

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

APRIL 3, 2021

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia

SERVICE OF LIGHT

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

PROCESSION

DEACON: *THE LIGHT OF CHRIST*

ALL: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

EXULTET

Please remain standing with candles lit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please extinguish your candle and be seated

READING

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Exodus 15

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

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him.**R.**

The LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name! Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea; the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.**R.**

The flood waters covered them, they sank into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power, your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.**R.**

You brought in the people you redeemed and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance, the place where you made your seat, O LORD, the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever. **R**

READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

The One who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. The LORD calls you back, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, a wife married in youth and then cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great tenderness I will take you back. In an outburst of wrath, for a moment I hid my face from you; but with enduring love I take pity on you, says the LORD, your redeemer. This is for me like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah should never again deluge the earth; so I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you. O afflicted one, storm-battered and unconsolated, I lay your pavements in carnelians, and your foundations in sapphires; I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of carbuncles, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from the fear of oppression, where

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Isaiah 12

“You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.”

God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the
LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD,
acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his

deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.
R.

Sing praise to the LORD for his
glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the
earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel! **R.**

READING

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

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

profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 42:3, 5, 43:3

*“Like a deer that longs for running streams,
my soul longs for you, my God.”*

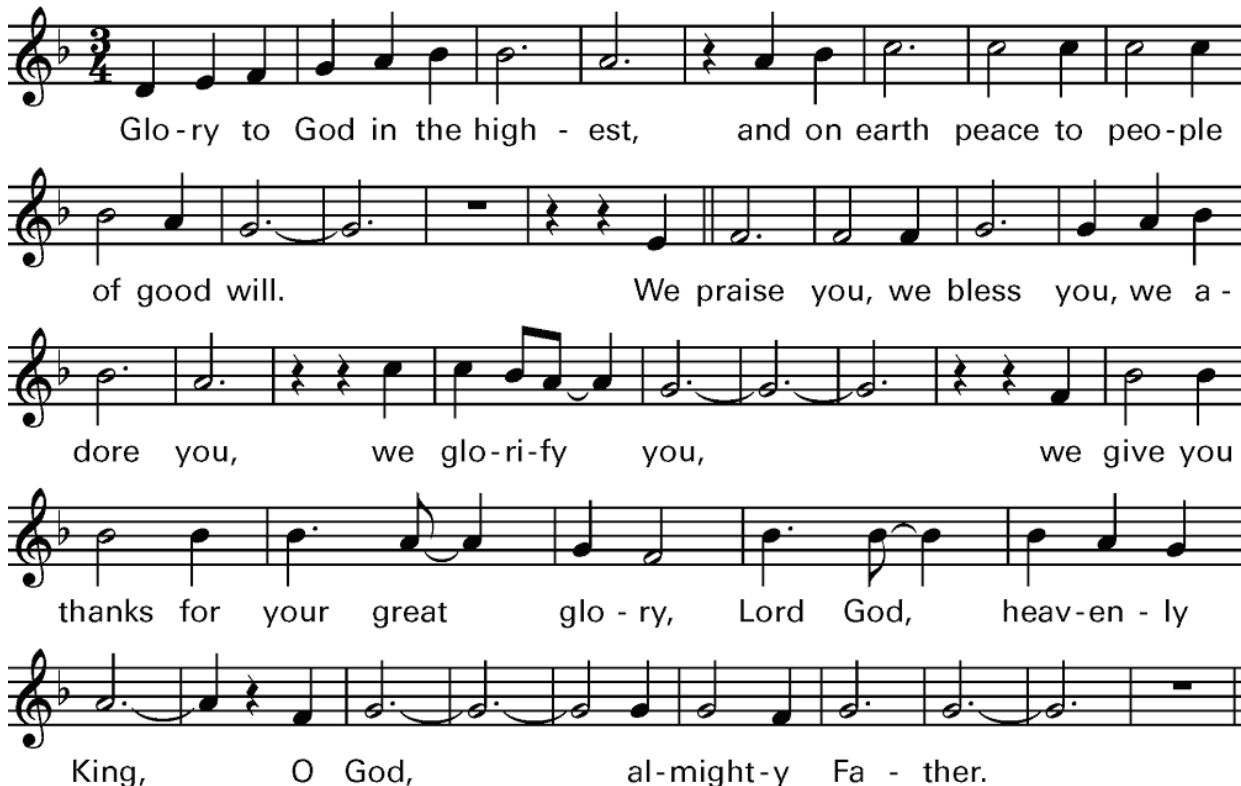
Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.
When shall I go and behold the face of God?
R.

