

A photograph of a sunset over a vast sea of clouds. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center of the frame, casting a warm, golden light across the sky and the clouds below. The clouds are layered and textured, with some catching the light and appearing in shades of orange and yellow, while others are in deep shadow, appearing in shades of blue and purple. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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## INTRODUCTION

### PASTORAL PRACTICES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Despite the good news of effective vaccines and the efforts of medical personnel and civil leaders, the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage. At this writing, there have been one hundred million reported cases worldwide and over 2,500,000 deaths. In the United States alone, we have lost over 415,000 loved ones. Certainly, the health and safety of our parishioners and attentiveness to the common good continues to dominate our pastoral practices and our liturgical planning.

At this writing, the USCCB has received no directives from the Vatican regarding Holy Week and the Triduum. Last year, the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments provided adaptations to the rites since churches were shuttered and ministers would have been celebrating the rites without an assembly. We await any directives.

In the meantime, we offer the following general guidelines for your consideration. These are not meant to be exhaustive. They are not legislative. Your Bishop will certainly produce guidelines for your (arch)diocese. As we become aware of these, we will post sample diocesan guidelines on the FDLC website: [www.fdlc.org/covid](http://www.fdlc.org/covid).

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments issued a directive on January 12 indicating that the method for the distribution of ashes. The formula should be said once, over the entire assembly; both the minister and penitent should be masked; and the ashes should be sprinkled on top of a bowed head. This monastic tradition is not known to many in the United States, so some catechesis may be necessary.

While a time-honored tradition, the reception and wearing of ashes is not obligatory on Ash Wednesday.

#### **RCIA: RITES DURING THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

While recent surveys have indicated that the number of catechumens has decreased in most dioceses this past year, it is still vitally important to celebrate the rites with dignity and decorum. In many dioceses, the Bishop has delegated the pastor to celebrate the Rite of Election in the parish, since large gatherings are prohibited in most cities. For information about this rite, you may wish to consult the archived version of a recent FDLC webinar. It may be found at [www.fdlc.org/formation](http://www.fdlc.org/formation).

Other rites for the elect – such as the Scrutinies and the Presentations --should be celebrated with social distancing guidelines in mind. Consider how the elect and their godparents might be spaced out in your worship space. If there are a large number of the elect, consider celebrating the rites at several Masses. If these Masses are live-streamed, consider posting the worship aid online, so that families watching at home may participate more fully. (Of course, observe all copyright protocols.)

We are currently in Year B of the Lectionary cycle of readings, but Year A readings may be used. (See the *Lectionary for Mass*, nos. 744-747.)

Please see preparation sheets for these rites elsewhere in the booklet.

Rites for baptized candidates, including the Call to Continuing Conversion (RCIA 446-458) and the Penitential Rite (RCIA 459-472) are optional. The Rite of Reception into Full Communion (RCIA 473-498) may be celebrated whenever the candidate is deemed ready.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Especially during the penitential season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to receive the sacrament of Penance. We suggest that you make use of rooms at your parish which can permit social distancing and still ensure the privacy of the confessional (e.g. multiple spaces or meeting rooms). The confessor and penitent should be masked. If aids are used in the confessional, consider using disposable pamphlets which the penitents may take with them when they leave.

Included in this preparation aid, as usual, is a presider's text for a communal penance service. Given civil restrictions, it will rarely be used in its entirety. Consider offering parts of it as at-home preparation before parishioners come to the parish for individual confessions.

## **LITURGY AND CATECHESIS**

Since many of our parishioners will not be able to participate in the liturgies of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season, what can you do to enable the Domestic Church to still celebrate these mysteries? What resources have you prepared for children and adults? Are they accessible on the parish website or are they mailed to homes? How can liturgists, musicians, catechists and school teachers collaborate in this effort?

## **PALM SUNDAY**

It is not advisable to distribute palms on Palm Sunday given the possibility of spreading the virus. Even individually-packed palms can risk contamination.

Since this practice is very important to some cultures, some have considered alternative methods of distribution. Perhaps bless all the palms in baskets in the sanctuary, then distribute them *after* Mass, with gloved and masked volunteers distributing them. Please consult your local Office of Worship.

## **CHRISM MASS**

Again, civil restrictions may limit the number of people who may participate in the Chrism Mass again this year. Perhaps vicars or a representative number of priests, deacons, and faithful may be present. Consider how the sacred oils will be safely bottled and distributed.

Traditionally, the sacred oils are received at the parish on Holy Thursday at the evening mass of the Lord's Supper. The text for the reception of the Holy Oils is found elsewhere in this preparation aid.

## **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

As noted by the CDWDS last year, the liturgies of the Triduum should not be taped, but live-streamed at their liturgically-appointed times.

For full directives on the proper celebration of the Triduum, please see *Paschale Solemnitatis*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Ritual* (RCIA).

The following paragraphs do not intend to cover all rubrics and rituals for the Triduum, but simply highlights some considerations for practices during the pandemic. Please see preparation sheets provided elsewhere in this booklet.

## **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT THE EVENING MASS**

The sacred oils, blessed and consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, may be presented to the parish in a variety of ways. We recommend presenting all three of them before Mass begins with a simple procession. The vessels may be placed on a cloth-covered table in the sanctuary or directly into the ambry.

The Washing of Feet is an optional ritual. If it is performed, please plan for social distancing. Those chosen should be representative of the parish; the rubrics do allow for a number less than twelve.

The processions to the altar of repose should be spaced out widely. Similarly, the place of reservation should be appropriately spaced so as to avoid overcrowding.



## **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: GOOD FRIDAY**

Take advantage of the variety of options for the unveiling of the Cross. Choose the one that suits your worship space and the minsters' proximity to the assembly.

Only one Cross should be offered for adoration. During the pandemic, it might be wise to use the option of simply showing the Cross to the faithful – “The priest, after some of the clergy and faithful have adored, takes the Cross and, standing in the middle before the altar, invites the people in a few words to adore the Holy Cross and afterwards holds the Cross elevated higher for a brief time, for the faithful to adore in silence” (Roman Missal, Good Friday, 19)

## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

“The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses” (*Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 78. Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, quoting *The Roman Missal*).

“According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all holy vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation” (*Paschale Solemnitatis*, no. 77; quoting Exodus 12:42; St. Augustine, Sermon 219; and the *Ceremonial of Bishops*)

The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium -- “The first part consists of symbolic acts and gestures, which require that they be performed in all their fullness and nobility, so that their meaning, as explained by their introductory words of the celebrant and the liturgical prayers, may be truly understood by the faithful.

In so far as possible, a suitable place should be prepared outside the church for the blessing of the new fire, whose flames should be such that they genuinely dispel the darkness and light up the night.

The paschal candle should be prepared, which for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world. It is blessed with the signs and words prescribed in the Missal or by the Conference of Bishops” (*Paschale Solemnitatis*, 88).

