



EASTER SUNDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL

Even though this celebration may feel strange, it is important for it to be an act of prayer and worship, offered to God for the people of the Parish. Priests are encouraged to pause in reflection and prayer at appropriate moments, and not to rush through this “script”. It may be useful, now more than ever, to remember that every liturgical action, especially the Eucharist, takes us out of our own time and space, uniting us with the whole Church past, present and future, in this world and the next, and with angels and saints gathered in the heavenly liturgy.

The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on the Sunday. The Paschal Candle may be prepared beforehand according to the instruction in the Missal (p 379) and should be placed next to the ambo. It is not necessary to fill the font. Otherwise all should be set up for Mass as usual. The Mass begins in the Church.

The Liturgy of Light

Sign of the Cross (*At the Ambo*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Priest lights the paschal candle, saying:

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

And lights are lit throughout the church (if not already), except for the altar candles.

The Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

[The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
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.]

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honour of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

Three readings from the Old Testament are suggested here, though others may be chosen from the Lectionary. At least three Old Testament readings must be proclaimed, and the reading from Exodus 14 is never omitted.

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 1:26-31)

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, ‘Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.’

God created man in the image of himself,
in the image of God he created him,
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.’ And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Psalm 103(104):1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35)
(or a period of silence is observed)

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You founded the earth on its base,
to stand firm from age to age.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow in between the hills.
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;
from the branches they sing their song.

From your dwelling you water the hills;
earth drinks its fill of your gift.
You make the grass grow for the cattle
and the plants to serve man's needs.

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!

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,
may those you have redeemed understand
that there exists nothing more marvellous

than the world's creation in the beginning
except that, at the end of the ages,
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading (Exodus 14:15-15:1)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.' Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them

against the Egyptians!’ ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea,’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.’ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh’s whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Canticle (Exodus 15)

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

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 father’s God and I give him praise.

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

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.

You will lead your people 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.

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the light of the New Testament
 have unlocked the meaning
 of wonders worked in former times,
 so that the Red Sea prefigures the sacred font
 and the nation delivered from slavery
 foreshadows the Christian people,
 grant, we pray, that all nations,
 obtaining the privilege of Israel by merit of faith,
 may be reborn by partaking of your Spirit.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Third Reading (Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, “These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land.”

‘But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone.

‘And so, say to the House of Israel, “The Lord says this: I am not doing this for your sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land.

“I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm (Psalm 41(42):2-3,5,42:3-4)
(or a period of silence is observed)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for God,
 the God of my life;
 when can I enter and see
 the face of God?

These things will I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng wild with joy.

O send forth your light and your truth;
let these be my guide.
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.

And I will come to the altar of God,
the God of my joy.
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,
O God, my God.

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is
yearning for you, my God.*

Let us pray.
O God, who by the pages of both Testaments
instruct and prepare us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery,
grant that we may comprehend your mercy,
so that the gifts we receive from you this night
may confirm our hope of the gifts to come.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The altar candles are now lit.

The Gloria

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.
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.
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

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.
Amen.

New Testament Reading (Romans 6:3-11)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Solemn Alleluia

The priest sings, if possible, three times (the solemn tone is in the Missal p.403)
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluiatic Psalm (Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
 his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live
 and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
 Glory to you, O Lord.

