The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners.

—The Easter Proclamation

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BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART ~ UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
In accord with ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil (Exodus 12:42). We enter it as servants awaiting the Master’s return so that when he comes, he will find us wide awake and seat us at his table.

**THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL OR LUCERNARIUM**

**The Preparation and Lighting of the Candle**

All the meanings of light at Christmas and Epiphany are gathered here and given new force. The light of Christ has not only descended to our darkness but has descended into the far deeper darkness of death to lead us into the light of eternal life.

**The Easter Proclamation**

All creation is called to rejoice. Every Christian heart is lifted in praise to God, for Jesus Christ our King is risen.

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Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Assembly: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Assembly: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Assembly: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

At the conclusion of the Easter Proclamation:

Amen, amen, amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the heart of this vigil, God speaks to us, and we respond in song and prayer. Thus we make our own and celebrate the full meaning of this holy night.

Reading I

Genesis 1:1—2:2

God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1–2a, 5–6, 10 and 12, 13–14, 24 and 35c

Bower

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

Prayer

Reading II

Genesis 22:1–18

The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:5 and 8, 9–10, 11

Schiavone

You are my inheritance, O Lord, O Lord.

Prayer

Reading III

Exodus 14:15—15:1

The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea.
Responsorial Canticle

Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18

_Batastini_

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

Prayer

Reading IV

_Isaiah 54:5–14_

With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11 and 12a and 13b

_Bower_

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Prayer

Reading V

_Isaiah 55:1–11_

Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.

Responsorial Canticle

Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6

_Proulx_

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

Reading VI
Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4

Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Proulx

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Prayer

Reading VII
Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28

I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 42:3, 5bcd; 43:3, 4

Proulx

Like a deer that longs for running streams,

my soul longs for you, my God.

Prayer
Glory to God

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.
Collect

Epistle Romans 6:3–11

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.

Gospel Acclamation Mode VI

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel Matthew 28:1–10

He has been raised from the dead and is going before you to Galilee.

Homily

The Blessing of Water

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling Rite

Prayer of the Faithful
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings

Refrain

[Music notation]

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1. The strife is o’er, the battle done;
2. The pow’rs of death have done their worst;
3. On the third day Christ rose again,
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell;
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,

Now is the Victor’s triumph won! Songs of re-
But Christ their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of
Glorious in majesty to reign. O let us
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell. Let hymns of
Free from death’s sting your servants too, That we may

joying have begun. Al-le-lu-ia!
Holy joy outburst. Al-le-lu-ia!
Swell the joy-ful strain. Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise his tri-umph tell. Al-le-lu-ia!
Live and sing to you. Al-le-lu-ia!

D.C.

Prayer Over the Offerings
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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Priest: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Assembly: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Assembly: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Priest: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Assembly: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
Great Amen

The Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Antiphon

Prayer after Communion
THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pie - r - the, then all:

Go forth, the Mass is end - ed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Concluding Hymn

Easter Hymn

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All on earth with an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dis - e. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Postlude

Finale from Symphonie V, Op. 42/1

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