Baptism – “Baptism by immersion is the fuller and more expressive sign of the sacrament and therefore, is preferred” (National Statutes 17, CIGI 22). This year, in light of the pandemic, consider the practice of infusion (pouring) rather than immersion baptism. Certainly, we will want to use the symbols of water and oil in their fullness.

Confirmation – The CDWDS has already determined that the anointing with Chrism may take place with an instrument (e.g. a Q-tip for each confirmand). The priest who baptizes [and receives into full communion] receives from the law itself the faculty to confirm and is obliged to use it (canon 885.2).

Eucharist – With both adults and children of catechetical age, all three sacraments of initiation are to be administered at a single liturgy (National Statutes 14, Canon 842.2). In light of the pandemic and temporary restrictions regarding the shared cup, the reception of Holy Communion may have to be under the form of the host alone. Consult your Office of Worship for local directives.

## **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: MASS DURING THE DAY**

Renewal of Baptismal Promises -- The assembly renews their baptism promises on Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. A sprinkling rite may follow this recitation. Consider your own worship space and the safest path for the celebrant to take.

## FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE RITE OF PENANCE

3. Christ “loved the Church and gave himself up for it to make it holy” (Ephesians 5:25-26) and he united the Church to himself as a bride (Rev. 19:7). He filled it with his divine gifts, because it is his Body and his fullness; through the Church he spreads truth and grace upon all. The members of the church, however, are exposed to temptation and often fall into the wretchedness of sin. As a result, “whereas Christ, ‘holy harmless, undefiled’ (Hebrews 7:26), knew no sins (see 2 Corinthians 5:21), but came solely to seek pardon for the sins of his people (see Hebrews 2:17), the Church, having sinners in its midst, is at the same time holy and in need of cleansing, and so is unceasingly intent on repentance and reform” (*Lumen gentium*, 8).

4. The people of God accomplish and perfect this continued repentance in many different ways. They share in the sufferings of Christ by enduring their own difficulties, carry out works of mercy and charity, and adopt ever more fully the outlook of the Gospel message. Thus the people of God become in the world a sign of conversion to God. All this the Church expresses in its life and celebrates in its liturgy when the faithful confess that they are sinners and ask pardon of God and of their brothers and sisters. This happens in penitential services, in the proclamation of the word of God, in prayer, and in the penitential parts of the Eucharistic celebration. In the sacrament of penance the faithful “obtain from God’s mercy pardon for having him and at the same time reconciliation with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, example, and prayer seeks their conversion” (*Lumen gentium*, 11).

5. Since every sin is an offense against God that disrupts our friendship with him: “the ultimate purpose of penance is that we should love God deeply and commit ourselves completely to him.” (Paul VI, *Paenitemini* 179 and *Lumen gentium* 11) “Therefore, the sinner who but the grace of a merciful God embraces penance comes back to the Father who “first loved us” (1 John 4:19) , to Christ who gave himself up for us (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:25), and to the Holy Spirit who has been poured out on us abundantly (Titus 3:6).

“The hidden and gracious mystery of God unites us all through a supernatural bond” on this basis one person’s sin harms the rest even as one person’s goodness enriches them” (see Paul VI, *Paenitemini* 4 and Pius XII, *Mystici corporis*, 213) Penance always therefore entails reconciliation with our brothers and sisters who remain harmed by our sins.

In fact, people frequently join together to commit injustice, but it is also true that they help each other in doing penance; freed from sin by the grace of Christ, they become, with all persons of goodwill, agents of justice and peace in the world.

*NOTE: As has become our custom, the FDLC provides this presider's text for a communal penance service. Given civil restrictions, it may not be possible to use this rite in your area of the country. Consider offering a reading, litany or prayer to your parishioners, to be used as preparation before they come to the parish for individual confessions. Of course, any transmission of liturgical text should bear proper copyright acknowledgment.*

# **WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**



**A PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT 2021**

**A RITE FOR RECONCILIATION OF SEVERAL PENITENTS  
WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Introductory Rites**

**Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Introduction  
Opening Prayer**

**Celebration of the Word of God**

**First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading  
Gospel Verse  
Gospel  
Homily  
Examination of Conscience**

**Rite of Reconciliation**

**General Confession of Sin  
Act of Repentance  
Lord's Prayer  
Concluding Prayer  
Individual Confession of Sin and Absolution  
Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy**

**Concluding Rite**

**Blessing  
Dismissal  
Closing Hymn**



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## PREPARATION

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- ♦ The proper minister of this rite is a priest, since it is one of the rites in the *Order of Penance*. He may be assisted by other confessors. Readers and other ministers may assist in their proper roles.
- ♦ Hospitality Ministers should be recruited to welcome the assembly as they arrive and to distribute worship aids.
- ♦ At least two readers should be appointed to proclaim the reading(s), to read the Examination of Conscience, and to lead the Litany of Repentance. They are to be seated in the assembly.
- ♦ Instrumental music may be played during individual confession. A list of music suggestions is included herein.
- ♦ A Bible or Lectionary should be readied with the appropriate readings.
- ♦ Lighting may be subdued. Candle(s) should be lit at the ambo.
- ♦ Stations for confessors should be prepared. Priests might stand or sit in isolated areas around the main body of the church to receive penitents. In this way, the communal nature of the rite is maintained. Candles may light these stations.
- ♦ For the sake of simplicity, the presider alone or the presider and preacher could participate in the procession. Other priests could be seated in the sanctuary or in a reserved area before the liturgy begins.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### OPENING HYMN

*See suggestions herein*

### GREETING

**Presider:**   **Grace and peace be with you  
from God our Father  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ  
who laid down his life for our sins.**

**All:**           **And with your spirit.**

## INTRODUCTION

*in these or similar words*

**Presider:** If the pandemic has taught us nothing else, we have learned that we are all dependent on one another. We are all responsible for protecting the health of our loved ones and all those around us – we wear masks and keep socially distant to stop the spread of the virus. We are beholden to the work of scientists and medical personnel.

We have witnessed the societal effect of sin -- in hateful speech, in reckless behavior, and violent actions. But we have also witnessed the results of great acts of kindness, selfless giving, and immense generosity. As Pope Francis has noted, we are all brothers and sisters to each other. “No one is saved alone, we can only be saved together” (*Fratelli tutti*, 32).

Each of us and all of us are connected. When we sin, we impact our own lives, the lives of others, and the mission of the Church. When we live as redeemed children of God, we become agents of God’s goodwill and ambassadors of his mercy.

God has called each of us to this sacrament of reconciliation. Once again and still, he calls us back to himself. He wants us to hear his saving words and to receive his mercy. He wants us, too, to show that same mercy to others.

