The Easter Vigil

in the Holy Night

[Name] Catholic Church

**The Easter Vigil is arranged in four parts**

lucernarium

The Liturgy of the Word

Baptismal Liturgy

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

***Last revision: [DATE] at [TIME]***

**Liturgy Participants**

2 Priests

- Celebrant - Father [NAME] (Celebrant)

- Concelebrant 1 - Father [NAME] (Concelebrant 1)

4 Deacons

- Altar - Deacon [NAME] (Altar)

- Word - Deacon [NAME] (Word)

- Paschal Candle - Deacon [NAME] (Candle)

- Rites of Initiation - Deacon [NAME] (Rites)

7 Altar Servers

- Master of Ceremony - [NAME] (MC)

- Thurifer - [NAME] (I)

- Book - [NAME] (B)

- Crucifer - [NAME] (C)

- 2 Torch Bearers

- Torch Bearer 1 - [NAME] (TB1)

- Torch Bearer 2 - [NAME] (TB2)

- 2 Trailers

- Trailer 1 - [NAME] (T1)

- Trailer 2 - [NAME] (T2)

8 Ushers

- Usher 1 - [NAME]

- Usher 2 - [NAME]

- Usher 3 - [NAME]

- Usher 4 - [NAME]

- Usher 5 - [NAME]

- Usher 6 - [NAME]

- Usher 7 - [NAME]

- Usher 8 - [NAME]

2 Initiation Directors

- RCIA - [NAME] (RCIA)

- RCIC - [NAME] (RCIC)

Gift Bearers

- [NAME] Family

**Sacristan**

* Turn lights on (100% - Screen Setting) 1 hour before Mass begins.
* Turn lights to 50% once the Greeting is complete. (This will happen about 10 minutes before Mass begins.)
* Turn lights completely off once the People return from the Easter fire. (This will be before the procession enters the Narthex.)
  + Turn off lights in Narthex.
  + Turn off lights in hallway between Parish Hall and Narthex.
  + Make sure lights are on in Sacristy and Stairwell and leave doors open.
* Turn lights on (Balcony – Screen Setting) when Paschal candle is placed in holder at front of church.
* Turn lights on (100% - Screen Setting) when the bells begin at the Gloria.
* Pick up candles before collection during preparation of gifts.
* **Contingency Plan (If Raining) - Differences from normal underlined**
  + Turn lights on (100% - Screen Setting) 1 hour before Mass begins.
  + Turn lights completely off once the Greeting is complete. (This will happen **immediately** before Mass begins.)
    - Turn off lights in Narthex.
    - Turn off lights in hallway between Parish Hall and Narthex.
    - **Make sure doors to Sacristy and Stairwell are shut.**
  + Turn lights on (Balcony – Screen Setting) when Paschal candle is placed in holder at front of church.
  + Turn lights on (100% - Screen Setting) when the bells begin at the Gloria.
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#### Needed Items & Setup

* **Altar**
  + Book of Gospels
* **Ambo**
  + Lectionary
  + Light for Exsultet and Liturgy of the Word
* **Baptismal Font Table (Already filled with water)**
  + Bowl of Sacred Chrism
  + Step stool (For children’s baptism)
  + Towels (## this year)
  + Basket for wet towels
  + Basket with Baptismal candles (## this year)
  + Robes in order of Baptism (## this year)
* **Chair**
  + Roman Missal
* **Credence Table**
  + Normal items for Mass
  + Soap, dish, and towel (For clean-up after Confirmation)
  + (4) Aspergilla and buckets (To be filled after water is blessed)
* **Narthex**
  + Tables setup for Easter Vigil programs and unlit candles for the People
* **Nave**
  + Bread, wine, and water on table from which gifts are brought forward
  + Pews
    - Easter Vigil Mass programs for RCIA/RCIC
    - (8) Pews Reserved for RCIA/RCIC (Mid-left & Mid-right sections)
    - (3) Pews Reserved for Lectors/ Staff / Servers (Far left section)
* **Outside the Building**
  + Charcoal, Incense, Thurible, and Boat
  + Easter Fire
    - A grate or basin with kindling
    - Lighter or other device (To light the Easter fire)
    - Fire extinguisher (For emergency)
  + Indoor and outdoor microphones and sound system
  + Paschal candle with holes predrilled
    - Stylus (To inscribe the Paschal candle)
    - (5) Grains of incense (To be put in the Paschal candle)
    - 2’ x ¼” Dowel (To light the Paschal candle)
    - Extra candle (To relight the Paschal candle if necessary)
  + Parking Lot - Cones to block off area in front of Easter Fire
  + **Contingency Plan (If Raining)**
    - All the same as normal, except:
      * No outdoor microphone and sound system
      * Location of fire is on upper level of outside stairs
* **Sacristy**
  + Boxes and baskets to collect used candles by Ushers
* **Sanctuary**
  + (11) Chairs (Priests/Deacons/Altar Server - MC, Book, & Thurifer)
  + (6) Altar candle stands with unlit candles on the Altar
  + Remove Lectern and put Baptismal Font in its place
  + Add small table in corner by Baptismal Font
  + (2) Processional unlit candles (Near the Crucifix stand)
  + Paschal candle holder (Front right of Altar – when facing Altar from Nave)
  + Processional Crucifix (In stand)

