



THE LORD'S DAY IN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY – THE EASTER VIGIL
Saturday 3rd April 2021

**THIS SHEET IS SINGLE USE ONLY.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH AFTER MASS**

Please remember social distancing, remaining at least two metres away from each other person at all times. **Masks or face coverings are mandatory (for all who are not exempt)**. There will be no singing at Mass and certain other elements are omitted or abbreviated, in order to minimise the amount of time spent inside.

THE LITURGY OF LIGHT

The Paschal Candle is prepared, enthroned and lit in the sanctuary before the beginning of this Mass. The priest (and any ministers) process in silence to the sanctuary.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

A: Amen.

The priest introduces the liturgy of this sacred night with a prayer from the Missal; he then blesses the Paschal Candle:

Let us pray. O God, who through your Son bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory, sanctify ✠ this new fire, we pray, and grant that, by these paschal celebrations, we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that with minds made pure we may attain festivities of unending splendour. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Exsultet

The priest or another minister then sings or recites the Easter Proclamation, at the end of which all sit down..

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

It is recommended that three Old Testament readings are proclaimed: the following are suggestions – others may be chosen.

After each reading and its Psalm or Canticle, all stand as the priest says "Let us pray", responding at the end of the prayer "Amen."

First Reading

A Reading from the book of Genesis.
(1:1.26-31: God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.)

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

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

Second Reading (this MUST always be read)

A Reading from the book of Exodus.
(14:15 – 15:1: The sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea.)

Responsorial Psalm

Exodus 15

R. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Third Reading

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.
(55:1-11: Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.)

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

The Gloria

A: **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.**

The Collect

P: 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.

A: Amen.

All sit for the reading

First Reading

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
(6:3-11: Christ having been raised from the dead will never die again.)

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Solemn Intonation of the "Alleluia"

Three times the priest says and all reply:

P: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

(Mark 16:1-7: Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

All sit

The priest should offer a brief homily.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Blessing of Baptismal Water

The priest goes to the Font (or a vessel of water in the sanctuary)

P: Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be a memorial of our Baptism. May he graciously renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received.

And after a brief pause in silence, he proclaims the prayer of blessing, to which all reply

A: Amen.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

All stand

P: Dear brethren (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:

Do you renounce Satan?

A: I do.

P: And all his works?

A: I do.

P: And all his empty show?

A: I do.

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

A: I do.

REMEMBER—KEEP 2 METRES APART WHEREVER POSSIBLE

P: 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?

A: I do.

P: 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?

A: I do.

P: 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.

A: Amen.

All sit. The Prayer of the Faithful (Intercessions) are omitted, so you may wish to use the time while the priest prepares the gifts at the altar to think of your prayers for the Church and the world, and for your own particular intentions for this Mass.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be no procession of gifts or collection at Mass today: your donations to Church may be made online, or placed safely in the boxes.

All stand when the priest says:

P: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

A: 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 holy Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

P: 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.

A: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right and just.

The priest says the Preface, praising God and leading to the song of the hoist of heaven, in which we join:

A: 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.

All kneel

The priest says the Eucharistic Prayer, remembering the words of Jesus at the

Last Supper. Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus for us.

P: The mystery of faith.

A: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, as we pray for the Church and the World, and ask that this holy sacrifice may help us be an offering to God.

The prayer concludes:

P: 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.

A: Amen.

All stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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

A: 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.

P: 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.

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

P: 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.

A: Amen.

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

A: And with your spirit.

P: *(In these or similar words)* Though we do not exchange a sign of peace, we pause for a moment to fill our minds and hearts with thoughts of peace for our families, our neighbours, our enemies and our friends.

Breaking of the Bread

A: 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.

All kneel

Invitation to Communion

P: 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.

A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should

enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

P: *(In these or similar words)* We will not say the words we usually say when receiving communion today: instead in a moment I will hold up the host and chalice, and we will acclaim the presence of Jesus by saying "Amen" all together.

The priest holds up the Host to the Congregation and says "The Body of Christ" to which the people respond "Amen." In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "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.

Holy Communion

Communion is given silently in the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. Please wait in your place until invited to move forward for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always being aware of social distancing and remaining at least two metres away from the person in front of you. When you approach the priest or minister, do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion, return to your place in an orderly manner as directed.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All stand

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.

A: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

A: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Please leave church promptly, following any one way system, so that stewards can thoroughly clean the church after Mass. Thank you.

DIocese of  Salford

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