



Saint Thomas More
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

MARCH 30, 2024



THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL (LUCERNARIUM)

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

Procession

The following is sung three times throughout the procession:



The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

All move to their places.

Exultet

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

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

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

Therefore, dearest friends,
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,
that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
V. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

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

O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night
of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

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

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

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

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

R. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Instruction

First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:2
God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104

Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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Prayer

Second Reading Genesis 22:1-18
The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16

You are my in - her - i - tance, O Lord.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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Prayer

Third Reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

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

Responsorial Psalm

Exodus 15

Refrain

Let us sing to the Lord; Let us sing to the Lord; he has
cov-ered him-self in glo-ry; he has cov-ered him-self in glo-ry!

Text: Exodus 15, *New American Bible*, © 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc.
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Prayer

Fourth Reading

Isaiah 54:5-14

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 30

I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me. I will
praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

Text: Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11 and 12a and 13b, *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by
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Prayer

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

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

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

Cantor: You will draw wa - ter joy-ful-ly. *All:* You will draw wa - ter
joy - ful - ly from the springs of sal - va - tion, from the
springs of sal - va - tion.

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, adapt. and tr. by Tony E. Alonso, © 2003, GIA Publications, Inc.; English refrain trans., © 1969, ICEL
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Prayer

Sixth Reading

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

Walk toward the splendor of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 19

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

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Prayer

Seventh Reading

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

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

Responsorial Psalm

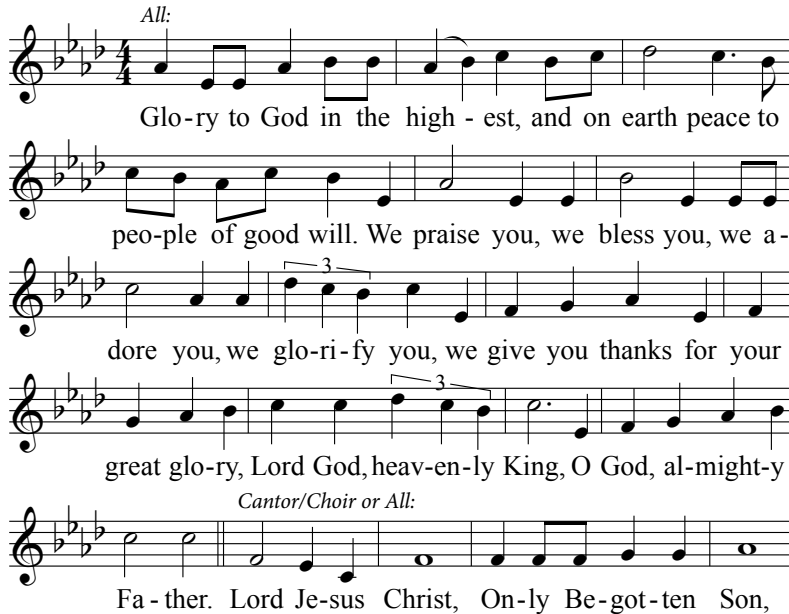
Psalm 42, 43



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Prayer

Glory to God



The music is continued on the following page.

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
 take a - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have
 mer - cy on us. *All:* 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, a - men, a - men.

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Collect

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more.

Alleluia

The cantor intones the Alleluia three times with all responding.

