



Vigil in the
HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

THE LITURGIES OF
HOLY WEEK



**CATHEDRAL OF
SAINT PETER**

SERVING THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON SINCE 1853

All of our Lenten preparations - fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and prayer - culminate in the great liturgy of the Easter Vigil. The lighting of the Paschal Candle reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World and that we must spread that light through our words and deeds. We proclaim the Alleluia with greatest joy for the first time since the beginning of Lent and listen to the Gospel of the Resurrection.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

Exsultet

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-26-31a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Owen Alstott



Prayer

Let us pray... **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers." The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Owen Alstott



Prayer

Let us pray... Amen.

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the Book of of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Owen Alstott



Prayer

Let us pray... Amen.

Glory to God

"Heritage Mass"

Owen Alstott

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
we glo - ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
sins of the world, re - ceive our — prayer;
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray... Amen.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

ET FILII ET FILIAE



Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

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

Homily

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

The Deacon will introduce the candidate for baptism.

Invitation to Prayer

The Bishop will invite us to pray.

Procession to the Font

Litany of the Saints

"Litany of the Saints"

Chant

Cantors All
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.
Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Cantors All
Holy Mary, Mother of Gód, pray for us.
Saint Mich - ael,

Holy Angels of Gód,
Saint John the Bápist,
Saint Jóseph,
Saint Peter and Saint Pául,
All holy men and women, Saints of Gód,

Cantors All
Lord, be mer-ci - ful, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantors All
From àll é - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

From every sin,
From everlásting déath,
By your Incarnátion,
By your Death and Rèsurrection,
By the outpouring of the
Hòly Spirit,

Cantors All
Be merciful- to us sin-ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

If there are candidates to be baptized

Cantors
Bring this chosen one to new birth through the grace of Bap - tism,

All
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantors All
Be merciful- to us sin-ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

If there are candidates to be baptized

Cantors
Make this font holy by your grace for the new birth of this child,

All
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantors All
Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantors, All repeat Cantors, All repeat
Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us.

Renunciation of Sin

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Bishop Bambara addresses the faithful so that we may renew the promises of baptismal faith.

Response: I do.

Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowrey
HANSON PLACE

Verses



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will



1. trod, With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er, Flow - ing
 2. spray, We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the
 3. down; Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro -
 4. cease; Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the

Refrain



1. by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The
 2. hap - py gold - en day.
 3. vide a robe and crown.
 4. mel - o - dy of peace.



beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er, Gath - er with the



saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

The Universal Prayer

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

"I know That My Redeemer Lives"

Scott Soper

Verses

1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who
2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness
3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-

1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to
2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and
3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain

1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re -
2. death will be no more.
3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.

1. deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain. 2. 2.

Invitation to Prayer

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

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.

Preface

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.

Eucharistic Acclamations

"Mass of Christ the Savior"

Dan Schutte

Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Memorial Acclamation

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Amen.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lamb of God

"Mass of Christ the Savior"

Dan Schutte



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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

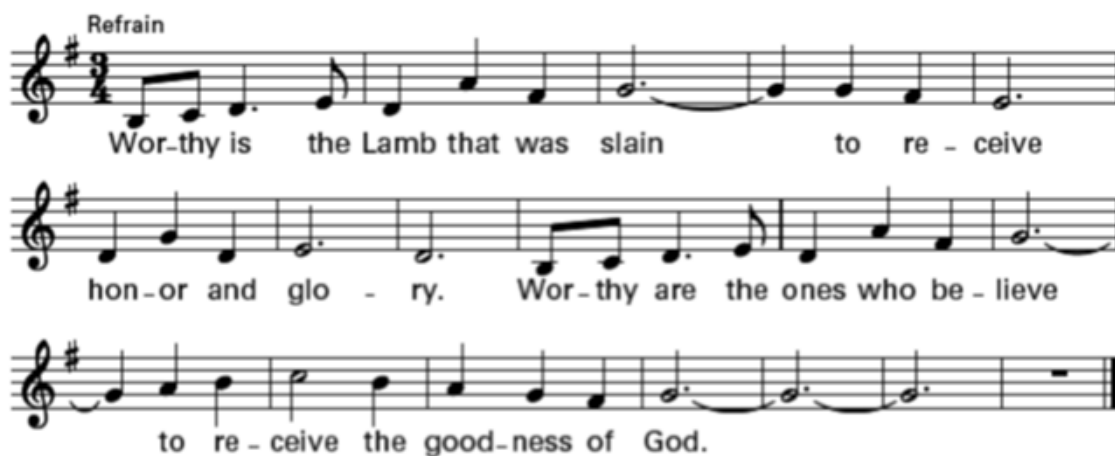
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