The altar candles are not lit until just before the Gloria!

# Greeting

**If Normal Weather (Fire outside at concrete circle):**

[NAME] (**Ten minutes** before the Lucernarium begins):

At the Ambo.

The Easter Vigil Mass celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Him, we pass over from sin and death to resurrection and eternal life.

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## the Lucernarium (LOO-SERN-AH-REE-UM),

## the Liturgy of the Word,

## the Baptismal Liturgy,

## and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We will begin the liturgy this evening, by gathering outside at the Easter Fire. In a moment, the lights in the church will be extinguished and outside Father [NAME] will bless the fire, which is a symbol of our hope in the light of the world – Jesus Christ. Then, the Paschal candle will be lit from the fire, and marked with the sign of the Cross. The Paschal candle will lead the procession, followed by the Clergy, the RCIA Elect and Candidates. When the Deacon holding the Paschal Candle enters the Church, please stand. We will all then light our individual candles, received from the light of the Paschal Candle.

If you are going outside to join us, please proceed to the area around the Easter fire and please do not gather on the steps or the landing.

# Greeting

**If Raining (Fire at top of steps):**

[NAME] (**Immediately** before the Lucernarium begins):

At the Ambo.

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Due to the weather, we will begin the liturgy this evening in the Narthex. In a moment, the lights in the church will be extinguished and outside Father [NAME] will bless the fire, which is a symbol of our hope in the light of the world – Jesus Christ. Then, the Paschal candle will be lit from the fire, and marked with the sign of the Cross. The Paschal candle will lead the procession followed by the Clergy and the RCIA Elect and Candidates. Please stand and face the Narthex.

# First Part

# Lucernarium

A fire is prepared outside, in front of the Church, on the circular patio next to the portico Initiation Program participants and sponsors will process out from Parish Hall to a standing position around the circular patio about 15 minutes before the Lucernarium begins. The People will then gather around outside of them.

**If Raining – Fire will be at the upper level of the stairs. RCIA will enter Narthex about 10 minutes before the Lucernarium begins. The People will remain in the Church.**

##### BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): At the Concrete Circle

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

Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters,

on this most sacred night,

in which our Lord Jesus Christ

passed over from death to life,

the Church calls upon her sons and daughters,

scattered throughout the world,

to come together to watch and pray.

If we keep the memorial

of the Lord’s paschal solemnity in this way,

listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries,

then we shall have the sure hope

of sharing his triumph over death

and living with him in God.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): Hands extended

Let us pray.

O God, who through your Son

bestowed upon the faithful the fire of your glory,

sanctify † this new fire, we pray,

and grant that,

by these paschal celebrations,

we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires,

that with minds made pure

we may attain festivities of unending splendor.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

After the blessing of the new fire, Deacon [NAME] (Candle) brings the Paschal Candle to Father [NAME] (Celebrant), who cuts a cross in the wax with a stylus. Then he traces the Greek letter alpha above the cross, the letter omega below, and the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross. Meanwhile he says:

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

1. Christ yesterday and today

(he cuts a vertical line);

2. the Beginning and the End

(he cuts a horizontal line);

3. the Alpha A

(he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line); 2 0

4. and the Omega

(he cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line). 1 4

5. All time belongs to Him

(he cuts the first numeral of the current year in Ω

the upper left corner of the cross);

6. and all the ages

(he cuts the second numeral of the current year in

the upper right corner of the cross).