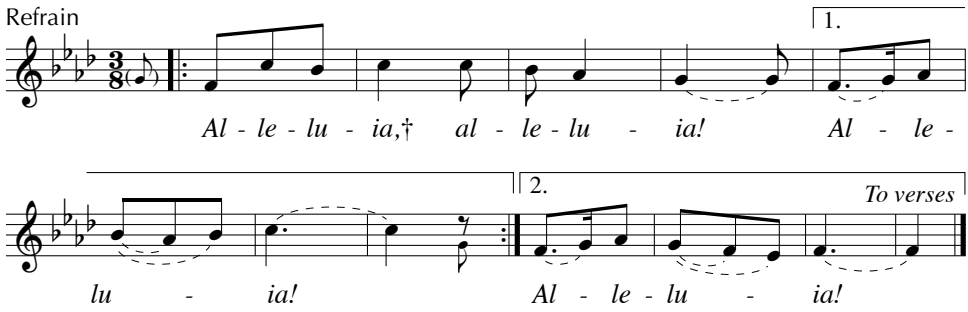
Chant Mode VIII



Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 118

Refrain



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

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

To verses

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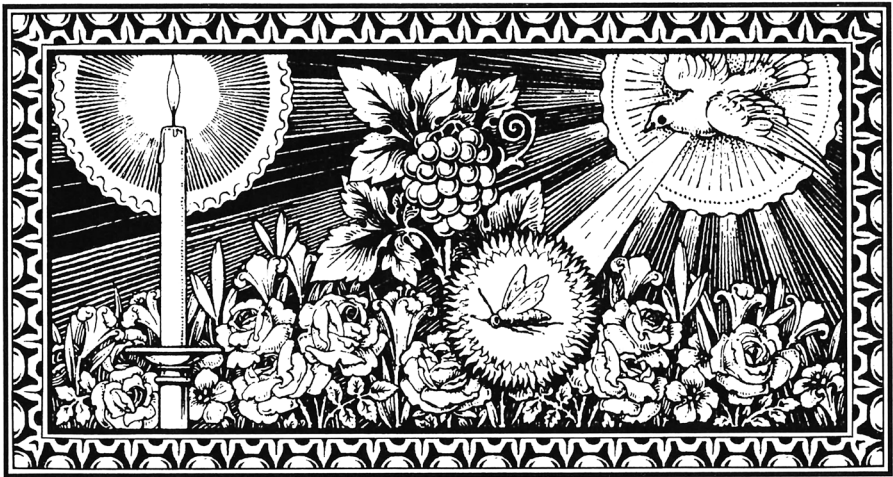
Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.

Homily



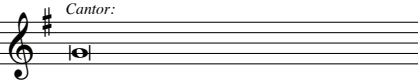

Rev. R.J. Fichtinger, S.J.



Call of the Elect

Litany of the Saints

traditional

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.</p>	<p><i>Assembly:</i></p>  <p>Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.</p>
<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Holy Mary, Mother of Saint Holy Angels of Saint John the Saint Saint Peter and Saint Saint Saint Saint Mary Saint Saint Ignatius of Saint Saint Perpetua and Saint Fe - Saint Saint Saint Au - Saint Atha - Saint Saint Saint Francis and Saint Saint Francis Saint John Vi - Saint Catherine of Si - Saint Teresa of All holy men and women, Saints of God,</p>	<p><i>Assembly:</i></p>  <p>God, pray for us. Mich - ael, pray for us. God, pray for us. Bap - tist, pray for us. Jo - seph, pray for us. Paul, pray for us. An - drew, pray for us. John, pray for us. Mag - dalene, pray for us. Ste - phen, pray for us. An - tioch, pray for us. Law - rence, pray for us. lic - ity, pray for us. Ag - nes, pray for us. Gre - gory, pray for us. gus - tine, pray for us. na - sius, pray for us. Ba - sil, pray for us. Mar - tin, pray for us. Ben - edict, pray for us. Dom - inic, pray for us. Xa - vier, pray for us. an - ney, pray for us. e - na, pray for us. Je - sus, pray for us. pray for us.</p>

The litany is continued on the following page.

Cantor: Lord, be mer - ci - ful,
 From all e - vil,
 From ev - 'ry sin,
 From ev - er - last - ing death,

Assembly: Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
 Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
 Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
 Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: By your In - car - na - tion,
 By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,
 By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

Assembly: Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
 Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
 Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor: Be merciful to us sin - ners,
 *Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of bap-tism,
 Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God,

Assembly: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor: Christ, hear us.

Assembly: Christ, hear us.

Cantor: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Assembly: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

Text: *Litany of the Saints, Roman Missal*
 Music: *Litany of the Saints, Roman Missal*
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Easter Vigil Initiation Acclamations



- *1. Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord; springs of wa - ter,
- ** 2. Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte
- 3. Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte
- 4. Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte
- *** 5. I saw wa - ter, flow - ing clear, I saw wa - ter,
- 6. All who came and drank were saved. All who came and
- 7. Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord; springs of wa - ter,



bless the Lord; praise and ex - alt him a -
 Spí - ri - tus. Come fill the hearts and the
 Spí - ri - tus. Strength - en these lives with the
 Spí - ri - tus. Fill them with won - der and
 flow - ing clear, from the right side of God's
 drank were saved. Let all cre - a - tion sing
 bless the Lord; praise and ex - alt him a -

