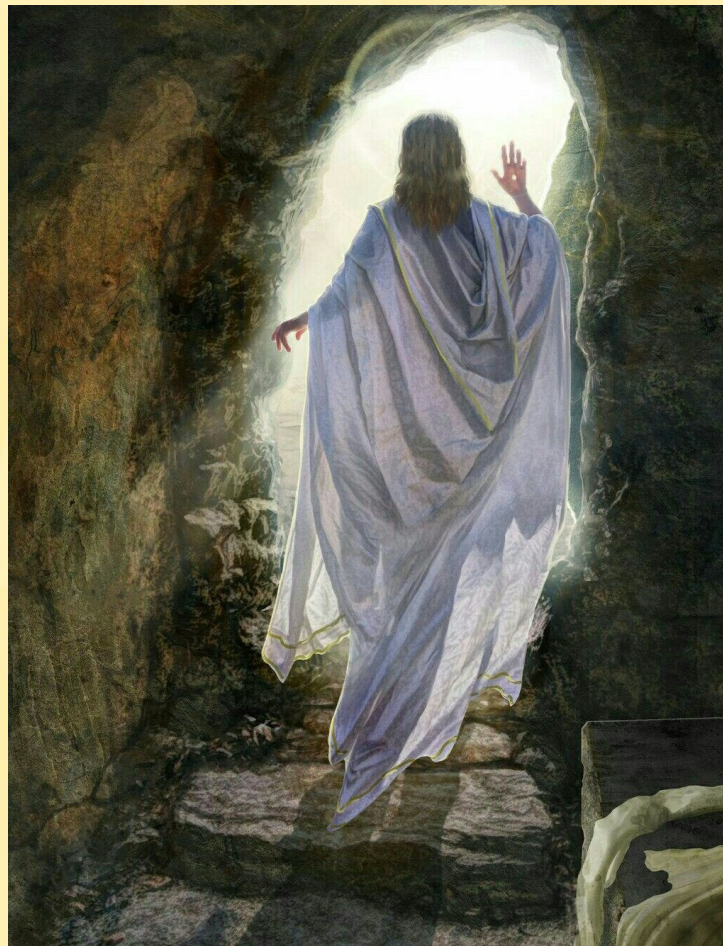


# The Sacred Paschal Triduum

## *The Great Vigil of Easter*



4 April 2026 A.D.  
9:00 p.m.

The Catholic  
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Blessed Sacrament**

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Fr. Dieudonné Ntakarutimana,  
Parochial Vicar





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# The Sacred Paschal Triduum

April 2, 3, 4, 2026 A.D.

Welcome to the Celebration of the SACRED TRIDUUM (3 days)!

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God through the Paschal Mystery: dying, He destroyed our death and rising, He restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The solemnity of Easter has the same kind of pre-eminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday and if possible, also on Holy Saturday, we are encouraged to join the Elect by observing the Easter Fast.

The Easter Vigil means to "keep watch" awaiting Christ's Resurrection. The Vigil begins after nightfall and ends before the dawn of Sunday; then the 50-day Easter Season begins.





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# The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

“Let us chant Alleluia. “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” (Saint Augustine)

This night vigil is arranged in four parts:

- I. **The Service of Light:** New fire and the Paschal candle are blessed and lighted.
- II. **The Liturgy of the Word:** Scriptural stories are proclaimed, telling us of all the wonder things God as done for us from the beginning of the world, preparing us for our redemption.
- III. **The Rite of Baptism:** The Elect are made members of our church and community, and we all renew our baptismal promises.
- IV. **The Liturgy of the Eucharist:** We are all called to the table which our Lord prepared for us by his death and resurrection.

## Part I: The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or *Lucernarium*

Lighting of the New Fire

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Procession All: *Deo Gratias*, Thanks be to God.

The Easter Proclamation.....*Exsultet*

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

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

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

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# Part II: Liturgy of the Word

## Introduction

**GENESIS READING**  
for the Great Vigil

Rory Cooney

**Acclamation**



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

**We Praise You, O Lord**

Mike Balhoff, Gary Daigle  
and Darryl Ducote

**Refrain**



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

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First Reading.....Genesis 1:1-2:2

Prayer           **All: Amen.**

Second Reading.....Exodus 14:15-15:1

Rory Cooney

**Refrain**  
*Cantor, All repeat*

*Cantor, All repeat*

Sing the song of free - dom! God has won the vic - t'ry.

*Cantor, All repeat*

Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

**Final Refrain**  
Cantor, All repeat

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

1. Horse and char - i - ot, fear and lone - li - ness, death and emp - ti - ness;  
2. Horse and char - i - ot, hate and prej - u - dice, chains and slav - er - y;

*Cantor, All repeat*

*(last time)* **D.S.**

Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.  
*(last time)*

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Prayer

All: Amen

Third Reading.....Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm.....Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Refrain

With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the springs of end - less  
 life; With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the liv - ing well of God.

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Prayer **ALL:** Amen.

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
 peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
 dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for  
 your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O

God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
 us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our  
 prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,  
 have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Opening Prayer                      ALL: Amen.

Epistle.....Romans 6:3-11

# Gospel Acclamation and Procession

*Commissioned for the Mass celebrated by His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1999*

## Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Gospel Dialogue

Priest or Deacon

**People:**

Priest or Deacon

**People:**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel.....Matthew 28:1-10

Homily

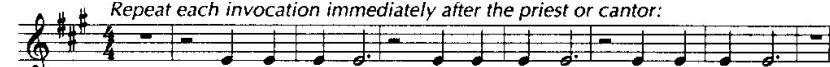
# Part III Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

## The Rite of Baptism


### Presentation of the Elect

### Litany of the Saints


*Repeat each invocation immediately after the priest or cantor:*




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



(*Saint Invocation*) 1.- 4. Pray for us, Pray for us.  
("Lord, be merciful.") 5. Save your peo - ple. Save your peo - ple.  
("Lord, give new life.") 6. Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer.