7. To Him be glory and power

(he cuts the third numeral of the current year in

the lower left corner of the cross);

8. through every age and for ever. Amen.

(he cuts the fourth numeral of the current year in

the lower right corner of the cross).

Deacon [NAME] (Rites) gives Father [NAME] (Celebrant) five grains of incense. When the cross and other marks have been made, Father [NAME] (Celebrant) will insert five grains of incense in the candle. He does this in the form of a cross, saying:

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

1. By his holy 1

2. and glorious wounds,

3. may Christ the Lord 4 2 5

4. guard us

5. and protect us. Amen. 3

Deacon [NAME] (Rites) gives taper to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) who lights the candle from the new fire, saying,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

May the light of Christ rising in glory

dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

At this time we ask that you return to your pews in the Church.

[NAME] (T1) takes coal from the fire and places it in the thurible. While waiting for the People to return to the Nave, [NAME] (I), with the thurible and boat, approaches Father [NAME] (Celebrant), who puts in incense. Unlit candles are passed out to the Clergy and Servers. Two ushers will assist in getting the People back to the Nave. During this time the RCIC Coordinator and ushers will also clear out the Narthex and will signal [NAME] (MC) when the procession should begin to come inside.

**If Raining: Narthex will be clear of everyone except Clergy, Altar Servers, and RCIA. People will remain in the Church. Procession will begin from Narthex (per below).**

##### PROCESSION

The procession begins, heading towards the church in the following order:

1. [NAME] (I) w/ thurible and boat

2. Deacon [NAME] (Candle) with Paschal Candle

3. Servers - Crucifer, Torch Bearers, and Trailers

4. Deacons

5***.*** [NAME] (MC)

6. Concelebrant(s)

7. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) and Deacon [NAME] (Altar)

8. Initiation Program participants and sponsors

Initiation Program participants and sponsors will be in two single rows following Father [NAME] (Celebrant). After Deacon [NAME] (Candle) enters the Church he will stop flush with the first pew from the back and sing,

Deacon [NAME] (Candle):

(Singing) The Light of Christ.

People:

(Singing) Thanks be to God.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant) now lights his candle from the Paschal Candle. Deacon [NAME] (Candle) will then walk half way into the Church, down the center aisle, and again sing,

Deacon [NAME] (Candle):

(Singing) The Light of Christ.

People:

(Singing) Thanks be to God.

There will be four ushers with unlit candles to receive the light from the Paschal Candle. The first two will light the RCIA & RCIC coordinators candles who will then expedite lighting of the candles held by the Initiation Program participants and sponsors. The four ushers then distribute the light starting in the back of the Nave. Two will go down the middle left aisle and light every third pew – one lighting the far left section, the other lighting the middle left section. The remaining two will go down the middle right aisle and light every third pew – one lighting the far right section, the other lighting the middle right section. When the ushers reach the front of the Nave they will stop lighting candles and return to the rear of the Nave. After the four ushers receive light for their candles from the Paschal Candle, Deacon [NAME] (Candle) will immediately walk to the front of the steps of the Altar and turn to face the People and sing,

Deacon [NAME] (Candle):

(Singing) The Light of Christ.

People:

(Singing) Thanks be to God.

Deacon [NAME] (Candle) will remain in front of the Altar until all in the procession are in their pews. The Servers and Clergy will enter the Sanctuary. The Initiation Program participants and sponsors will bow when they arrive in front of the Altar and then go in front of the first pew, around and into their pews. When they are all in their pews Deacon [NAME] (Candle) places the Paschal candle in the stand located near the Altar. The Sacristan will immediately turn the balcony lights on.

Father [NAME] (Concelebrant 1) will sing the Exsultet at the Ambo. Immediately following the Exsultet, Deacon [NAME] (Rites) will say,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Please extinguish your candles and be seated.

# Second Part

# The Liturgy of the Word

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): At the Chair

Dear brothers and sisters,

now that we have begun our solemn Vigil,

let us listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God.

Let us meditate on how God in times past saved his people

and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer.

Let us pray that our God may complete this paschal work of

salvation

by the fullness of redemption.

