

# Solemn Easter Vigil

## Procession With Easter Candle

Monsignor Kevin:       The light of Christ  
All:                        **Thanks be to God.**

## Exsultet

### First Responsorial Psalm

Response:                **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.                *Response*

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul.                        *Response*

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
You open your hand; they have their fill.    *Response*

May the glory of the Lord last forever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to God.  
I find my joy in the Lord.                        *Response*

### Second Responsorial Psalm

Response:                **Let us sing to the Lord, He has covered himself in glory.**

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider, he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my fathers' God, and I give him praise.        *Response*

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.  
The chariots of Pharoah he hurled into the sea,  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.  
The deeps hide them, they sank like a stone.        **Response**

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.  
In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe!        **Response**

You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,  
the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.        **Response**

### **Third Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:**        **Lord you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast,  
they give wisdom to the simple.        **Response**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.        **Response**

The fear of the Lord is pure,  
abiding forever.  
The judgements of the Lord are true.  
They are, all of them, just.        **Response**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than quantities of gold.  
And sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey flowing from the comb.        **Response**

## **Gloria (*Mass Shalom*)**

### ***Refrain***

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you;  
we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King.

O God, almighty Father. ***Refrain***

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. ***Refrain***

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. ***Refrain***

Amen.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Let the house of Israel say

“His mercy endures forever.”

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Litany of the Saints**

Mary and Joseph, *Pray for us.*

Michael and all angels, *Pray for us.*

John and Zechariah, *Pray for us.*

Anna and Elizabeth, *Pray for us.*

Isaac and Jacob, *Pray for us.*

Abraham and Sarah, *Pray for us.*

Miriam and Moses, *Pray for us.*

Jonathan and David, *Pray for us.*

Peter and Andrew, *Pray for us.*

James, John and Matthew, *Pray for us.*

Philip and Bartholomew, *Pray for us.*

Stephen and Mathias, *Pray for us.*

### **Refrain**

**Holy men and women,**

**Blessed of the ages,**

**Pray, O pray for us.**

Lawrence and Thomas, *Pray for us.*

Dominic and Francis, *Pray for us.*

Helen and Cecelia, *Pray for us.*

Anthony and Benedict, *Pray for us.*

Agnes and Ambrose, *Pray for us.*

Paul, John and Charles, *Pray for us.*

Judith and Joanna, *Pray for us.*

Bernard and Ignatius, *Pray for us.*

Patrick and Vincent, *Pray for us.*

Gregory and Robert, *Pray for us.*

Catherine and Theresa, *Pray for us.*

Monica and Rachel, *Pray for us.*

***Refrain***

Nathan and Aaron, ***Pray for us.***  
Timothy and Justin, ***Pray for us.***  
Martin and Rebecca, ***Pray for us.***  
Esther, Ruth and Lucy, ***Pray for us.***

Norbert and Eugene, ***Pray for us.***  
Mark, Clare and Martha, ***Pray for us.***  
Julia and Bernadette, ***Pray for us.***  
Jude and Jeremiah, ***Pray for us.***

Helen and Bridget, ***Pray for us.***  
Angela and Margaret, ***Pray for us.***  
Nicholas and Benjamin, ***Pray for us.***  
Leo and Augustine, ***Pray for us.***

***Refrain***

Richard and Louis, ***Pray for us.***  
Solomon and Samuel, ***Pray for us.***  
Dennis, George and Julian, ***Pray for us.***  
William and Isaiah, ***Pray for us.***

***Refrain***

**Blessing of the Easter Water**

**BLESSED ARE YOU**

***Refrain***

Blessed are you, chosen in Christ,  
newly created as God's work of art.

Walk now in faith, the anointed of Christ.

Bear the seal of God's kingdom that marks you for life. ***Refrain***

## **Sprinkling Rite**

### **I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me, and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my chest."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give the living water: thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto Me, your morn shall rise and all your days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun:  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

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## **Offertory Hymn**

### **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

### **Refrain**

Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us,  
Make us Your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making Your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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## **Communion Hymns**

### **HOLY DARKNESS**

#### **Refrain**

Holy darkness, blessed night,  
Heaven's answer hidden from our sight.  
As we await you, O God of silence,  
We embrace your holy night.

I have tried you in fires of affliction;  
I have taught your soul to grieve.  
In the barren soil of your loneliness,  
there I will plant my seed. **Refrain**

I have taught you the price of compassion;  
You have stood before the grave.  
Though my love can seem like a raging storm,  
this is the love that saves. **Refrain**

Were you there when I raised up the mountains?  
Can you guide the morning star?  
Does the hawk take flight when you give command?  
Why do you doubt my pow'r? **Refrain**

In your deepest hour of darkness  
I will give you wealth untold.  
When the silence stills your spirit,  
Will my riches fill your soul.     **Refrain**

As the watchman waits for morning,  
and the bride awaits her groom,  
so we wait to hear your footsteps  
as we rest beneath your moon.     **Refrain**

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### **ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you ever more'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, heav'n Thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic feast.

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## **BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands;  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there,  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I am  
the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
my soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
with Christ my Saviour and my God  
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## **Recessional Hymn**

### **JESUS CHRIST IS RIS'N TODAY**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pain that he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!  
now exalted He is King, Alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
praise Him now His might confess, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

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