Easter Vigil



"Do not be amazed!

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here."

(Cycle B)

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Blessing of New Fire and Paschal Candle

All gather outside.

V. Dear friends in Christ,
 on this most holy night,
 when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life,
 the Church invites her children throughout the world
 to come together in vigil and prayer.
 This is the Passover of the Lord:
 if we honor the memory of his death and resurrection
 by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries,
 then we may be confident
 that we shall share his victory over death
 and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Father,

we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world.

Make this new fire + holy, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The celebrant carves the Easter candle with a stylus.

Christ yesterday and today	
the beginning and the end	7
Alpha	Α
and Omega	Ω
all time belongs to him	2
and all the ages	0
to him be glory and power	2
through every age for ever.	3

R. Amen.

The celebrant places nails into the candle to symbolize the wounds of Christ.

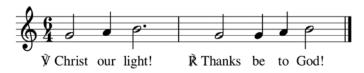
By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

R. Amen.

The celebrant lights the Easter Cande.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

In procession the celebrant intones the Acclamation three times, and the people respond:



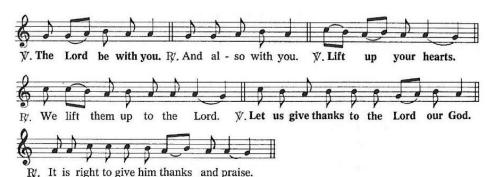
As they enter the chapel, the people light their candles from the Easter candle.

Solemn Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! My dearest friends, standing with me in this holy light, join me in asking God for mercy, that he may give his unworthy minister grace to sing his Easter praises.



It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our fathers: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness of sin!

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave. What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer? Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer! Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead!

Of this night scripture says:
"The night will be as clear as day:
it will become my light, my joy."

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy; it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and man is reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.

Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.

Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!

May the morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning:

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dear

Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 [I] (GN 1:1-2:2)

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said,

"Let there be light," and there was light.

God saw how good the light was.

God then separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said,

"Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters,

to separate one body of water from the other."

And so it happened:

God made the dome.

and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it.

God called the dome "the sky."

Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said,

"Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear."

And so it happened:

the water under the sky was gathered into its basin,

and the dry land appeared.

God called the dry land "the earth, "

and the basin of the water he called "the sea."

God saw how good it was.

Then God said,

"Let the earth bring forth vegetation:

every kind of plant that bears seed

and every kind of fruit tree on earth

that bears fruit with its seed in it."

And so it happened:

the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed

and every kind of fruit tree on earth

that bears fruit with its seed in it.

God saw how good it was.

Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said:

"Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night.

Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years,

and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky,

to shed light upon the earth."

And so it happened:

God made the two great lights,

the greater one to govern the day,

and the lesser one to govern the night;

and he made the stars.

God set them in the dome of the sky,

to shed light upon the earth,

to govern the day and the night,

and to separate the light from the darkness.

God saw how good it was.

Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said,

"Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky." And so it happened:

God created the great sea monsters

and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds.

God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying,

"Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth."

Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said.

"Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds." And so it happened:

God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth.

God saw how good it was.

Then God said:

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying:

"Be fertile and multiply;

fill the earth and subdue it.

Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth."

God also said:

"See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food."

And so it happened.

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response 1 (*PS 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22*)



Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

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

By the word of the LORD the <u>heavens</u> were made; by the breath of his mouth <u>all</u> their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as <u>in</u> a flask; in cellars he confines the deep.

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

Blessed the nation whose God <u>is</u> the LORD, the people he has chosen for his <u>own</u> inheritance. From heaven the <u>LORD</u> looks down; he sees <u>all</u> mankind.

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

Our soul waits <u>for</u> the LORD, who is our help <u>and</u> our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be u<u>pon</u> us who have put our hope in you.

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

Prayer Response 1

Pause for silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Reading 2 [III] (EX 14:15-15:1)

A reading from the Book of Exodus

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,

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response 2 (EX 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18)



I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously tri<u>um</u>phant;

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

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

The flood waters <u>covered</u> them, they sank into the depths <u>like</u> a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, magnifi<u>cent</u> in power, your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the <u>enemy</u>.

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

You brought in the people <u>you</u> redeemed and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance[†] the place where you made your <u>seat</u>, O LORD, the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands es<u>tablished</u>. The LORD shall reign forever and <u>ever</u>.

