

The Cathedral of  
St John the Baptist

SOLEMN VIGIL  
AND FIRST  
MASS OF  
EASTER

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
2000

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# THE EXSULTET

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¶ The Bishop goes to the altar.

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

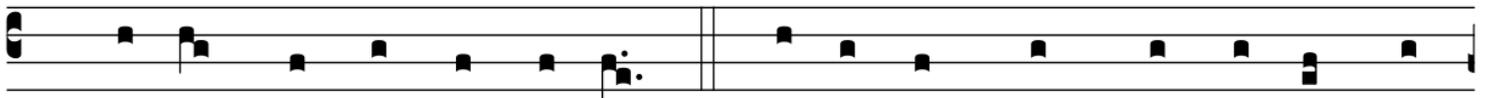
All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters,  
on this most sacred night,  
in which our Lord Jesus Christ  
passed over from death to life,  
the Church calls upon her sons and daughters,  
scattered throughout the world,  
to come together to watch and pray.  
If we keep the memorial  
of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way,  
listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,  
then we shall have the sure hope  
of sharing his triumph over death  
and living with him in God.

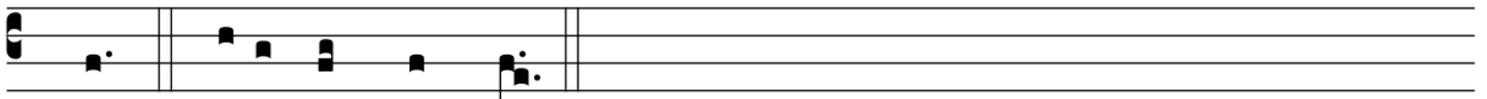
¶ The Bishop then lights the candle with the taper. It is placed in the stand next to the ambo. He then blesses incense, and incenses the candle. The Exsultet is then sung. During the Exsultet comes the following respond:



¶. The Lord be with you.   ℞. And with your Spi-rit.   ¶. Lift up your hearts.



℞. We lift them up to the Lord.   ¶. Let us give thanks to the Lord our



God.   ℞. It is right and just.

¶ The Exsultet finishes with 'Amen'.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters, now that we have begun our solemn Vigil, let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God. Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer. Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption.

## First reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

*God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good.*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103



Send forth your spi-rit, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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## Second reading

Genesis 22:1-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15



Pre - serve\_ me\_\_\_ God, I take re - fuge in you.

## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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## Third reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

*The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea*

*At the end, the Canticle follows immediately:*

## Canticle

Exodus 15



I will sing, I will sing to the Lord, glo - rious his\_ tri-umph.

## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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## Fourth reading

Isaiah 54:5-14

*With everlasting love, the Lord your redeemer has taken pity on you*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29



I will praise you Lord, I will praise you, Lord, you have re - scued me.

## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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## Fifth reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Come to me and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you*

*At the end:*

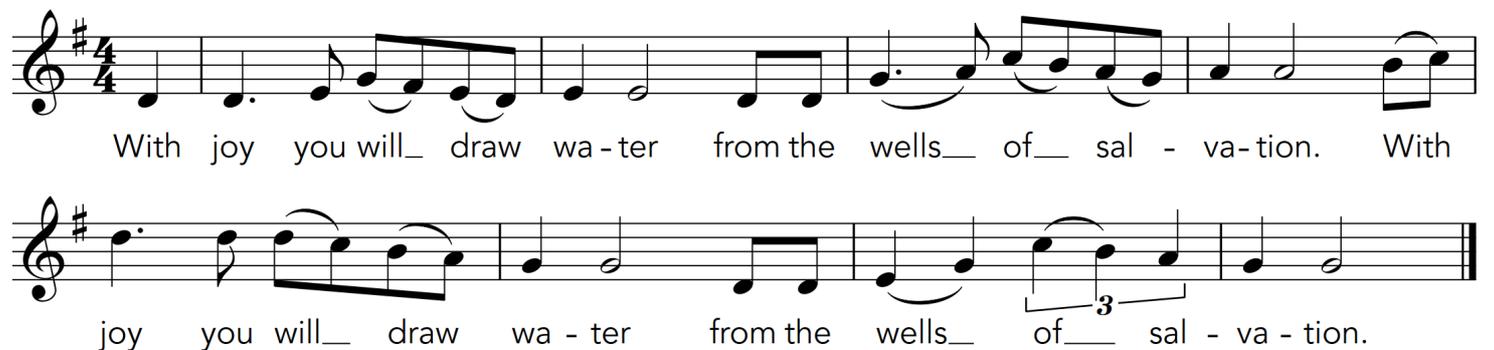
Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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## Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12



With joy you will draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion. With  
joy you will draw wa - ter from the wells of sal - va - tion.

## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## Sixth reading

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

*In the radiance of the Lord, make your way to light*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18



## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## Seventh reading

Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28

*I shall pour clean water over you and I shall give you a new heart*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 41



## Collect

*At the end:*

Bishop: ...for ever and ever.

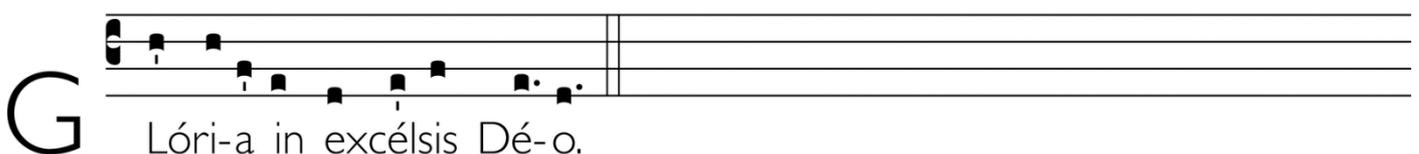
All: Amen.

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# THE GLORIA AND EPISTLE

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¶ The Bishop intones the Gloria:



¶ The bells ring out, the organ fanfare sounds, and all lights are turned on in the Cathedral, and the altar candles are now lit. The Gloria then continues:

¶. Et in terra pax homí-ni-bus bó-nae volun-tá-tis. R. Laudá-mus te.  
 ¶. Benedí-ci-mus te. R. Adorá-mus te. ¶. Glori-fi-cámus te. R. Grá-  
 ti-as ági-mus tí-bi propter má-gnam glóri-am tú-am. ¶. Dómi-ne Dé-us,  
 Rex caeléstis, Dé-us Pá-ter omní-po-tens. R. Dómi-ne Fí-li uni-géni-te  
 Jé-su Chrí-ste. ¶. Dómi-ne Dé-us, Agnus Dé-i, Fí-li-us Pá-tris. R. Qui  
 tóllis peccáta mún-di, mi-seré-re nó-bis. ¶. Qui tóllis peccáta mún-di,  
 sú-sci-pe depre-ca-ti-ónem nós-tram. R. Qui sédes ad délix-teram Pá-tris,  
 mi-serére nó-bis. ¶. Quóni-am tu só-lus sán-ctus. R. Tu só-lus Dómi-  
 nus. ¶. Tu só-lus Altíssi-mus, Jé-su Chrí-ste. R. Cum Sán-cto Spí-ri-tu,  
 in glóri-a Dé-i Pát-ris. A-men.

## Collect

Bishop: Let us pray.  
 O God, who make this most sacred night radiant  
 with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection,  
 stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption,  
 so that, renewed in body and mind,

we may render you undivided service.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

*Christ having been raised from the dead, will never die again*

*At the end:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

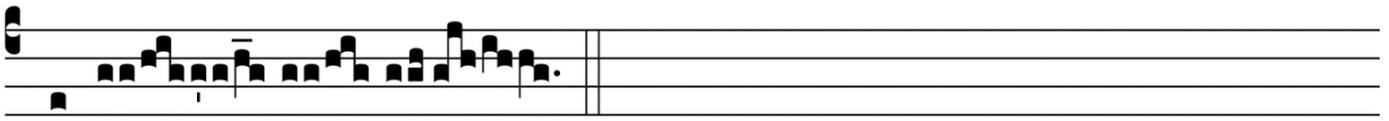
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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# THE SOLEMN ALLELUIA AND GOSPEL

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¶ The Bishop then solemnly intones the Alleluia, three times, in rising tones. Each time, all repeat the alleluia.

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L-le- lú- ia.

## Alleluia Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

¶ The Cantor sings Psalm 117. All respond at the end with the solemn Alleluia (above).

## Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

Bishop: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end:*

Bishop: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** The Bishop

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:



who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

### Prayer over the Offerings

Bishop: Accept, we ask, O Lord,  
the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings,  
that what has begun in the paschal mysteries  
may, by the working of your power,  
bring us to the healing of eternity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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### Sanctus

Missa I

**S** Anctus, \* Sánctus, Sánctus Dómi-nus Dé-us Sába- oth. Plé-ni  
sunt caé- li et térra gló- ri-a tú-a. Hosánna in ex-cél-sis. Bene-  
díctus qui vé-nit in nó- mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.

### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection,  
you have set us free.

### The Great Amen

David Hill

Cantor: Amen.

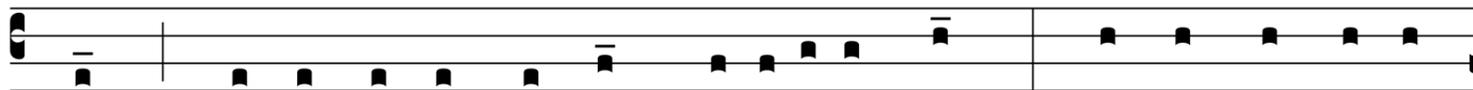
All: A - - - men.

# THE COMMUNION RITE

Bishop: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:



ur Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom



come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our



daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres-



pass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but de-liver us from evil.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, [...] our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever.

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, [...] for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

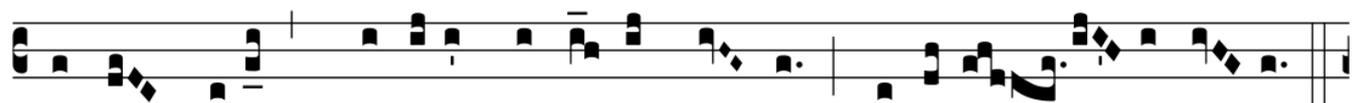
Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

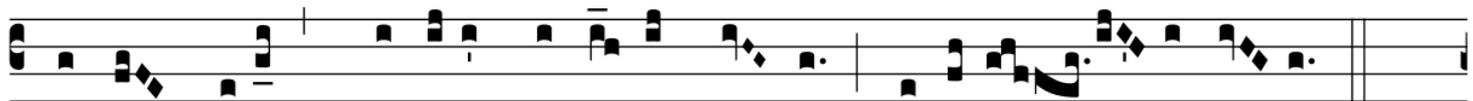
## Agnus Dei

Missa I

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-gnus Dé-i, \* qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di: mi-seré- re nó-bis.



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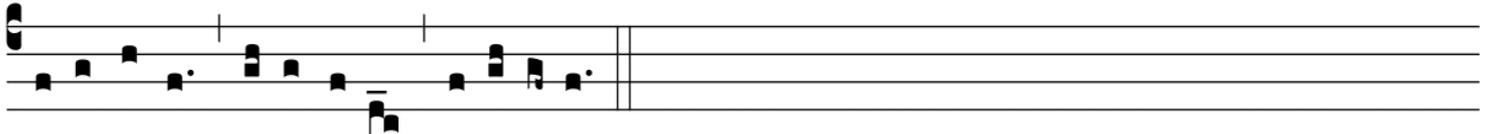
Agnus Dé-i, \* qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di: dóna nó- bis pá-cem.

Bishop: 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 Chant

Alleluia 195



Al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia, allelu-ia.

## Prayer after Communion

Bishop: Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness make those you have nourished  
by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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# THE CONCLUDING RITES

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## Blessing

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only  
Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who  
celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting  
in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Bishop: Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.



All: Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Final Hymn

1. Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee;  
Raise we the cry of victory  
With abounding joy resounding, alleluia.
2. Christ, who endured the shameful tree,  
O'er death triumphant welcome we,  
Our adoring praise outpouring, alleluia.
3. On the third morn from death rose he,  
Clothed with what light in heaven shall be,  
Our unswerving faith deserving, alleluia.
4. Hell's gloomy gates yield up their key,  
Paradise door thrown wide we see;  
Never-tiring be our choiring, alleluia.
5. Lord, by the stripes men laid on thee,  
Grant us to live from death set free,  
This our greeting still repeating, alleluia.

## Organ Voluntary

Toccata from Symphonie 5, Widor