

worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY The people SIT

PROCESSION TO THE FONT

The people STAND

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

The Litany of the Saints is sung as the priest and his ministers, together with those who are to be baptized and confirmed process to the font. The people's candles are relit.



Cantor: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Cantor: Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Cantor: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy



Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God

All: pray for us

St Michael

pray for us

Holy Angels of God

pray for us

St John the Baptist

pray for us

St Joseph

pray for us

St Peter and St Paul

pray for us

St Andrew

pray for us

St John

pray for us

St Mary Magdalene

pray for us

St Stephen

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St Ignatius

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St Laurence

pray for us

St Perpetua and Felicity

pray for us

St Agnes

pray for us

St Gregory

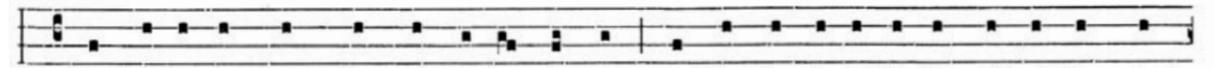
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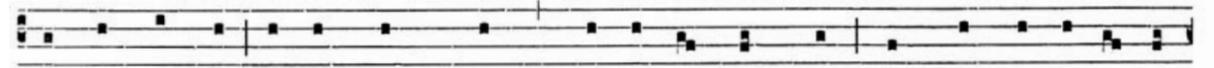
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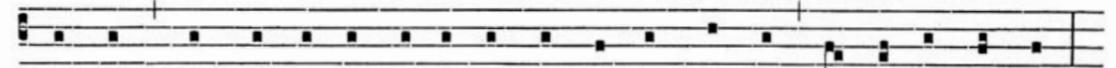
our Bish-op N., gránt-ing us péace-ful times in this our pásch-al jóy.



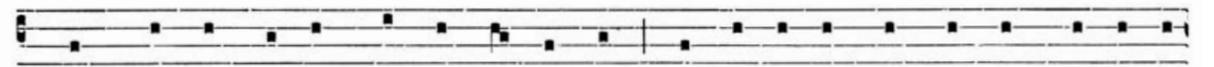
Look ál-so on those who rule us in pów-er, and by the in-éf-fa-ble gift of thy good-



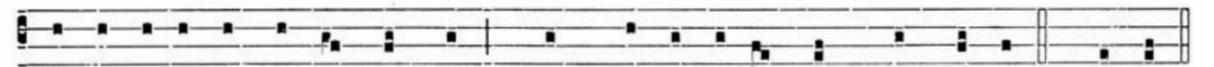
ness and mér-cy, di-rect their thoughts to jús-tice and peace, that from the bú-sy toil



of earth they may at-tain un-to the héa-ven-ly cóunt-ry with all thy péo-ple.



Through the sám-e Jé-sus Christ thy Son our Lórd: Who liv-eth and réign-eth with thée in the



ú-ni-ty of the Hó-ly Ghóst Gód: through-út all á-ges, wórld with-út énd. R̄ A-men.

B MODERN VERSION FROM THE 2010 ROMAN MISSAL (Shortened form)



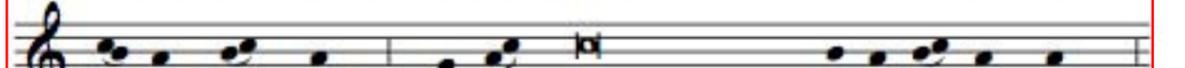
Ex-ult, let them ex-ult, the hosts of heav-en, ex-ult, let Angel



minis-ters of God ex-ult, let the trum-pet of sal-va-tion sound



a-loud our might-y King's tri-umph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as



glo-ry floods her, a-blaze with light from her e-ter-nal King,



let all cor-ners of the earth be glad, know-ing an end to gloom and

dark-ness. Re-joice, let Mother Church al-so re-joice, arrayed with
the lightning of his glo-ry, let this ho-ly build-ing shake with joy,
filled with the might-y voic-es of the peo-ples.

Deacon or Priest

Ÿ. The Lórd be with you. R̄. And with thy spi - rit.

Ÿ. Lift up your héarts. R̄. We lift them up ún - to the Lórd.

Ÿ. Lét us give thánks un - to our Lórd Gód.

R̄. It is méet and ríght so to dó.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and
with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God in-vis-i-ble,
the al - might-y Fa-ther, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his
On-ly Be-got-ten. Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the e-
-ter-nal Fa-ther, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean

THE EPISTLE Romans 6:3-11

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Romans.