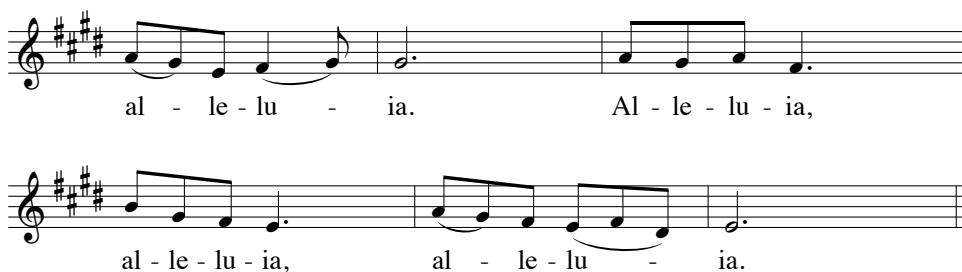


bove all for ev - er, praise and ex - alt him a -
 minds of these cho - sen. Come fill the hearts and the
 gifts of your Spir - it. Strength - en these lives with the
 awe in your pres - ence. Fill them with won - der and
 ho - ly tem - ple, from the right side of God's
 al - le - lu - ia. Let all cre - a - tion sing
 bove all for ev - er, praise and ex - alt him a -



bove all for ev - er.
 minds of these cho - sen.
 gifts of your Spir - it.
 awe in your pres - ence. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 ho - ly tem - ple.
 al - le - lu - ia.
 bove all for ev - er.

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Blessing of Baptismal Water

Acclamation, verse 1

Baptisms of the Elect

Alleluia refrain

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Please respond “I do,” to each question.

Sprinkling with Baptismal Water

Acclamation, verses 5-7

Act of Reception into the Catholic Church

Celebration of Confirmation

Universal Prayer

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

“Gloria” from “Mary Lou’s Mass” by Mary Lou Williams
Arranged by Laura Caviani

Glory to God above all things.
Peace on earth to all, loved by God.
We praise You, we bless You, we thank You
Because You are who You are.
Holy Spirit.

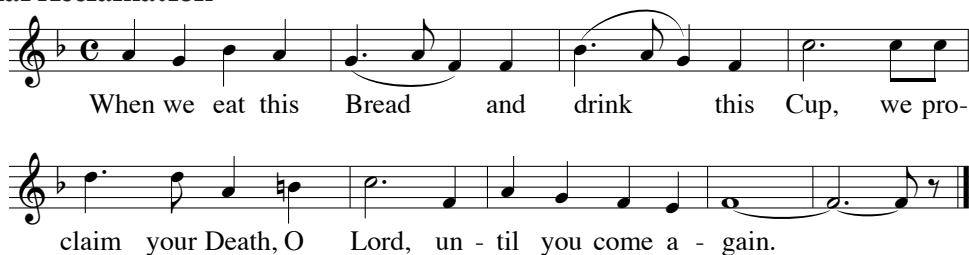
Holy, Holy, Holy

A Community Mass

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

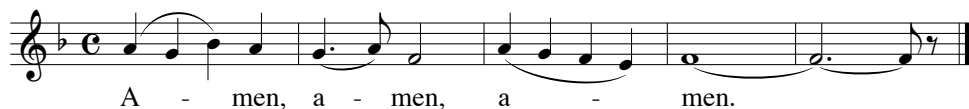


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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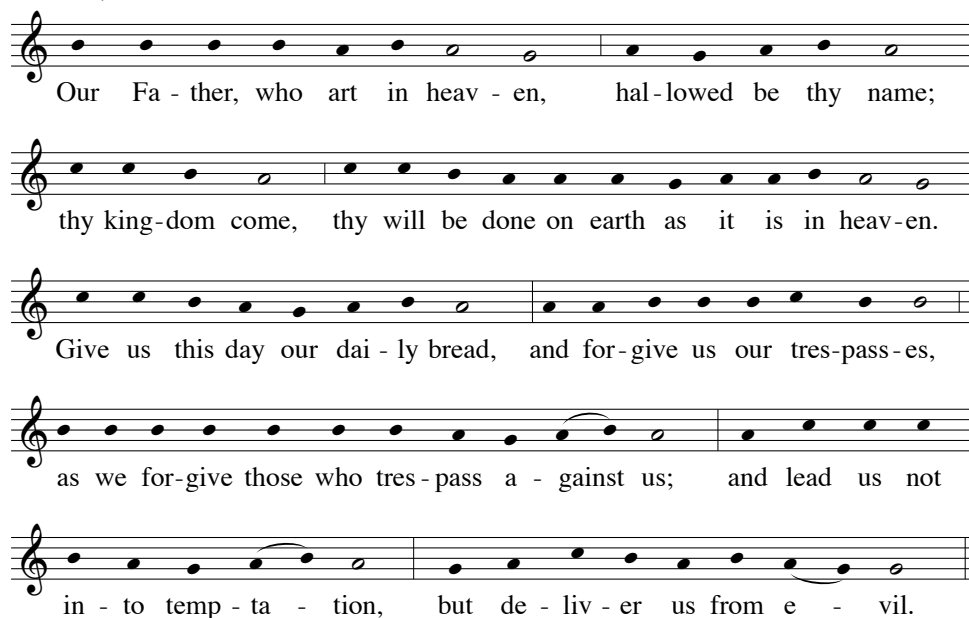
Great Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