## OPENING PRAYER

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
God calls us to conversion,  
let us therefore ask him  
for the grace of sincere repentance.  
*Silent prayer*  
Father of mercies  
and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.  
Come to the aid of your people,  
that they may turn from their sins  
and live for you alone.  
May we be attentive to your word,  
confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to live the truth in love  
and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

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*The following are suggested readings. Alternative readings may be selected. The preacher may wish to use one, two, or three readings. If only one is chosen, it is preferable that it be the gospel.*

*The readings are printed elsewhere in this booklet, for ease of rehearsal. A Lectionary or Bible should be used during the liturgy.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58:6-11**

*Share your bread with the hungry.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption*

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 – 6:2**

*Be reconciled to God.*

### **VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**John 3:16**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.*

### **GOSPEL**

**John 3:14-21**

*God sent his Son so that the world might be saved  
through him.*

### **HOMILY**

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## ALTERNATIVE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

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### **First Reading**

Exodus 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13

Joel 2: 12-18

Wisdom 5:1-16

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ezekiel 18:20-32

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Moses receives the Ten Commandments

The Lord has forgiven your sin; you shall not die.

Rend your hearts, not your garments

The just live forever...the thought of them is with the Most High.

Come to me that you may have life.

I will renew you with an everlasting covenant.

If the wicked man turns away from sin he shall not die.

I will sprinkle you with clean water...

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 19

Psalm 22

Psalm 27

Psalm 30

Psalm 32

Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21

Psalm 85

Psalm 103:1-2,3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

Psalm 106

Psalm 119

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Father, your will be done.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Lord, remember us for the love you bear your people.

Lord, I love your commands.

### **Second Reading**

Romans 5:6-11

Roman 6:2-14

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

2 Corinthians 5:17 - 6:2

Galatians 2:16, 19-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

Ephesians 6:10-13, 18

Hebrews 4:14-16

1 Peter 2:20b-25

1 John 1:5 - 2:2

We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son.

Think of yourselves as being dead to sin, living for God in Christ Jesus.

We aspire to please the Lord.

We are ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation

I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me

Live as children of the light

Draw your strength from the Lord

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace

You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Jesus is expiation for our sins

### **Gospel**

Matthew 9:9-13

Mark 2:1-12

Mark 12:28-34

Luke 5:27-32

Luke 15:11-32

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners

Curing the paralytic... your sins are forgiven.

Greatest of all commandments

Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners

Parable of the prodigal son

There was a poor man named Lazarus.



## **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

*Other forms of the examination of conscience may be used.*

**Presider: Sisters and brothers,  
our Father knows all our failings,  
but asks us to call them to mind  
so that we may seek out his forgiveness.**

**Minister #1: Am I attentive to God's presence in prayer and worship?**

- **Do I pray daily?**
- **Do I receive the sacraments regularly?**
- **Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?**
- **Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?**
- **What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?**
- **Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?**
- **Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?**

**Minister #2: In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?**

- **Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?**
- **Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?**
- **Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?**
- **Do I work too hard and too long? Do I neglect my family and health?**
- **Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?**

**Minister #1: Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship with others?**

- **In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?**

- **Do I treat my parents with respect?**
- **Am I ever angry with those I love?**
- **Have I been faithful in my relationships?**
- **Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?**
- **Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?**
- **Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?**
- **Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?**

**Minister #2: Do I bring the love of God to the world?**

- **Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?**
- **Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?**
- **Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?**
- **Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?**
- **Do I use the earth's resources wisely?**
- **Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don't really need?**

**Minister #1: Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?**

- **Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?**
- **Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?**
- **Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?**
- **Do I forgive others who have offended me?**



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## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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### GENERAL CONFESSION OF SINS

**Presider:** Brothers and sisters,  
let us call to mind the goodness of God our Father,  
and acknowledge our sins,  
so that we may receive his merciful forgiveness.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore, I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Presider:** Christ our Savior is our advocate with the Father;  
with humble hearts,  
let us ask him to forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every stain.

### ACT OF REPENTANCE

**Presider:** Christ our Lord was given up to death for our sins  
and rose again for our justification.  
Let us pray to him with confidence in his goodness.

**Presider:** You were sent with good news for the poor  
and healing for the contrite.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You came to call sinners, not the just.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider:** You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed  
you great love.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Presider: You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery,  
but sent her away in peace.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You are the atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Presider: You became the source of salvation for all who obey you.**

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Presider: Let us now pray to God our Father  
in the words our Savior gave us,  
and ask him for forgiveness and protection from all evil.**

**All: Our Father,...**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Presider: Deliver us, Father, from every evil  
as we unite ourselves through penance  
with the saving Passion of your Son.  
Grant us a share in the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus  
who is Lord forever and ever.**

**All: Amen.**

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## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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*The presider or other minister might tell the assembly where the confessors will be located. Some brief words regarding the manner of confessions should be given. The people may be encouraged to accept one of the penances which are found in the worship aid or the confessors may give a penance suited to the individual. The assembly may be advised to remain in church if there is to be a common ending. Quiet instrumental music might be played during this time.*

### PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION

**Confessor: God the Father of mercies,  
through the death and resurrection of his Son,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
and sent the Holy Spirit among us  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
through the ministry of the Church,  
may God give you pardon and peace,  
and I absolve you from your sins  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠  
and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Penitent: Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY

*A psalm, hymn, or litany may be prayed in acknowledgment of God's power and compassion. See the enclosed music suggestions or use one of the scripture citations below.*

**Psalm 28: 6-7**

**Psalm 32: 1-7, 10-11**

**Psalm 54**

**Psalm 66**

**Psalm 95**

**Psalm 98: 1-9**

**Psalm 100: 1-5**

**Psalm 103: 1-4, 8-18**

**Psalm 119: 1, 10-16, 18, 33, 105, 169-170, 174-175**

**Psalm 136: 1-9, 13-14, 16, 25-29**

**Psalm 145: 1-21**

**Psalm 146:2-10**

**Isaiah 61: 10-11**

**Daniel 3:52-57**

**Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat)**

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

**Revelation 15: 3-4**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Presider:** Lord God,  
creator and ruler of your kingdom of light,  
in your great love for this world,  
you gave your only Son for our salvation.  
His cross has redeemed us,  
his death has given us life,  
his resurrection has raised us to glory.  
Through him  
we ask you to be always present among your family.  
Teach us to be reverent in the presence of your glory;  
fill our hearts with faith,  
our days with good works,  
our lives with your love;  
may your truth be on our lips  
and your wisdom in all our actions,  
that we may receive the reward of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

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## CONCLUDING RITE

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### BLESSING

**Presider:** May the Father bless us  
for we are his children, born to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Son show us his saving power,  
for he died and rose for us.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May the Spirit give us his gift of holiness  
and lead us by the right path,  
for he dwells in our hearts.