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

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The people STAND

THE ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-16, 17, 22-23

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O give thanks unto the Lord,
for he is gracious
because his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now confess
that he is gracious,
and that his mercy endureth for ever. **R.**

The right hand of the Lord
hath the pre-eminence:

the right hand of the Lord
bringeth mighty things to pass.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord. **R.**

The same stone
which the builders refused
is become the head-stone in the corner.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes. **R.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and

give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. You shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

42:2, 4, 43:3, 4

R: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God;
when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God? **R.**

I went with the multitude,
and brought them forth into the house of God;
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving
among such as keep holy-day. **R.**

O send out thy light and thy truth,
that they may lead me;
and bring me unto thy holy hill,
and to thy dwelling. **R.**

That I may go unto the altar of God,
even unto the God of my joy and gladness;
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee,
O God, my God. **R.**

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their daily lives what they profess by their faith; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

At this point the lights are switched on,

the altar candles are lit, and the church bells are rung as the first Gloria of the Resurrection is sung.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Priest: Glory be to God on high:

All: and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

The priest sings or says the Collect of the Mass:

Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

The people SIT and extinguish their candles.

the re-cord of our an-cient sin-ful-ness. These then are the feasts
of Pass-o-ver, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the door - posts of be-liev-ers. This is the
night, when once you led our fore-bears, Is-ra-el's chil-dren,
from slaver - y in E-gypt and made them pass dry - shod through
the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pil-lar of fire
banished the dark-ness of sin. This is the night that even now,
throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from world-ly
vic-es and from the gloom of sin, lead-ing them to grace and
join-ing them to his ho-ly ones. This is the night, when
Christ broke the prison - bars of death and rose vic-to-ri - ous
from the un-der-world. O wonder of your hum-ble care for us!

O love, O char-i-ty be - yond all tell-ing, to ran - som a slave
 you gave a - way your Son! O tru-ly nec-es-sar-y sin of Ad-am,
 de - stroyed com-plete-ly by the Death of Christ! O hap-py fault
 that earned so great, so glo-ri - ous a Re-deem-er! The sanctifying
 power of this night dis - pels wick-ed-ness, washes faults a-way,
 re-stores innocence to the fall-en, and joy to mourn-ers. O truly
 bless-ed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
 and di - vine to the hu-man.
 On this, your night of grace, O ho-ly Fa-ther, accept this candle, a
 sol-emn of-fer-ing, the work of bees and of your serv-ants' hands,
 an evening sacri - fice of praise, this gift from your most ho-ly
 Church.

and take her; walk toward the shining of her light.

Do not give your glory to another, or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

19:7, 8, 9, 10 (Jn 6:68)

R: Lord, thou hast the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul ;
 the testimony of the Lord is sure,
 and giveth wisdom unto the simple. **R.**

The statutes of the Lord are right,
 and rejoice the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is pure,
 and giveth light unto the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is clean,
 and endureth for ever;
 the judgements of the Lord are true,
 and righteous altogether. **R.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
 yea, than much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey,
 and the honey-comb. **R.**

Following a period of silent reflection, the people STAND

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who by the calling of the nations dost ever multiply thy holy Church: mercifully grant; that they whom thou dost cleanse by the waters of baptism may be defended by thy perpetual and ready help; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

SEVENTH PROPHETIC READING

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

This promise to Israel is fulfilled in the

waters of baptism, and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying the new People of God.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their doings. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood which they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; in accordance with their conduct and their deeds I judged them. But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that men said of them, 'These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.' But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel caused to be profaned among the nations to which they came.

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

"And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations will know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. For I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will

than your thoughts.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

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

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

Sing praises to the Lord,

for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Sion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Following a period of silent reflection, the people STAND

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who hast created all things by the mighty power of thy Word: and by thy Spirit dost renew the face of the earth: Grant unto them that thirst for thee the water of life, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in thy glorious kingdom; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

SIXTH PROPHETIC READING

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

To walk in God's way is to find the spring of life, of glory and of happiness.

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch.

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear, and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?