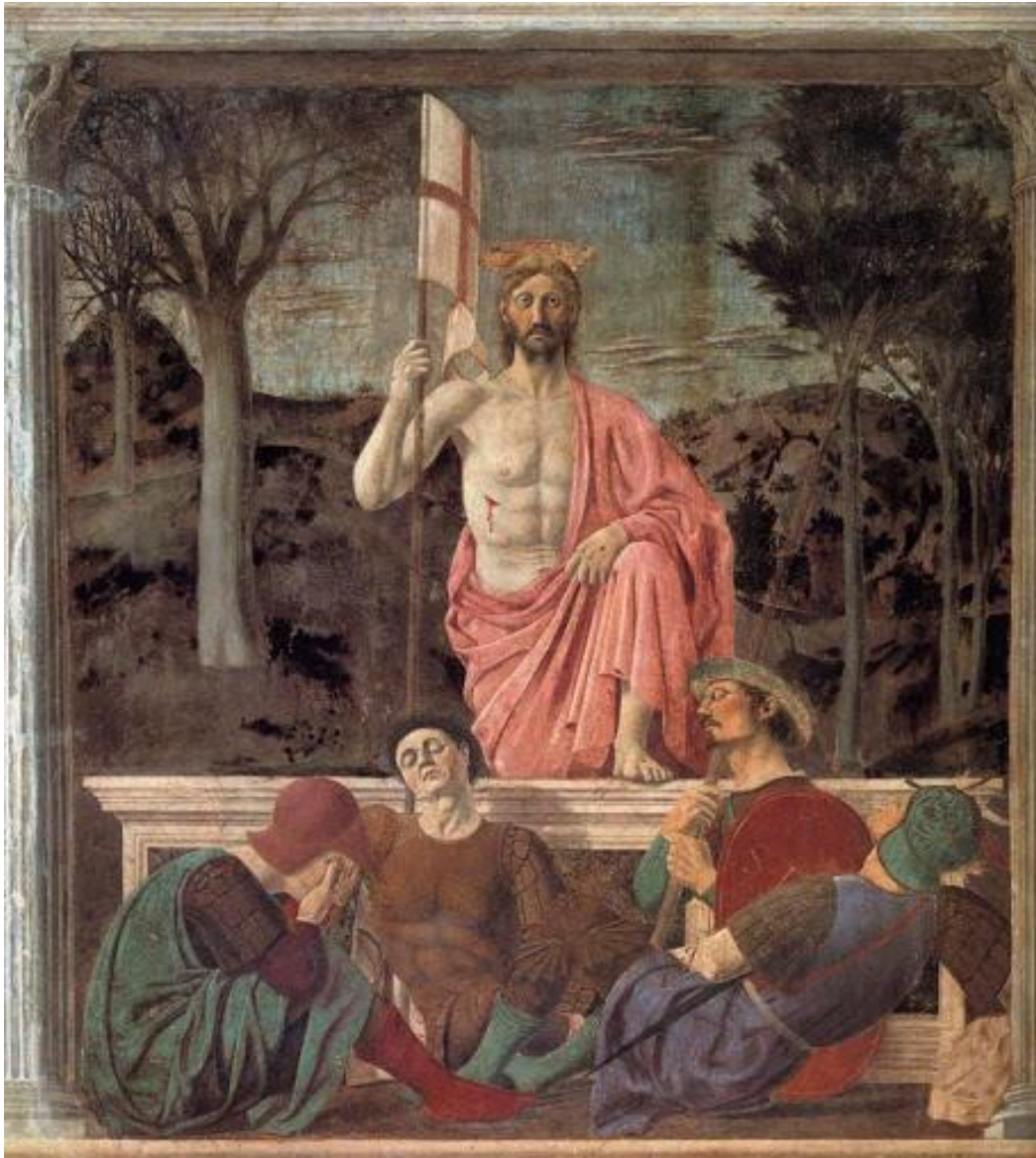
Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. ‘Greetings’ he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.’

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

For priests “livestreaming” this Mass a short homily could be given. Bishop John has suggested an emphasis on the disciples having to learn a new way of discipleship as they struggle with the shock of the Resurrection



The Liturgy of Baptism

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

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.

If celebrating privately:

I renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God.

I renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over me.

I renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I 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.

I 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.

Priests “livestreaming” this Mass should use this version:

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

I do.

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

I do.

Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

It would suitable to offer prayer, aloud or in silence, for the members of the parish community, for the poor and needy of the world, for all affected by the health crisis of this present moment, and for candidates for the sacraments (especially those whose celebrations have been delayed.)

Priests “livestreaming” may use these intercessions:

We offer our prayer to our Father with Easter joy:

We pray for the church as it heralds the gospel of life throughout the world; may the Spirit of Christ prepare every heart to receive the good news. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all the baptized; may our participation in Jesus’ paschal mystery inspire us to live more reverently. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are still far from the peace of the risen Christ; may the Spirit stir in the hearts of enemies a desire for harmony and friendship. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died in the joyful hope of eternal life; may they be found rejoicing in the reign of heaven. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the silence of this night we offer our own prayers.