**All:** Amen.

**Presider:** May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

### DISMISSAL

**Presider:** The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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## READINGS

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### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:6-11**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

**Thus says the LORD:**

**This is the fasting that I wish:**

**releasing those bound unjustly,**

**untying the thongs of the yoke;**

**Setting free the oppressed,**

**breaking every yoke;**

**Sharing your bread with the hungry,**

**sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;**

**Clothing the naked when you see them,**

**and not turning your back on you own.**

**Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,**

**and your wound shall quickly be healed;**

**Your vindication shall go before you,**

**and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

**Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,**

**you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!**

**If you remove from your midst oppression,**

**false accusation and malicious speech;**

**If you bestow your bread on the hungry**

**and satisfy the afflicted;**

**Then light shall rise for you in the darkness,**

**and the gloom shall become for you like midday;**

**Then the LORD will guide you always**

**and give you plenty even on the parched land.**

**He will renew your strength,**

**and you shall be like a watered garden,**

**like a spring whose water never fails.**

**The word of the Lord**

**R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.**

**R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

**If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.**

**R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

**I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels with for the dawn,  
let Israel wait for the LORD.**

**R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

**For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
and he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.**

**R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**



**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 – 6:2**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:**

**the old things have passed away;**

**behold, new things have come.**

**And all this is from God,**

**who has reconciled us to himself through Christ**

**and given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

**namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,**

**not counting their trespasses against them**

**and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

**So we are ambassadors for Christ,**

**as if God were appealing through us.**

**We implore you on behalf of Christ,**

**be reconciled to God.**

**For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin**

**so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.**

**Working together, then,**

**we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.**

**For he says:**

***In an acceptable time I heard you,***

***and on the day of salvation I helped you.***

**Behold, now is a very acceptable time;**

**Behold, now is the day of salvation.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**John 3:16**

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 3:14-21**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**Jesus said to Nicodemus:**

**“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.**

**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.**

**Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,  
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

**And this is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.**

**For everyone who does wicked things hates the light  
and does not come toward the light,  
so that his works might not be exposed.**

**But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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## **SAMPLE PENANCES**

*Choose one of the following penances to atone for sins and accept God's mercy.*

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### **◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ◆**

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- **Pray Psalm 32, 51, 95, 103, or 130 and reflect on its meaning in your life.**
- **Make a call to someone who is ill or alone. If possible, bring a meal.**
- **During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for all those who are the victims of war.**
- **Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food pantry.**
- **Think of one thing that you are eating or drinking that is bad for your health. Eliminate it for one month and donate that money to a soup kitchen.**
- **Identify a person whom you have offended by your unkind words and pray for them each day for a week.**
- **Reflect on one of the following Lenten readings from Year B:**

<b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b>	<b>Mark 1:12-15</b>
<b>Romans 8:31b-34</b>	<b>Mark 9:2-10</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 1:22-25</b>	<b>John 2:13-25</b>
<b>Ephesians 2:4-10</b>	<b>John 3:14-21</b>

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### **◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR YOUTH ◆**

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- **Eliminate TV for one night. Read from the Bible or your religion text.**
- **Reach out to a lonely person in class and encourage one other person to do the same. Call them just to see how they are doing.**
- **Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.**
- **For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.**
- **Donate the money you would have spent on a fast food meal to your parish outreach ministry. Send it anonymously.**
- **Make an Easter basket for a poor child. Bring it to you parish for distribution.**

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**MUSIC SUGGESTIONS FOR THE  
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2021**

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**HYMNODY**

Amazing Grace	Newton	various
Ashes	Conry	GIA
Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy	Mims	various
Eternal Lord of Love	Cain/Joncas	GIA
Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing	Jones/Dudley-Smith	GIA-HFG
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive	Herklots	WLP
From Deepest Need We Cry	Delores Dufner	GIA
God is Forgiveness	Taizé Community	GIA
God So Loved the World	Paul Tate	WLP
Grant to Us, O Lord	Lucien Deiss	WLP
Healer of Our Every Ill	Haugen	GIA
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Bonar/KINGSFOLD	various
Jesus, Lord, Have Mercy	Palmer	WLP
Lead Us to Your Light	Carol Browning	GIA
Let Us Sing to the Lord/ <i>Cantemos al Señor</i>	Alonso/Mahler	GIA, G-6129
Lift High the Cross	Sydney Nicholson	various
Lord of the Dance	Carter/Shaker melody	various
Mercy, O God	F. P. O'Brien	GIA
My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen	GIA
No Greater Love	Michael Joncas	GIA
O Christ the Great Healer	Green	GIA
O Christ, Bright Son of Justice	Freeman/ Lewis	OCP
Our Father We Have Wandered	Nichols/ Hassler	various
Out of Darkness	Kendzia	OCP
<i>Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord</i>	Joel 2:17/Ps 51	various
<i>Pequé, Pequé, Señor</i>	<i>Tradicional</i>	OCP
<i>Perdón Señor</i>	Traditional Spanish	OCP
<i>Perdón, Oh Dios Mío</i>	<i>Tradicional</i>	OCP
<i>Perdóname, Jesús</i>	Rodriguez	OCP
<i>Perdoname, Señor</i>	Cortez/Alaiza/Lopez	OCP
<i>Perdonas Nuestras Culpas</i>	Madurga	OCP
<i>Piedad de Mí</i>	Salmo 50/Santiago Fernandez	OCP
Remember Your Mercy, Lord	Inwood	GIA
Return to God	Haugen	GIA
Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling	Will Thompson	GIA
The Call is Clear and Simple	Ruth Duck/PASSION CHORALE	GIA
The Cross of Jesus	O'Brien	GIA
The Glory of These Forty Days	tr. Bell	GIA
The Master Came to Bring Good News	Finn/ Gesangbuch	GIA
The Reign of God	Delores Duffer	GIA
There is a Longing	Quigley	OCP
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber	various
This is Our Accepted Time	Gannon	WLP
This Season Calls Us	chant	OCP
To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul	Hurd	OCP
Tree of Life	Aaron Thompson	WLP
Turn My Heart, O God	Haugen	GIA
Turn to the Living God	Lori True	GIA

We Are Your People	Wren/Wilson	GIA
We Cannot Measure How You Heal	Bell	GIA
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Lowell Mason	various
Where Charity and Love Prevail	Benoit	various

### **LITANIES & CHANTS**

Two Litanies for Advent/Lent	Richard Proulx	WLP
Gather Us in Mercy, Lord	Alonso	GIA
Hold Us in Your Mercy: Penitential Litany	Cooney/Daigle	GIA
Penitential Litany	Prendergast/Sullivan	OCP

### **PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY**

All You Nations	Deiss	WLP
Blest be the Lord (Ps 91)	Schutte	OCP
Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)	Green, Daw, Joncas	various
Father, We Thank Thee Who has Planted	RENZEZ A DIEU	various
God is Here! As We His People	ABBOTT'S LEIGH	GIA
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending	Edwards/ RUSTINGTON	GIA
Great is Thy Faithfulness	Chisholm/Runyan	LMGM
His Love is Everlasting	Roberts	LMGM
I Turn to You	Joe Mattingly	(WLP, 003679)
I Turn to You, Lord	Craig and Kristen Colson	(OCP, 20267 Z2)
I Turn to You, O Lord	Jeremy Young	(GIA, G-2896)
<i>La Alegría en el Perdón</i>	Gabaráin	OCP
Sing, My Tongue, The Song of Triumph	PICARDY	GIA
Thanks be to You	Haugen	GIA
<i>The Psalter – Psalms and Canticles for Singing</i>	David C. Isele	Westminster John Knox Press
There's A Wideness in God's Mercy	Faber/ IN BABILONE	OCP
Those Who Seek Your Face	Christopher Walker	OCP, 7150