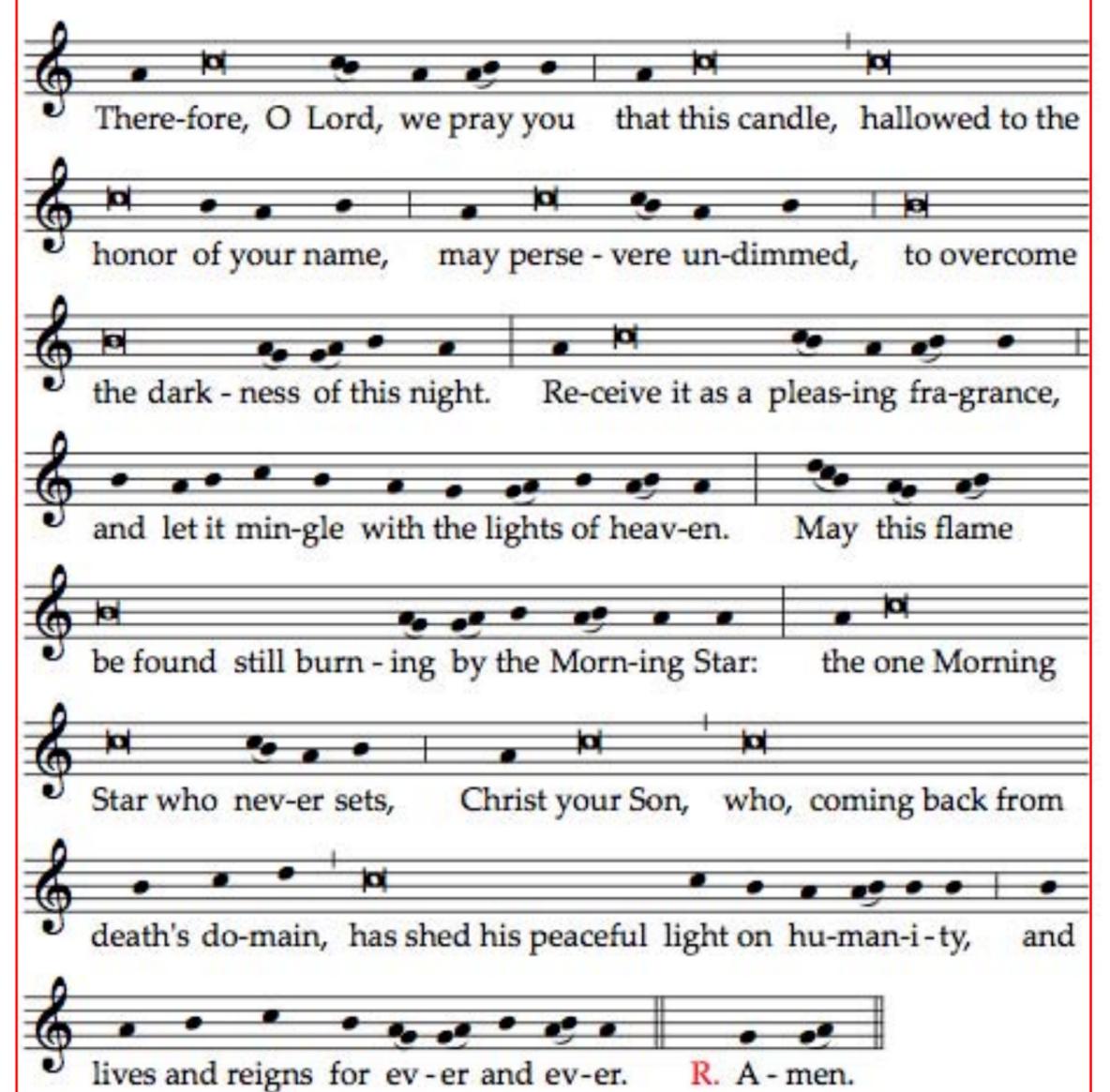
You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be dwelling in peace for ever.

Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days, and life, where there is light for the eyes, and peace.

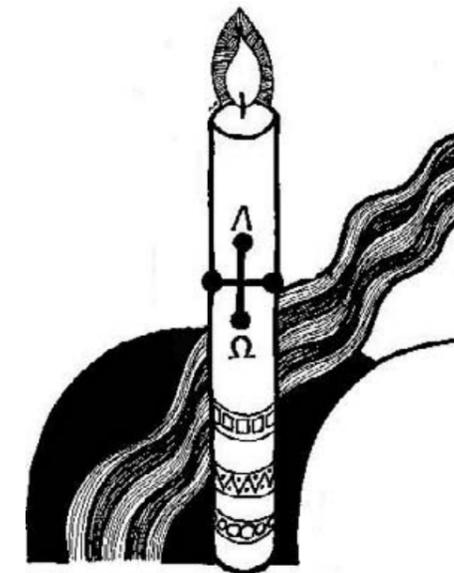
Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But he who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. He who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; he who sends forth the light, and it goes, called it, and it obeyed him in fear; the stars shone in their watches, and were glad; he called them, and they said, “Here we are!”

They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him! He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to Jacob his servant and to Israel whom he loved. Afterward she appeared upon earth and lived among men.

She is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob,



There-fore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may perse- vere un-dimmed, to overcome the dark- ness of this night. Re-ceive it as a pleas-ing fra-grance, and let it min-gle with the lights of heav-en. May this flame be found still burn- ing by the Morn-ing Star: the one Morning Star who nev-er sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's do-main, has shed his peaceful light on hu-man-i-ty, and lives and reigns for ev-er and ev-er. **R. A- men.**



After the Exsultet, the people SIT.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, we have begun our solemn vigil. Let us now listen attentively to the Word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and, in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our redeemer. Through this Easter celebration, may God bring to perfection the saving work he has begun in us.