Loving God, may our gathering at this table of unity fill us with longing for the feast of heaven. We ask that you receive our prayers in the name of the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The priest takes the bread and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying:

By the mystery of this water and wine
May we come to share in the divinity of Christ
Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The priest takes the chalice and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

He bows profoundly and says:

With humble spirit and contrite heart
May we be accepted by you, O Lord,
And may our sacrifice in your sight this day
Be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Standing at the side of the altar, he washes his hands, saying:

Wash me, O Lord from my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and
yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at my hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

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. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with you spirit.
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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but on this night above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world;
by dying he has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

The Priest concludes the Preface singing or saying aloud:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer I

With hands extended:

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
 we make humble prayer and petition
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
 that you accept
 and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
 these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
 which we offer you firstly
 for your holy catholic Church.
 Be pleased to grant her peace,
 to guard, unite and govern her
 throughout the whole world,
 together with your servant Francis our Pope
 and John our Bishop,
 and all those who, holding to the truth,
 hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants
 and all gathered here,
 whose faith and devotion are known to you.
 For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
 or they offer it for themselves
 and all who are dear to them:
 for the redemption of their souls,
 in hope of health and well-being,
 and paying their homage to you,
 the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred night
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
(James, John, Thomas, James, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,
Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian)
and all your Saints;
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended
by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
which we make to you
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,
granting them forgiveness of all their sins;
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Extending hands over the offerings:

Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
He takes the bread and raises it slightly above the altar
 he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
lifting his eyes to heaven
 and with eyes raised to heaven
 to you, O God, his almighty Father,
 giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
 broke the bread
 and gave it to his disciples, saying:
He bows slightly

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
 for this is my Body,
 which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
He takes the chalice and raises it slightly
 he took this precious chalice
 in his holy and venerable hands,
 and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
 and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:
He bows slightly

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
 for this is the chalice of my Blood,
 the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
 which will be poured out for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this in memory of me.

After the words of Consecration the priest says:
 The mystery of faith.
 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
 Resurrection, you have set us free.

With hands extended

Therefore, O Lord,
 as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
 the Resurrection from the dead,
 and the glorious Ascension into heaven
 of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
 we, your servants and your holy people,
 offer to your glorious majesty
 from the gifts that you have given us,
 this pure victim,
 this holy victim,
 this spotless victim,
 the holy Bread of eternal life
 and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
 with a serene and kindly countenance,
 and to accept them,
 as once you were pleased to accept
 the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
 the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
 and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
 a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

The priest bows with hands joined:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
 command that these gifts be borne
 by the hands of your holy Angel
 to your altar on high
 in the sight of your divine majesty,
 so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
 receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
He stands upright again and signs himself with the sign of the cross
 may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N. and N.**,
 who have gone before us with the sign of faith
 and rest in the sleep of peace.
 Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
 and all who sleep in Christ,
 a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, (*strikes breast*) though sinners,
 hope in your abundant mercies,
 graciously grant some share
 and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
 with John the Baptist, Stephen,
 Matthias, Barnabas,
 (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter,
 Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy,
 Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
 and all your Saints;
 admit us, we beseech you,
 into their company,
 not weighing our merits,
 but granting us your pardon,
 through Christ our Lord.

He joins his hands

Through whom
 you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
 you sanctify them, fill them with life,
 bless them, and bestow them upon us.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, says
 or sings:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 O God, almighty Father,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honour is yours,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
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 trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the host over the chalice, and places a small piece in, saying:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood
Of our Lord Jesus Christ
Bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

Invitation to Communion

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.

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

He says the following quietly and consumes the Body of Christ

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life

He says the following quietly and consumes the Blood of Christ
May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

For priests “livestreaming” it is appropriate to invite those watching to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, possibly using this formula:

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

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.

Communion Antiphon (1 Cor 5:7-8)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
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. Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.

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

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

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may we 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.
Amen.

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

Dismissal

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.