### **PSALMODY**

	<b><u>OCP</u></b>	<b><u>GIA</u></b>	<b><u>WLP</u></b>
Psalm 130	Hurd	Joncas, Corroll, Haugen	Janco
OR			
Psalm 19	Joncas	Proulx, Alonso*	Haugen
Psalm 27	DeBruyn	Proulx	Isele
Psalm 30	Inwood	Guimont, Inwood	
Psalm 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21	Willcock	Craig, Haugen	Berrell, Ward, Schaefer
Psalm 85	Cortez, Hurd	Haugen, Carroll, Dameans	French, Bogdan
Psalm 119	Booth	Batastini	

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# ORDER FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

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## **PREAMBLE BY THE USCCB SECRETARIAT OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

"The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate."

— *Roman Missal*, Chrism Mass, no. 15

The above rubric, included in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, does not specify how a "reception of the Holy Oils" would take place. The Church, therefore, permits pastors some latitude in determining the best way for it to be carried out in their parishes, should they wish to do so. A simple ceremony that is sober yet joyful, consistent with the Roman liturgy, and emphasizing the grace of the sacraments and unity with the bishop, would seem to be the most appropriate way to receive the oils in a parish.

One possible model is found in the *Order for the Reception of the Holy Oils*, which was confirmed by the Holy See for optional use in the dioceses of the United States in 1989.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the holy Chrism which are blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass be presented to and received by the local parish community.
2. The presentation of the holy Oils may take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or, if the Oils are not blessed on Holy Thursday, on another day.
3. The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the presbyterium or near the baptismal font.

## **RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS**

4. The Oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in the Entrance Procession by ministers or other persons. The vessels of oil are placed on a table which has been prepared for them in the sanctuary. The Priest may incense the Oils after he has incensed the altar.
5. After the Greeting of the Mass the Priest may briefly explain the significance of the blessing of the Oils and their use. The Oils are then placed in the repository where they are to be reserved and the Mass continues in the usual manner.
6. The following, or other words, may be used to explain the significance of the Oils:





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## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

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On the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a “Year of St. Joseph” which will be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, *Patris corde* (“a father’s heart”) was released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

The Pope wrote, “After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse....Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (*Mt 12:34*).

“My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.”

For a full text of the letter, please visit

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

Watch the FDLC website for continuous updates and resources [www.fdlc.org/Joseph](http://www.fdlc.org/Joseph)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

From the conclusion of *Patris corde*

O God, who in your inexpressible providence  
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph  
as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that we who revere him as our protector on earth,  
may be worthy of his heavenly intercessions.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Roman Missal, Votive Mass of Saint Joseph

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR ADVISORY 2021

Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Rank	Comments
Wednesday	Feb 17	Ash Wednesday	2	Lect #219 Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	Feb 21	First Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #23
Monday	Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter	7	Lect #535
Sunday	Feb 28	Second Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #26
Sunday	March 7	Third Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #29 (or Year A #28) Scrutiny I - RCIA 150-156
Sunday	March 14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect # 32 (or Year A #31) Scrutiny II – RCIA 164-170
Friday	March 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM	3	Lect #543, Preface 62; Solemnity; Gloria, Creed; Food – BB, Chapter 53
Sunday	March 21	Fifth Sunday of Lent	2	Lect #35 (or Year A #34) Scrutiny III – RCIA 171-177
Thursday	March 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	3	Lect #545; Preface 44; Solemnity; Genuflect at “by the power of the Holy Spirit...”
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>				
Sunday	March 28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	2	Procession Lect #37, Preface 19 Mass: Lect # 38
Monday	March 29	Monday of Holy Week	2	Lect #257
Tuesday	March 30	Tuesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #258
Wednesday	March 31	Wednesday of Holy Week	2	Lect #259
Thursday	April 1	Holy Thursday (Day)	2	Chrism Mass - Lect #260 Funeral Mass not permitted
<b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>				
Thursday	April 1	Thursday of the Lord’s Supper: At the Evening Mass	1	Lect #39 Funeral Mass not permitted
Friday	April 2	Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	1	Lect #40 Funeral Mass not permitted
Saturday	April 3	Holy Saturday	1	Blessing of Food -BB, Chapter 54 Funeral Mass not permitted Communion only as Viaticum
Saturday	April 3	Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	1	Lect #41; Easter Vigil may begin no sooner than nightfall; Funeral Mass not permitted
Sunday	April 4	Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day	1	Lect #42 Funeral Mass not permitted
<b>EASTER TIME**</b>				
Monday	April 5	Monday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #261, Preface #21
Tuesday	April 6	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #262
Wednesday	April 7	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #263
Thursday	April 8	Thursday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #264
Friday	April 9	Friday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #265
Saturday	April 10	Saturday in the Octave of Easter	2	Lect #266
Sunday	April 11	Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)	2	Lect #44

Sunday	April 18	Third Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #47
Sunday	April 25	Fourth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #50
Thursday	April 29	Saint Catherine of Siena	10	Lect #282
Sunday	May 2	Fifth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #53
Monday	May 3	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	7	Lect #561
Sunday	May 9	Sixth Sunday of Easter	2	Lect #56; may use second reading and gospel from Seventh Sunday of Easter
Thursday	May 13	The Ascension of the Lord (in some dioceses of the USA)	3	Lect # 58B
Monday	May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle	7	Lect #564
Sunday	May 16	The Ascension of the Lord (in many dioceses of the USA)	3	Lect #58 B
Sunday	May 16	Seventh Sunday of Easter (in those dioceses which celebrated The Ascension of the Lord on May 13)	2	Lect #60B
Sunday	May 23	Pentecost Sunday	2	Vigil: Lect #62B; may use an extended set of readings -- see <i>Lectionary for Mass Supplement #62</i> Day: Lect #63B
<b>ORDINARY TIME: SOME DAYS OF NOTE</b>				
Monday	May 24	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10	Lect # 572 A
Sunday	May 30	The Most Holy Trinity	3	Lect # 165
Monday	May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7	Lect #572
Sunday	June 6	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	3	Lect #168
Friday	June 11	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	3	Lect #171
Saturday	June 12	The Immaculate Heart of the BVM	10	Lect #573

\*\* Liturgically, Easter Time also includes the Sunday of the Resurrection—its Vigil and its Mass during the Day

IN THE SACRED TRIDUUM, THE CHURCH SOLEMNLY CELEBRATES THE GREATEST MYSTERIES OF OUR REDEMPTION, KEEPING BY MEANS OF SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS THE MEMORIAL OF HER LORD, CRUCIFIED, BURIED AND RISEN.