Pray for us. Pray for us. Pray for us.  
Save your peo - ple. Save your peo - ple. Save your peo - ple.  
Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer. Hear our prayer.



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1.- 4. All you ho - ly men and wo-men, pray for us.  
5.- 6. Christ, hear us; Lord Je - sus, hear our prayer.

Text: Litany of the Saints  
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### Blessing of the Water

**Presider:** . . . we ask this through Christ our Lord.


**All:** Amen.

### Acclamation

Refrain



With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the springs of end - less



life; With joy you shall draw wa - ter from the liv - ing well of God.

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# Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

(by the Elect)

**Presider:** Do you reject Satan?

**Elect:** I do.

**Presider:** And all his works?

**Elect:** I do.

**Presider:** And all his empty promises?

**Elect:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth?

**Elect:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried, rose again  
from the dead and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father?

**Elect:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
Catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and life everlasting?

**Elect:** I do.

*Each Elect is now baptized . . .*

## Acclamation after each Baptism

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## Presentation of a White Garment

## Presentation of a Lighted Candle



**Godparents/Sponsors:** Receive the Light of Christ.  
**Newly baptized:** Amen.

*Those Newly Professed will light the candles of all in the assembly.*

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises by the Assembly

Fr. Andrew asks a series of questions to which all respond.

**Presider:** Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

**All:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you reject the lure of evil so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**All:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you reject Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**All:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**All:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All:** I do.

**Presider:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**All:** I do.

# Invitation to the Font

# Sweet Refreshment

Words and music  
by Bob Moore

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor and All, with lyrics 'Come to the wa - ter. Come to the wa - ter.' The second staff is for the Cantor and All, with lyrics 'Drink of it free - ly. Drink of it free - ly.' The third staff is for the Cantor and All, with lyrics 'Taste God's own Spir - it. Taste God's own'. The fourth staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics 'Spir - it. Sweet re - fresh - ment.' The fifth staff is for the All, with lyrics 'Sweet re - fresh - ment.'

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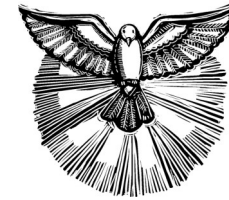
## Procession of the Neophytes

Father Andrew leads the newly baptized into the church.

## The Rite of Confirmation

### Laying on of Hands

**Presider:** . . . we ask this through  
Christ our Lord.  
**All:** Amen.



### Anointing With Chrism

**Presider:** (N....) Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.  
**Newly Confirmed:** Amen.  
**Presider:** Peace be with you.  
**Newly Confirmed:** And with your spirit.

### General Intercessions

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

## Part IV: Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts .....Easter Echo Carol  
(Celebration Choir and Brass)

## Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren....acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right and just.**

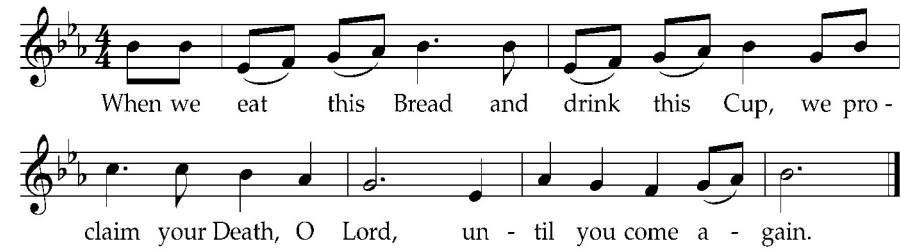
## Preface Acclamation

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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## Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## Great Amen



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## The Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

**Priest:**  
**People:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**



# Lamb of God

*Cantor* *All*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
*Cantor* *All*  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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## Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**



# Communion Hymn .....Easter Alleluia

## Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

## Verses

1. Glo - ry to God who does won - drous things, Let all the
2. See how sal - va - tion for all has been won, Up from the
3. Now in our pres - ence the Lord will ap - pear, Shine in the
4. Call us, Good Shep - herd, we lis - ten for you, Want - ing to
5. Lord, we are o - pen to all that you say, Read - y to
6. If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will pro -

peo - ple God's prais - es now sing,	All of cre - a - tion in
grave our new life has be - gun,	Life now per - fect - ed in
fac - es of all of us here,	Fill us with joy and cast
see you in all that we do,	We would the gate of sal -
lis - ten and fol - low your way,	You are the pot - ter and
tect us from fire and sword,	Fill us with love and the

splen - dor shall ring:	
Je - sus, the Son:	
out all our fear:	Al - le - lu - ia!
va - tion pass through:	
we are the clay:	
peace of his word:	

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
 Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE; 10 10 10 with alleluias, adapt. by Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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## Communion Hymn .....Roll Away the Stone

REFRAIN: Cantor, All repeat

Roll a - way the stone, see the glo - ry of  
God. Roll a - way the stone.

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## Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And with your spirit.**  
Deacon Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by  
your life.  
**People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Song for the Journey.....Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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



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



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



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

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.

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

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for a reception at  
the Family Center  
immediately following.  
All Are Welcome!**



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## ***The Regina Coeli***

### ***(Queen of Heaven)***

**V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.**

**R. For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

**V. Has risen as he said, alleluia.**

**R, Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

**V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.**

**R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.**

**Let us pray:**

**O God, who gave joy to the world  
through the resurrection of thy Son,**

**our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we beseech thee,**

**that**

**through the intercession**

**of the Virgin Mary,**

**his Mother,**

**we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.**

**Through the same Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

***V. Verse***

***R. Refrain***