Send forth your light and your fidelity; they
shall lead me on And bring me to your holy
mountain, to your dwelling-place. **R.**

I went with the throng and led them in
procession to the house of God, Amid loud
cries of joy and thanksgiving, with the
multitude keeping festival. **R.**

Then will I go into the altar of God, the God of
my gladness and joy; then will I give you
thanks upon the harp, O God, my God! **R.**

GLORIA



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, 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, a - men.

OPENING PRAYER

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

CANTOR: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (*repeated three times*)

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

The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die,

but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **R.**

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

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

HOMILY

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

2 Repeat each invocation immediately after the Priest or Cantor:

RITE OF BAPTISM

ACCLAMATION:

“You have put on Christ”

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

ACCLAMATION:

“Blessed be God, Who Chose you in Christ”

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

I Saw Water Flowing

Verses



1. I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the
2. From your side, O ris - en Christ, springs the
3. Cho - sen peo - ple, priest - hood sing; ho - ly
4. Through the wa - ters we're re - born; death's dark
5. On our dry - ness pour your dew; mend the



1. Tem - ple's right - hand side, and all to whom this
2. wa - ter of new life, by which our sins are
3. ones, pro - claim his deeds. Our might - y God has
4. shad - ow is no more. Christ, our Sav - ior
5. bro - ken, heal our wounds; wash the stains of



1. wa - ter came were saved and shall say:
2. washed a - way and life has been made new.
3. called us out of dark - ness in - to light.
4. and our Lord, has won the vic - to - ry.
5. guilt a - way, and streng - then us a - new.

Refrain



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



Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord!

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Veni Sancte Spiritus (*Instrumental*)

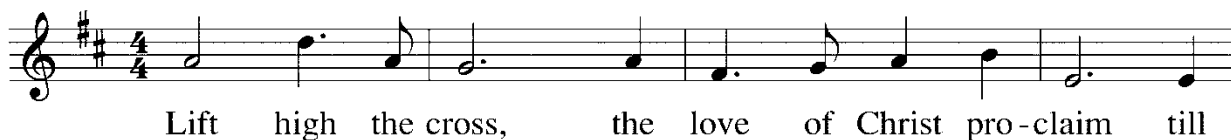
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

*At this time, we invite you to send your guardian angel
to the altar, asking him to present the prayers
that you offer for this Mass.*

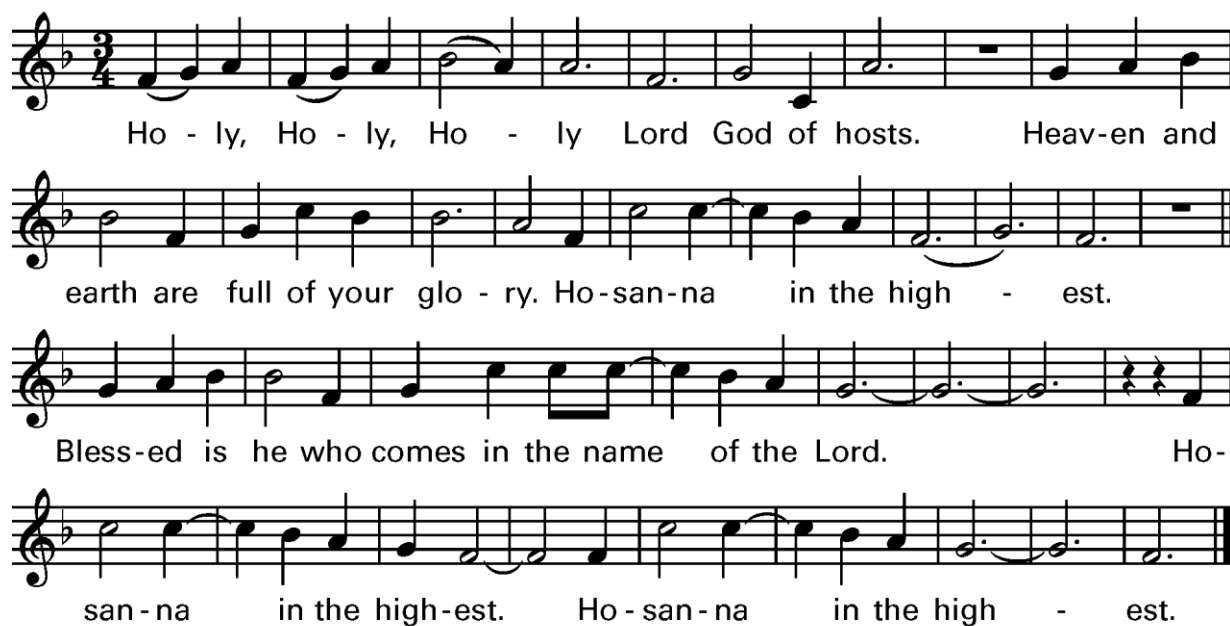
Lift High the Cross



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,



have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

What Wondrous Love



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What
2. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To
3. on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And