THE PASCHAL FAST SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT SACRED. IT IS TO BE CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE ON THE FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROLONGED ALSO THROUGH HOLY SATURDAY AS A WAY OF COMING WITH SPIRIT UPLIFTED TO THE JOYS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION.

- THE ROMAN MISSAL



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## LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR B

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### Ash Wednesday, February 17

Joel 2:12-18

Psalms 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.

Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

### First Sunday of Lent, February 21

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

### Second Sunday of Lent, February 28

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

God did not spare his own Son.

This is my beloved Son.

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 7

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

**(or First Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 28)**

The law was given through Moses.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

**(or Second Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 31)**

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

### Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, Friday, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.

The son of David will live for ever.

Abraham believed, hoping against hope.

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

**(or Third Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 34)**

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – Thursday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalms 40: 7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

The virgin shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

As it is written of me in the scrolls...I come to do your will, O God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

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## HOLY WEEK READINGS

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### **Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28**

Mark 11:1-10

OR John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Monday of Holy Week, March 29**

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30**

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

### **Thursday of Holy Week, April 1**

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

#### ***The following are readings for Chrism Mass***

The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.

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## READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

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### **Thursday of the Lord's Supper: At the Evening Mass, April 1**

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

The law regarding the Passover meal.

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Jesus loved them to the end.

## Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday], April 2

Isaiah 54:13 -- 53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1 - 19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 3

Genesis 1:1 -- 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 OR Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Exodus 14:15 -- 15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 55:1-11	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 OR Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19	I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart. Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Mark 16:1-7	Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised

## Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day, April 4

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Sequence John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24:13-35 OR Mark 16:1-7	Seek what is above, where Christ is. Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough <i>Victimae paschali laudes</i> He had to rise from the dead. Stay with us for it is almost evening ( <i>at afternoon or evening Mass</i> ) Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised ( <i>from Easter Vigil</i> )



## THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary... (RCIA 247).

### YEAR B

#### Second Sunday of Easter, April 11

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

They were of one heart and mind.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)  
Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.  
Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

#### Third Sunday of Easter, April 18

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.  
Lord, let your face shine on us. (OR Alleluia)  
Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.  
Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25

Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
  
1 John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

There is no salvation through anyone else.  
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.  
(OR Alleluia)  
We shall see God as he really is.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2

Acts 9:26-31  
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.  
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (OR Alleluia)  
This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9

Acts 10:25-26-34-35, 44-48  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
1 John 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.  
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (OR Alleluia)  
God is love.  
No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

#### The Ascension of the Lord, May 13 or 17

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
OR Ephesians 4:1-3 OR Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.  
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
(OR Alleluia)  
God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.  
To the extent of the full stature of Christ

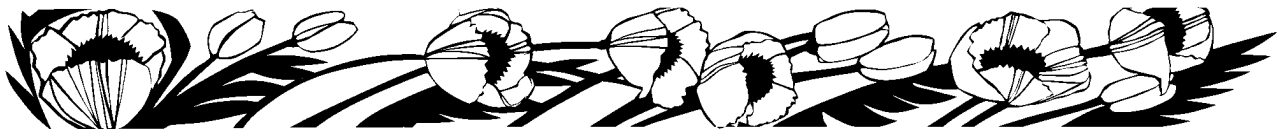
Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17

Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26  
  
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11b-19

*(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)*  
It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection.  
The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (OR Alleluia)  
Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.  
That they may be one just as we are one!





## **Pentecost (Vigil), Saturday Evening, May 22**

Genesis 11:1-9  
or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
or Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.  
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.  
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

### **[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]**

### **[optional]**

Genesis 11:1-9

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.

Psalms 33:10-15

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]  
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

Psalms 107:2-9

Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)  
[cf Lect #423, Year II]

Joel 3:1-5

I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

*\*Prayers following the readings are found in the Roman Missal. See also Lectionary for Mass Supplement, #62 (2017).*

## **Pentecost (Day), May 23**

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
OR Galatians 5:16-25

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
The fruit of the Spirit.

Sequence

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

John 20:19-23  
OR John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

As the Father sent me, so I send you; Receive the Holy Spirit.  
The Spirit of truth will guide you to all the truth.

## RITES BELONGING TO THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

“The period of purification and enlightenment, which the rite of election begins, customarily coincides with Lent. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery” (RCIA 138).

“This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the hearts and minds of the elect” and to enlighten their minds and hearts “with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior” (RCIA 139).

Among these rites are the scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. “The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright and good” (RCIA 141). In accord with ancient tradition, the readings of Year A may be used, with the traditional gospels of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus, respectively (cf. RCIA 146).

The presentations of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer take place during the week following the First and Third Scrutiny (unless they have been celebrated earlier). “Thus, with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church’s faith and prayer” (RCIA 147). Ideally, the presentations should be celebrated within Mass, with the faithful present (cf. RCIA 157, 178).

The preparation rites on Holy Saturday are most proximate to the celebration of the sacraments of initiation and, as a rule, should not be omitted. Among these rites is the recitation of the Creed. Again, according to ancient custom, the Elect recite (“give back,” *reditio*) the Creed which they had been given (“handing over,” *traditio*).

It is very important to remember that these rites are for the catechumens (Elect) only! Those who have been baptized “should not take part in rites intended for unbaptized catechumens”(USCCB, National Statutes for the Catechumenate, no. 31).

Second Sunday of Lent	Penitential Rite (candidates; optional)	RCIA 459-472
Third Sunday of Lent	First Scrutiny	RCIA 141-145, 151-56
Third Week of Lent	Presentation of the Creed	RCIA 143, 157-163
Fourth Sunday of Lent	Second Scrutiny	RCIA 164-170
Fifth Sunday of Lent	Third Scrutiny	RCIA 171-177
Fifth Week of Lent	Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer	RCIA 149, 178-184
Holy Saturday	Preparation Rites	RCIA 183-199, 203-205

**FIRST SCRUTINY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)  
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Exodus 17:3-7**

*Give us water so that we may drink.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

**Verse Before the Gospel**

**see John 4:42, 15**

*Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.*

**Gospel**

**John 4:5 – 42 [or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]**

*The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

**Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer**

*to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: From Ashes to the Living Font (Hommerding, GIA).  
Special Verses provided for the Sundays of Lent, A, B, or C*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

## PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

### An Order of Service

“The presentation of the Creed, which takes place during the week after the first scrutiny, should preferably be celebrated in the presence of the community of the faithful, within Mass after the homily” (RCIA 157). For more details, please see RCIA nos. 157-162 and *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 748.

### **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

#### INTRODUCTION

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 10: 8-13 -- The confession of faith of the Elect      OR

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8a or 1-4 -- The Gospel will save you only if you keep believing what I preached to you.

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

John 3:16

God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18 -- On this rock I will build my church      OR

John 22:44-50 -- I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not remain in the dark any more.