The number of prophetic readings from the Old Testament may be reduced for pastoral reasons. However, at least two must be read; and the account of the deliverance from Egypt through the Red Sea (Exodus 14:15 - 15:1) is never to be omitted.

In each case, a reader goes to the lectern and proclaims the reading. Then a psalm may be said or sung, with the people repeating the response at the beginning and then after each verse. A short silence follows after which all stand for the prayer.

FIRST PROPHETIC READING

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 (Short or long form)

Many aspects of the created order prepare us for thinking about our redemption (the "new creation") in Christ.

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light

was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

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

And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged

and great shall be the prosperity of your sons. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

30:1, 3, 4-5, 10-12

R: I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

I will magnify thee, O Lord,
for thou hast set me up
and not made my foes to triumph over me.
Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell:
thou hast kept my life
from them that go down to the pit. **R.**

Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his;
and give thanks unto him

for a remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endureth
but the twinkling of an eye,
and in his pleasure is life;
heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning. **R.**

The floods cover them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.
Thy right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. **R.**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;
thou hast girded me with gladness.

O my God, I will give thanks unto thee
for ever. **R.**

Following a period of silent reflection,
the people STAND

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who dost pour forth thy compassion upon the people called to be thine own: who hast fulfilled in thy Church the promises made to Israel of old: grant, we beseech thee, that being made clean by the washing of water and the Word, she may be sanctified and bring glory to thy holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

FIFTH PROPHETIC READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

The Lord invites the thirsty and hungry to his banquet of life.

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts

This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R: The Lord has triumphed gloriously.

I will sing to the Lord,
 for he has triumphed gloriously;
 the horse and his rider
 he has thrown into the sea.
 The Lord is my strength and my song,
 and he has become my salvation;
 this is my God, and I will praise him,
 my father's God, and I will exalt him. **R.**

The Lord is a man of war;
 the Lord is his name.
 "Pharaoh's chariots and his host
 he cast into the sea;
 and his officers are sunk in the Red Sea. **R.**

The floods cover them;
 they went down into the depths like a stone.
 Thy right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
 thy right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. **R.**

Thou wilt bring them in,
 and plant them on thy own mountain,
 the place, O Lord,
 which thou hast made for thy abode,
 the sanctuary, Lord,
 which thy hands have established.
 The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **R.**

**Following a period of silent reflection,
 the people STAND**

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation: who didst by the mighty defence of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: grant, we beseech thee; that all the peoples of the earth, being delivered from their present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and rejoice in the inheritance

of thy true Israel; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

FOURTH PROPHETIC READING

Isaiah 54:5-14

This prophecy looks forward to the new Israel, the Church, the Bride of Christ, washed clean by his Blood.

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

For the Lord has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

"For this is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you.

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones. All your sons shall be taught by the Lord,

to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

R: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

The word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful. He loveth righteousness and judgement; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. **R.**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the hosts of them
 by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house. **R.**

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men. **R.**

Our soul hath waited for the Lord: for he is our help and our shield. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us; like as we do put our trust in thee. **R.**

**Following a period of silent reflection,
 the people STAND**

Priest: Let us pray. O God, who in a wondrous manner didst create the race of man, and still more wondrously hast redeemed the same: grant us, we beseech thee, to partake in the divine life of him who didst humble himself to partake in our humanity, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

SECOND PROPHETIC READING

Genesis 22:1-18 (Short or long form)

The Lord tells Abraham to offer his only son as a sacrifice.

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I."

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you."

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!"

And he said, "Here am I, my son."

He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Abraham said, "God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here am I."

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called the name of that place The Lord will provide; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

16:6, 9-10, 11

R: Preserve me, O God,
for in thee have I put my trust.

The Lord himself is the portion
of mine inheritance, and of my cup:
I have set God always before me,
for he is on my right hand,
therefore I shall not fall. **R.**

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory
rejoiced; my flesh also shall rest in hope.
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One
to see corruption. **R.**

Thou shalt shew me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fulness of joy.
And at thy right hand there is pleasure
for evermore. **R.**

**Following a period of silent reflection,
the people STAND**

Priest: Let us pray. O God and Father of them that put their trust in thee: for the glory of thy name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of thy children; that thy Church may rejoice to see fulfilled thy promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The people SIT

THIRD PROPHETIC READING

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The Lord delivers his people from slavery through the water of the Red Sea.

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go on dry ground through the sea. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen."

And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." Then the angel of God who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the peo-

ple of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down upon the host of the Egyptians, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its wonted flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it, and the Lord routed the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not so much as one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. And Israel saw the great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord; and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."