

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## The EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT

<b>TIMING</b>	<p>Must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on the Sunday</p> <p>The Mass of the vigil even if it is to be celebrated before midnight is a paschal mass of the Sunday of the Resurrection.</p>		<p>The lights of the Church are to be switched off</p>
<b>VESTMENTS</b>	<b>White</b>		
<b>SETTING</b>	<p>The fire should be prepared at a suitable place away from the altar.</p> <p>A decorated stand to hold the paschal candle must be placed near the altar.</p>		
<b>OBJECTS TO BE KEPT READY</b>	<p>The Missal, an urn for the fire with coal, the paschal candle, stylus, 5 grains of incense, thurifer, incense for the thurifer, candles for the celebrant, deacon and con celebrants, a vessel of water to be blessed, sprinklers</p>		
<b>CELEBRATION</b>	<p><b>I.SERVICE OF LIGHT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blessing of Fire</li> <li>- Cutting of paschal candle with the stylus</li> <li>- Insertion of grains of incense into the candle</li> <li>- Lighting of the Paschal candle from the blessed fire</li> <li>- Burning coals from the fire are place in the thurible and incense is added</li> <li>- Procession with the lit paschal candle towards the altar while the other candles are unlit</li> <li>- The first time the chant is sung, the priest lights his candle from the flame of the paschal candle</li> <li>- The second time the chant is sung, all light their candles</li> <li>- After the third time of the singing of the chant, the paschal candle is place on the special candle stand prepared</li> </ul>	<p>Celebrant, with one of the ministers carries the paschal candle.</p> <p>The celebrant/deacon sings "The Light of Christ" thrice at different places towards the altar while the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God"</p>	<p>NO processional cross or candles are carried</p>

	<p>- The celebrant puts incense in the thurible, incenses the book and the candle and proclaims the Easter Proclamation <i>{Exsultet}</i></p>	<p>The Easter proclamation may be made by the Deacon or the celebrant or any other concelebrating priest</p>	<p>All lights are light throughout the church, except the altar candles</p>
	<p><b>II.LITURGY OF THE WORD</b></p> <p>-Nine readings are provided, seven from the Old Testament and two from the new {Epistle and Gospel}</p> <p>-Keeping in mind pastoral circumstances, the number of readings from the Old Testament may be reduced to three (both from the Law and the Prophets) without omitting the third reading from Exodus, their respective Responsorial Psalm should be sung</p> <p>-After the reading and the psalm, all rise and join the celebrant in the prayer after every reading, corresponding to the reading</p> <p>-After the last reading from the Old Testament followed by the Responsorial Psalm and the Prayer, the altar candles are lit and the celebrant intones the Gloria, which is sung by all, while bells are rung</p> <p>-After the Gloria, the celebrant says the Collect</p> <p>-After the Epistle is read, the celebrant intones the Alleluia three times</p> <p>-The Gospel is proclaimed</p>	<p><b>Lectors</b></p> <p>The reading from Exodus should flow directly into the responsorial psalm without the lector announcing “The Word of the Lord.”</p> <p><b>Celebrant or deacon or concelebrant</b></p>	<p><b>READINGS (OT)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Genesis 1: 1-2:2</li> <li>2.Genesis 22: 1-18</li> <li>3.Exodus 14: 15-15:1</li> <li>4.Isaiah 54: 5-14</li> <li>5.Isaiah 55: 1-11</li> <li>6.Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4</li> <li>7.Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28</li> </ol> <p>Epistle Romans 6: 3-11</p> <p><b>Gospel</b></p>
	<p><b>HOMILY</b></p>		
<p>(For those churches having Baptisms at the Easter Vigil Mass)</p>	<p><b>III.BAPTISMAL LITURGY</b></p> <p>-If there are catechumens to be baptised, they are called forward and presented by their godparents</p> <p>-The Litany is sung</p> <p>-The Baptismal water is blessed with a prayer and</p>		

	<p>the lowering of the paschal candle into the water once or three times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The rite of baptism follows with the prescribed questions asked to the adults, parents or godparents, anointing with the Oil of Catechumens, questions of the faith, triple affirmation of faith (if there are children)</li> <li>-The celebrant can ask for and receive the renewal of baptismal promises of all those present immediately after the responses of those to be baptised and parents and godparents.</li> <li>-After the interrogation the priest baptises the adult elect and the children</li> <li>-The children are anointed with Chrism</li> <li>-A white garment is given to the adults and children</li> <li>-The candles of the newly baptised are lit from the light of the paschal candle</li> <li>-The priest who has conferred Baptism should at once administer the Sacrament of Confirmation</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>BLESSING OF WATER (if there are no baptisms)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Prayer of Blessing</li> <li>-Renewal of the promise of baptismal faith with lighted candles in the hands of all in the congregation</li> <li>-The celebrant and the concelebrants sprinkle the congregation with the blessed water as the choir sings appropriate chants</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</b></p>	<p><b>Lectors</b></p>	
	<p><b>LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bread and wine may be brought forward by the newly baptised</li> <li>-Preface 1 of Easter is taken</li> <li>-Before the “Behold the Lamb of God), the priest may address the newly baptised about their receiving of Holy Communion</li> </ul>		

	<p>-It is desirable that the newly baptised receive Holy Communion under both kinds, together with the godparents, Catholic parents and spouses and lay catechists</p>		
	<p>After the dismissal, the Deacon or the celebrant himself says, "Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia," or "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia" to which all reply, "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia."</p>		