1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of
2. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I
3. when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

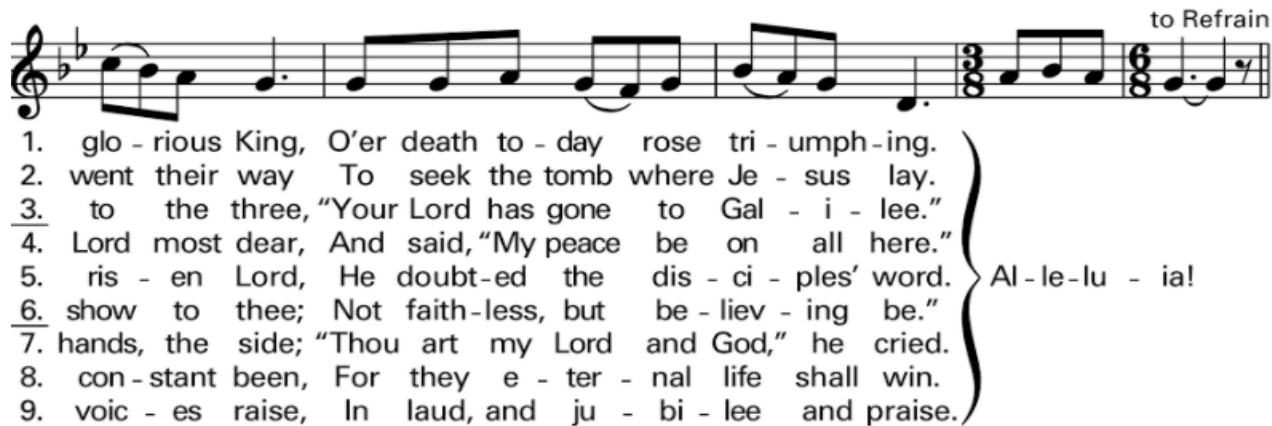
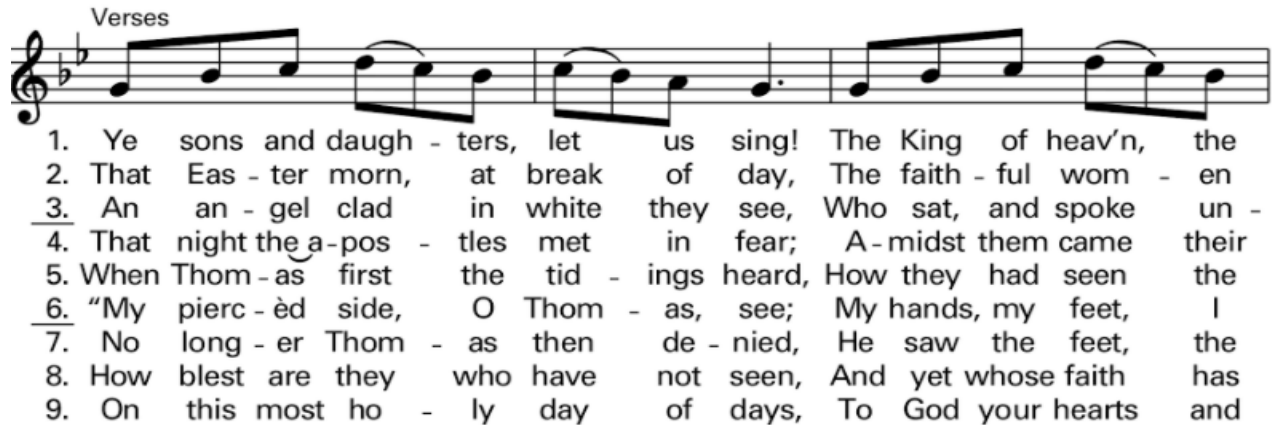


1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my
2. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
3. be, And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
2. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
3. on! And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Ye Sons and Daughters



Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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

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

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re-deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re-deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le - lu - ia!

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