"Worthy Is The Lamb"

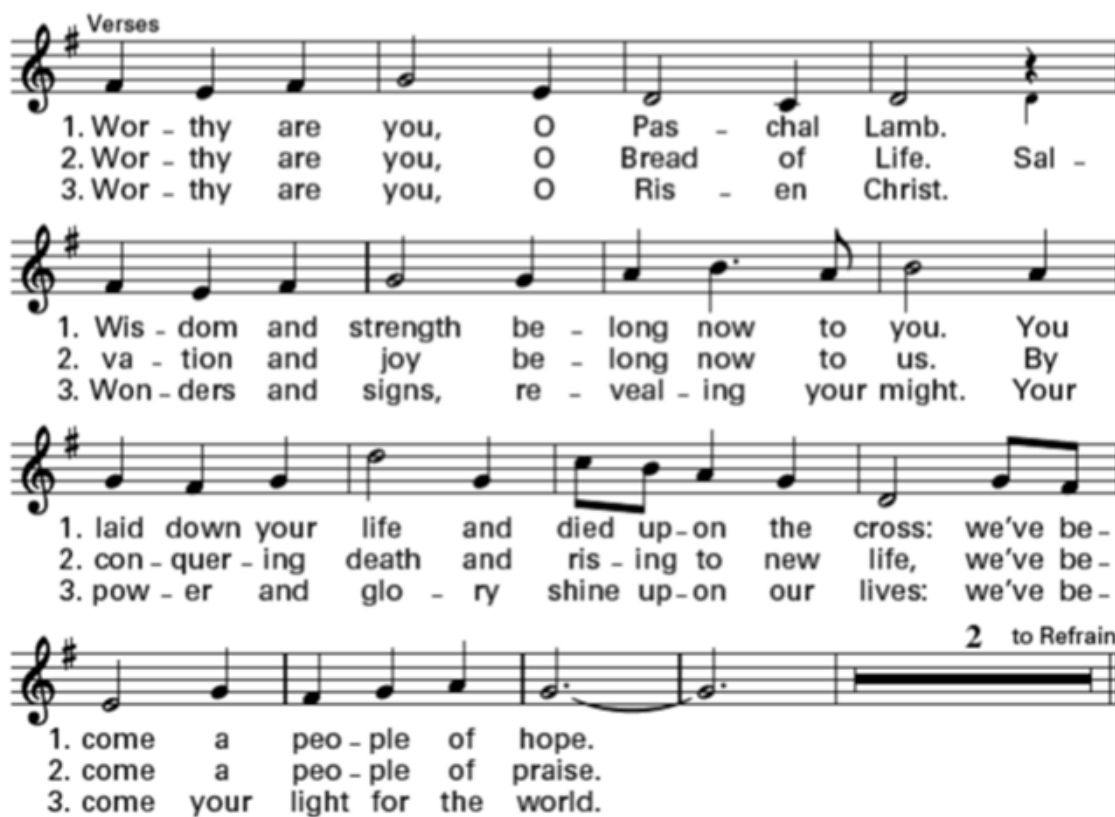
Ricky Manalo

Refrain



Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive
hon-or and glo - ry. Wor-thy are the ones who be - lieve
to re - ceive the good-ness of God.

Verses



1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb. Sal -
2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life.
3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You
2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By
3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up-on the cross: we've be -
2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -
3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up-on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.
2. come a peo - ple of praise.
3. come your light for the world.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Now and forever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **Who made heaven and earth.**

Final Blessing

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Forth

Recessional Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a four-line verse and a chorus. The verses are numbered 1 through 4. The chorus, which begins with a large brace, is 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the chorus being a variation of the verse melody. The lyrics are printed below the notes, and the chorus is printed to the right of the verses.

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n-ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re-deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re-deem and save.
3. Where the an-gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le - lu - ia!

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