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

Prayer Response 2

V. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Father,

even today we see the wonders of the miracles you worked long ago. You once saved a single nation from slavery, and now you offer that salvation to all through baptism. May the peoples of the world become true children of Abraham and prove worthy of the heritage of Israel.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Reading 3 [V] (IS 55:1-11)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response 3 (IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6)



God indeed is my <u>sav</u>ior; I am confident and <u>un</u>afraid. My strength and my courage <u>is</u> the LORD, and he has been my savior.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name†; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout <u>all</u> the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy <u>One</u> of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Prayer Response 3

Ŋ. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Almighty, ever-living God, only hope of the world, by the preaching of the prophets you proclaimed the mysteries we are celebrating tonight. Help us to be your faithful people, for it is by your inspiration alone that we can grow in goodness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

During the Gloria, the chapel is illuminated, and the candles are lit.

Gloria





Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa-tris. A- men.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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. Amen.

Opening Prayer

V. Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord God, you have brightened this night with the radiance of the risen Christ. Quicken the spirit of sonship in your Church; renew us in mind and body to give you whole-hearted service.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Epistle (*Rom 6:3-11*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

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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.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Great Easter Alleluia



Give thanks to the LORD, for <u>he</u> is good, for his mercy endures for<u>ev</u>er.

Let the house of <u>Is</u>rael say,

"His mercy endures for<u>ev</u>er."

R. Alleluia!

The right hand of the LORD has <u>struck</u> with power; the right hand of the LORD <u>is</u> exalted. I shall not <u>die</u>, but live, and declare the works <u>of</u> the LORD.

R. Alleluia!

The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cor</u>nerstone. By the LORD has <u>this</u> been done; it is wonderful <u>in</u> our eyes.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel (*Mark 16:1-7*)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

R. Glory to you Lord.

and they were utterly amazed.

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,

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.""

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Homily

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Blessing of Water

Ñ. My brothers and sisters,
let us ask the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which we shall use to recall our baptism.
May he renew us
ande keep us faithful to the Spirit
we have all received.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord our God. this night your people keep prayerful vigil. Be with us as we recall the wonder of our creation and the greater wonder of our redemption. Bless this water: it makes the seed to grow, it refreshes us and makes us clean. You have made of it a servant of your loving kindness: through water you set your people free, and quenched their thirst in the desert. With water the prophets announced a new covenant that you would make with mankind. By water, made holy by Christ in the Jordan, you made our sinful nature new in the bath that gives rebirth. Let this water remind us of our baptism; let us share the joys of our brothers and sisters who are baptized this Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

▼. Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to new life.

Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

And so:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

Ř. I do.

V. Do you reject the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R. I do.

V. Do you reject Satan, the author and prince of sin?

Ř. I do.

 $\hat{\mathbb{V}}$. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. 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?

Ř. I do.

 \hat{V} . 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?

R. I do.

 \tilde{V} . God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins.

May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

√. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

V. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. 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 Church.

V. Lord,
accept the prayers and offerings of your people.
With your help
may this Easter mystery of our redemption
bring to perfection the saving work you have begun in us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

Preface and Sanctus (Easter I)



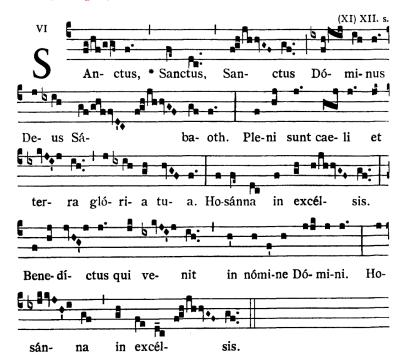
Ry. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter night, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world. By dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:



Eucharistic Prayer (I)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



V. Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father

The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

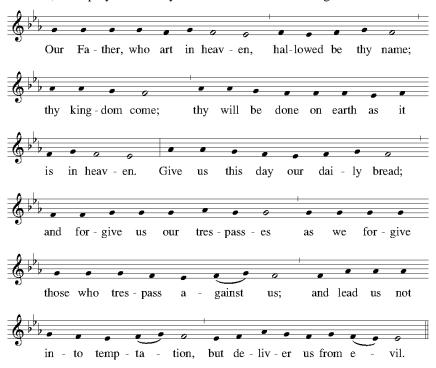
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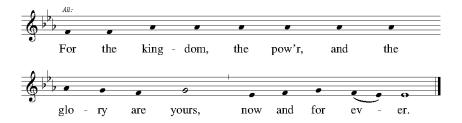
COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



V. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Exchange of Peace

V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



 \tilde{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

R. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Ye Sons and Daughters



Prayer after Communion

Lord,

you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with your Spirit

and make us one in peace and love.

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We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

R. Amen.

Through the resurrection of his Son God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

R. Amen.

You have mourned Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever.

Ř. Amen.

√. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

Psalm 150 Praise God in This Holy Dwelling