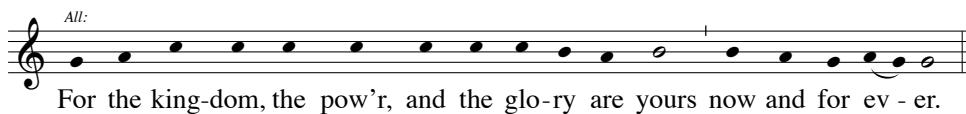
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The Lord's Prayer

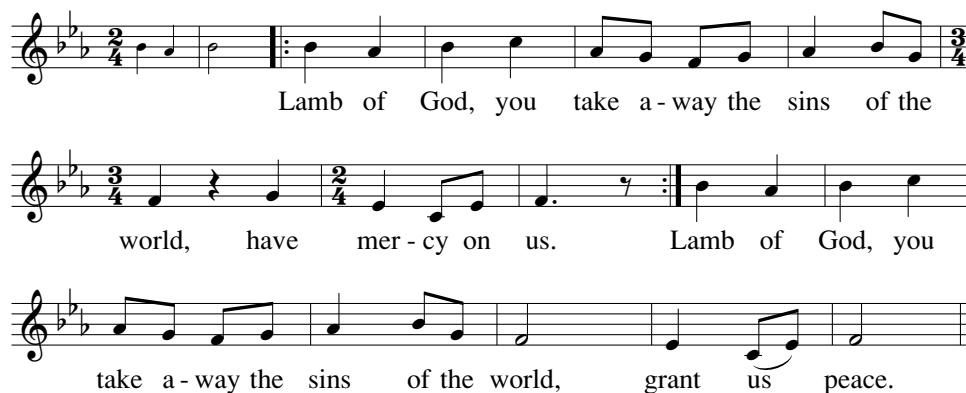


Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Lamb of God



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Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.
1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Communion Song

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on the
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the



scep - ter, his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and



na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.”
prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Reflection

“Christ the Lord is Ris’n Today” by Eleanor Daley
Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
All on earth with angels say,
Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heav’ns and earth reply,
Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of Hell,
Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise,
Christ has opened Paradise.
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Foll’wing our exalted Head,
Made like him, like him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n,
Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now,
Hail, the Resurrection thou,
Alleluia!

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing & Dismissal


Assembly:




Thanks be to God, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

Recessional


“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”



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



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



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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A Message from Our Pastor

My friends, we want to welcome you to our Easter celebration. On behalf of the Saint Thomas More Catholic Community, I want to share our sincere gratitude for your presence at our Easter liturgies this weekend as we gather together to praise our risen savior, Jesus Christ!

We want to welcome all of you, wherever you are on your faith journey. Whether you are regularly worshipping with us here at Saint Thomas More or this might be your first time celebrating this Easter season with us, we believe your presence is what makes our community alive and vibrant. As Jesus' resurrection signifies our eternal life as believers in Him, let us recognize how we might help one another encounter and deepen our relationships with Christ.

After nearly 100 years of leading us along the way of the cross, our beautiful stations are receiving much needed care and attention. As we near the end of the pledge period for our stations conservation project, I want to recognize the generosity of our community. We are well on our way to funding this project from individual donors, not from the general operating budget of the parish. To learn more about this effort and to support the project, please visit www.morecommunity.org/conservation.

Our staff wishes you a most blessed Easter season.

Christ is Risen! Let us rejoice and sing Alleluia!



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. R.J. Fichtinger, S.J.".

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