#### HOMILY/REFLECTION

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Creed.*

*The Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited by the priest and assembly.*

#### PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

**SECOND SCRUTINY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE MAN BORN BLIND**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

*David is anointed as king of Israel*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

*Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*

**Verse before the Gospel**

**John 8:12**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

**Gospel**

**John 9: 1-41 [or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**

*The man who was blind went off and washed himself  
and came back able to see.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

**Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place a hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer**

*to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: Christ, be our Light!*

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**Dismissal of the Elect**

**THIRD SCRUTINY  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS**



**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*I will put my spirit within you that you may live.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:8-11**

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.*

**Verse before the Gospel**

**John 11:25a, 26**

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*

**Gospel**

**John 11:1-45 [or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**Homily**

**SCRUTINY**

*The Elect and sponsors are invited to come forward.*

**Invitation to Silent Prayer**

**Invitation  
Prayer**

*The Elect kneel, sponsors place hand on their shoulders*

**Intercessions for the Elect**

**Exorcism**

**Prayer  
Laying on of Hands  
Prayer**

*to the Father  
to the Holy Spirit  
to Jesus Christ*

**Song**

*Suggestion: O Christ, Who Shared our Mortal Life*

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*Tune: KINGSFOLD by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958*

**Dismissal of the Elect**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**An Order of Service**

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**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

[SIGN OF THE CROSS]

INTRODUCTION

**THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8e-9

*I drew them with human cords, with bands of love.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 – *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

OR

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 -- *As a father is kind to his children, so kind is the Lord to those who fear him.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17, 26-27 – *You have received the Spirit that makes you God's children and in that Spirit we cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

OR

*Galatians 4:4-7 – God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, Abba, Father!"*

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Romans 8:15

*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry "Abba! Father!"*

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Elect come forward to listen to the Gospel.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9-13

*Lord, teach us to pray.*

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Prayer

[DISMISSAL OF THE ELECT]

[SIGN OF PEACE]

**PREPARATION RITES**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**A Suggested Order of Service**

Celebrated on Holy Saturday, these rites are an immediate preparation for the sacraments. Please see RCIA 185-205 regarding the selection of rites. "If the presentation of the Creed was not celebrated, the recitation of the Creed is not celebrated" (RCIA 186).

The choosing of a baptismal name is not celebrated in the dioceses of the United States. A diocesan bishop has discretion to authorize its use in particular circumstances. Please see RCIA 33.4, 73, and 200.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

SONG

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

**THE RECITATION OF THE CREED**

READING

Matthew 16:13-17 – *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

OR

John 6:35, 63-71 *To whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:7-9, 13-14

**[THE EPHPHATA RITE]**

**[READING]**

**EPHPHATA**

*see RCIA 186.2,*

*Mark 7:31-37*

HOMILY

PRAYER BEFORE THE RECITATION

RECITATION OF THE CREED

*The Elect, alone, recite the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONCLUDING RITE**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

DISMISSAL





## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### **THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

*Please see the Roman Missal for complete rubrics and texts.*

#### **First Form: The Procession**

Assembly gathers outside, at a smaller church, or other suitable place, holding branches

Priest may wear a cope (which he sets aside after the procession) or chasuble

- Antiphon
  - “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.” OR
  - “*Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.*”
  - OR other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches sprinkled with holy water
- Proclamation of the Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
- [Homily]
- Invitation
- Procession to the Church
  - Antiphon1 and Psalm 24 (23)
  - OR
  - Antiphon 2 and Psalm 47(46)
  - OR
  - Hymn to Christ the King [“Glory and honor and praise be to you, Christ King and Redeemer...”]
  - OR other suitable chant (e.g., All Glory, Laud and Honor)
- Responsory or other Chant

#### **Second Form: The Solemn Entrance**

The people are gathered inside the church

The ministers are gathered in a place other than the sanctuary, visible to most of the Assembly

- Antiphon -- Hosanna or other suitable chant
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Address
- Prayer
- Branches Sprinkled with Holy Water
- Proclamation of the Gospel
- Procession of the Ministers to the sanctuary
- Veneration of the Altar
- [Kyrie / Lord, have mercy]
- Collect (at the chair)

**Third Form: The Simple Entrance**

- Procession to the Altar
  - with Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1, 12-13; Ps 24(23):9-10
  - OR priest recites this Antiphon when he reaches the altar
- Sign of the Cross, Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Collect

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7 <i>My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) <i>My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?</i>
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.</i>
Verse before the Gospel	Philippians 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,</i>
Gospel	Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> (The Passion begins directly without the greeting and acclamation of the people, but concludes in the usual manner. It is read without candles or incense.)
Homily	or a period of silence
Creed	
Universal Prayer	

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	
Eucharistic Prayer	
Preface	The Passion of the Lord
Eucharistic Prayer	I, II, III, or IV
Holy, holy, holy	
Acclamations	
Lord's Prayer	
Sign of Peace	
Breaking of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Holy Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____
Prayer after Communion	

**CONCLUDING RITE**

Greeting	
Prayer over the People /	
Dismissal	
Closing Hymn	_____



**THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: AT THE EVENING MASS**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Entrance Procession/ Hymn  
 Greeting  
 Presentation of the Oils  
 Glory to God  
 Collect

\_\_\_\_\_  
*sung*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14  
*Laws regarding the Passover Meal*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18  
*Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
 you proclaim the death of the Lord.*

Chant before the Gospel

John 13:34  
*... Love one another as I have loved you*

Gospel

John 13: 1-15  
*Jesus washes the feet of his disciples*

Homily

Washing of the Feet  
 Antiphons or Hymn

*optional*  
 Antiphons: *Missal provides seven options*

Profession of Faith  
 General Intercessions

Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Omitted

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings

*gifts for the poor, bread and wine*

Presentation Hymn

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Preface: "The Sacrifice and Sacrament of Christ"

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer I with embolisms

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of Holy Communion

Hymn(s)

Prayer After Communion

Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Incensation

Acclamation or Hymn

Procession to Place of Reposition

[Stripping of the Altar]

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Pange Lingua* or other hymn  
 "at an appropriate time"



## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD [GOOD FRIDAY]

Entrance of the Ministers	in silence; red vestments, reverence altar ministers lie prostrate or kneel for a time
Prayer	“Let us pray” is omitted
<b><u>LITURGY OF THE WORD</u></b>	
First Reading	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 <i>(Fourth Servant Song) He was wounded for our sins</i>
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 <i>Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.</i>
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 <i>Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.</i>
Chant Before the Gospel	Phil 2:8-9 <i>Christ became obedient unto death...</i>
Gospel	John 18:1 - 19:42 <i>The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Homily	
Silent Prayer	
The Solemn Intercessions	For the Church, Pope, all orders and degrees of the faithful, catechumens, unity of Christians, the Jewish people, those who do not believe in Christ, those who do not believe in God, those in public office, those in tribulation. Introduction Kneel/Silent Prayer Prayer
<b><u>THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</u></b>	
The Showing of the Holy Cross	
First Form	The deacon carries the Cross through the church to the sanctuary; the priest unveils it gradually
Second Form	The priest or deacon goes to the door of church, receives the unveiled Cross
Invitation	Priest: “Behold the wood of the Cross on which is hung the salvation of the world.” All: “Come, let us adore.”
Procession	Antiphon or Hymn
Adoration of the Holy Cross	a single Cross; candles on right and left; options for chants or music
<b><u>HOLY COMMUNION</u></b>	
[Covering of the Altar]	
Ciborium to Altar	by priest or deacon, wearing a humeral veil, accompanied by candles
Lord’s Prayer	
Invitation to Communion	“Behold the Lamb of God...”
Distribution of Communion	Hymn(s) _____
Prayer after Communion	
Prayer over the People	
Departure	<i>All depart in silence after genuflecting to the Cross</i>



**EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:  
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

*A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. The priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the Paschal Candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.*

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

**The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle**

Sign of the Cross [new]

Greeting

Instruction

Blessing of the Fire

Preparation of the Candle

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

cross, Alpha and Omega, current year; grains of incense from the Easter Fire

**Procession**

Chant

Priest lights his candle

Lighting of Assembly's Candles

thurifer leads people with unlit candles  
"Light of Christ" "Thanks be to God"  
from the Paschal Candle  
*(those persons already baptized)*

**The Easter Proclamation/Exsultet**

Long Form or Short Form

by a deacon, priest, or other person

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*see Lectionary #41 all should be read, at least three from OT,  
Exodus 14 is never omitted*

**Introduction**

**Reading I**

Responsorial Psalm

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 OR Genesis 1:1, 26-31a

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

OR Psalm 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

*Creation*

**Prayer**

**Reading II**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Genesis 2: 1-18 OR Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11

*Abraham and Isaac*

**Reading III**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

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

*Parting of the Sea*

**Reading IV**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 54: 5-14

Psalm 30: 2, 4, 5-6,11-12,13

*Enduring love of the Lord*

**Reading V**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6

*Come to me that you may have life*

**Reading VI**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

*Walk by the light*

**Reading VII**

Responsorial Psalm

Prayer

Ezekiel 36: 16-28 *I shall sprinkle water on you and give you a clean heart*

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43: 3,4 OR Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

**Gloria**

**Collect**

**Epistle**

Romans 6: 3-11

*Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.*

Responsorial Psalm  
Gospel  
Homily

Psalm 118: 1-2, 16, 17, 22-23  
Mark 16:1-7 *Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.*

### **BAPTISMAL LITURGY**

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism

Invitation to Prayer

Litany of the Saints

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Prayer

Acclamation

Renunciation of Sin

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Clothing with a White Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

with hands extended... lowering the Paschal Candle into the water

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

see *Roman Ritual [RCIA]*

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*By the assembly; may also be done with the Elect (above)*

Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

Celebration of Reception into Full Communion

Invitation

Profession of Faith

Act of Reception

Celebration of Confirmation

Invitation

Laying on of Hands

Anointing with Chrism

Universal Prayer

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Presentation of the Offerings

*by the neophytes*

[Presentation Hymn]

\_\_\_\_\_

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Holy, holy, holy

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Preface I of Easter

Eucharistic Prayer with embolisms [cf. Roman Missal and Roman Ritual]

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_

"Behold the Lamb of God..."

Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

Silence or Hymn of Thanksgiving

Prayer After Communion

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\_\_\_\_\_

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]

Greeting

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal

see RM #68

see RM #69; Alleluia, alleluia

*Note: The "double alleluia" is sung at the dismissal on Easter Sunday (the Vigil and Mass of Easter Day), during the Octave of Easter, and on Pentecost (Vigil and Day). It is not used on the other days of the Easter season*



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM: EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: THE MASS OF EASTER DAY**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeting \_\_\_\_\_  
[Sprinkling Rite] \_\_\_\_\_  
Glory to God \_\_\_\_\_  
Collect Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading Acts 10: 34a, 37-43  
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)  
Setting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
Sequence *Victimae Paschali Laudes*  
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Setting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gospel John 20:1-9 OR Mark 16:1-7  
OR Luke 24:13-35 (at an afternoon or evening Mass)  
Homily  
Renewal of Baptismal Promises see Easter Vigil #55  
Sprinkling with Blessed Water Song \_\_\_\_\_  
Creed Omitted  
Prayers of the Faithful/Universal Prayer

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Preparation of the Altar \_\_\_\_\_  
Presentation Hymn \_\_\_\_\_  
Prayer over the Offerings \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Prayer I II III IV  
Preface Preface I of Easter: "The Paschal Mystery"  
Eucharistic Prayer proper forms of *Communicantes* and *hanc igitur* if EP I is used  
Holy, holy, holy  
Acclamations

Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Breaking of the Bread Lamb of God: \_\_\_\_\_  
Invitation to Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_  
Communion Hymn(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer After Communion \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUDING RITE**

[Announcements]  
Greeting  
Solemn Blessing see Easter Vigil #68  
Dismissal Alleluia, alleluia  
Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_



**THE SACRED TRIDUUM  
EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EVENING PRAYER**

*The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the ambo.*

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

Introductory Verse

Presider: God, ✠ come to my assistance.  
All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
All: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

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**PSALMODY**

Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.  
Psalm Psalm 110:1-5, 7  
Antiphon I Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the Lord's tomb, alleluia.

Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.  
Psalm Psalm 114  
Antiphon II Come and see the place where the Lord was buried, alleluia.

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

NT Canticle Revelation 19:1-17

Antiphon III Jesus said: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to set out for Galilee;  
there they will see me, alleluia.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Reading Hebrews 10:12-14

Silence

Antiphon This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**

Antiphon On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said:  
Peace be with you, alleluia.

Canticle of Mary Luke 1: 46-55

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together behind locked doors; suddenly, Jesus stood among them and said:  
Peace be with you, alleluia.



## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

### Invitation

Presider: With joy in our hearts, let us call upon Christ the Lord,  
who died and rose again, and lives always to intercede for us:  
All: Victorious King, hear our prayer.

### Intercessions

Presider: Light and salvation for all peoples,  
All: send into our hearts the fire of your Spirit  
as we proclaim your resurrection.

Presider: Let Israel recognize in you her longed-for Messiah,  
All: and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of your glory.

Presider: Keep us in the communion of your saints,  
All: and grant us rest from our labors in their company.

Presider: You have triumphed over death, your enemy;  
destroy in us the power of death,  
All: that we may live only for you, victorious and immortal Lord.

Presider: Savior Christ, you were obedient even to accepting death,  
and were raised up to the right hand of the Father,  
All: in your goodness, welcome your brothers and sisters  
into the kingdom of your glory.

### Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.  
All: Our Father,...

### Collect

*(first option)*

Presider: God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son  
you conquered the power of death  
and opened for us the way to eternal life.  
Let our celebration today raise us up  
and renew our lives  
by the Spirit that is within us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
All: Amen.

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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