*

Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

Reading V

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

*Come to me that you may have life...*

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

Reading VI

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

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

*Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.*

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading VII

Responsorial Psalm

Ezekiel 36: 16-28

*I shall sprinkle clean water upon you ...*

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Prayer

Gloria		
Collect		
Epistle	Romans 6: 3-11	<i>Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23	
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10	<i>He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.</i>
Homily		

**BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism	
Invitation to Prayer	
Litany of the Saints	Setting: _____
Blessing of Baptismal Water	
Prayer	with hands extended... lowering paschal candle into water
Acclamation	Setting: _____
Renunciation of Sin	<i>see Roman Missal 55</i>
Profession of Faith	
Baptism	
Clothing with a White Garment	
Presentation of a Lighted Candle	
The Renewal of Baptismal Promises	By the assembly; may also be done with the Elect (above)
Sprinkling with Baptismal Water	
[Celebration of Reception into Full Communion]	
[Invitation]	
[Profession of Faith]	
[Act of Reception]	
Celebration of Confirmation	
Invitation	
Laying on of Hands	
Anointing with Chrism	
Universal Prayer	

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings	<i>by the neophytes</i>
[Presentation Hymn]	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	Preface I of Easter
Holy, holy, holy	
Eucharistic Prayer	EP I with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]
Memorial Acclamation	
Great Amen	
Communion Rite	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	"Behold the Lamb of God..."
Distribution of Communion	Hymns: _____
Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving	_____
Prayer After Communion	

**CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting	
Solemn Blessing	see RM #68
Dismissal	see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

*Note: The "double alleluia" is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season.*



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:  
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting

[Sprinkling Rite]

Glory to God

Collect

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

*Victimae Paschali Laudes*

Alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; ...

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel

John 20:1-9 OR Matthew 28:1-10 (from the Easter Vigil)

OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling with Blessed Water

Creed

Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

see Easter Vigil #55

Song \_\_\_\_\_

Omitted

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar

Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, holy, holy

Acclamations

I II III IV

Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"

proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

see Easter Vigil #68

Alleluia, alleluia



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM  
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EVENING PRAYER**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.*

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Introductory Verse

Presider: O God, ✠ come to my assistance.  
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

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**PSALMODY**

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb,  
alleluia.

Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb,  
alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Psalm Psalm 114

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

NT Canticle Revelation 19:1-17

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Reading Hebrews 10:12-14

Silence

Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and  
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and  
said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

### Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord, who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:  
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

### Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples,  
All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,  
All: and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints,  
All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider: You have triumphed over death, your enemy;  
All: destroy in us the power of death, that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,  
All: and were raised up to the right hand of the Father, in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

### Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
All: let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father,...

### Collect

*(first option)*

Presider: God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today raise us up  
and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
All: Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

## **SAMPLE EXAMINATIONS OF CONSCIENCE: USCCB**

Examination of Conscience according to the Ten Commandments

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/upload/Examination-of-Conscience.pdf>

Examination of Conscience based upon Catholic Social Teaching

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Children

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-children-examination-conscience.cfm>

Examination of Conscience for Young Adults

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## ABOUT THE FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

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