##### FIRST READING

##### Genesis 1:1 - 2:2

##### TRACT (Chant)

##### *Iubilate Domino omnis terra*

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Almighty ever-living God,

who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works,

may those you have redeemed understand

that there exists nothing more marvelous

than the world’s creation in the beginning

except that, at the end of the ages,

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

##### SECOND READING

##### Genesis 22:1-18

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

O God, supreme Father of the faithful,

who increase the children of your promise

by pouring out the grace of adoption

throughout the whole world

and who through the Paschal Mystery

make your servant Abraham father of nations,

as once you swore,

grant, we pray,

that your peoples may enter worthily

into the grace to which you call them.

Through Chris our Lord.

Amen.

##### THIRD READING

##### Exodus 14:15 - 15:1

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

O God, whose ancient wonders

remain undimmed in splendor even in our day,

for what you once bestowed on a single people,

freeing them from Pharaoh’s persecution

by the power of your right hand,

now you bring about as the salvation of the nations

through the waters of rebirth,

grant, we pray, that the whole world

may become children of Abraham

and inherit the dignity of Israel’s birthright.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### FOURTH READING

##### Isaiah 54:5-14

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Almighty ever-living God,

surpass, for the honor of your name,

what you pledged to the Patriarchs by reason of their faith,

and through sacred adoption increase the children of your

promise,

so that what the Saints of old never doubted would come to pass

your Church may now see in great part fulfilled.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### FIFTH READING

##### Isaiah 55:1-11

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Almighty ever-living God,

sole hope of the world,

who by the preaching of your Prophets

unveiled the mysteries of this present age,

graciously increase the longing of your people,

for only at the prompting of your grace

do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### SIXTH READING

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

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

O God, who constantly increase you Church

by your call to the nations,

graciously grant

to those you wash clean in the waters of Baptism

the assurance of your unfailing protection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### SEVENTH READING

##### Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

##### TRACT

##### *Like as the Hart* (Psalm 42)

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

[NAME] (B) brings book to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

O God of unchanging power and eternal light,

look with favor on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church

and serenely accomplish the work of human salvation

which you planned from all eternity;

may the whole world know and see

that what was cast down is raised up,

what had become old is made new,

and all things are restored to integrity through Christ,

just as by him they came into being.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

##### GLORIA

The Altar, Ambo, and Processional candles are lit by [NAME] (TB1) and [NAME] (TB2) and they then return to their seats. [NAME] (TB1) will pick up the bells for the Gloria. Once [NAME] (TB1) has picked up the bells, the organist will immediately begin the Gloria. Immediately after the bells begin the Sacristan will turn the lights on to 100%. [NAME] (TB1) will then begin to ring the bells. Someone in the choir will turn on the outside Church bells once the organist begins.

The Altar Server, Organ, and Church Bells ring throughout the entire Gloria.

##### COLLECT

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Let us pray.

Pause so all can pray for a while in silence. (~15 seconds)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

O God, who make this most sacred night radiant

with the glory of the Lord’s Resurrection,

stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption,

so that, renewed in body and mind,

we may render you undivided service.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

##### EPISTLE

##### Romans 6:3-11

Deacon [NAME] (Word) motions for all to stand.

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

After the Psalm, [NAME] (I) takes the thurible and the boat to Father [NAME] (Celebrant), who puts in incense, then [NAME] (I) precedes Deacon [NAME] (Word) to the Ambo and stands to the right of Deacon [NAME] (Word). Deacon [NAME] (Word) incenses the Gospel, and returns thurible to [NAME] (I).

##### GOSPEL

##### Mark 16:1-7

After the Gospel, [NAME] (I) crosses the Sanctuary with Deacon [NAME] (Word) and returns thurible and boat to the stand. No candles are carried.

##### HOMILY

Father [NAME] (Celebrant) gives the homily.

# Third Part

# Baptismal Liturgy

Immediately following the homily, [NAME] (RCIC) goes to the Ambo and calls out the names of the Elect. As their names are called, they will stand up with their sponsor and remain in their pew. Deacon [NAME] (Rites), stands, and says at his seat,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Will the Elect, with your sponsors, please stand as your name is called.

After the final name is called [NAME] (RCIC) returns to seat.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): At the Chair

Dearly beloved,

with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers

come to the aid of these our brothers and sisters in their blessed

hope,

so that, as they approach the font of rebirth,

the almighty Father may bestow on them

all his merciful help.

#### Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

#### (Singing) Let us stand.

##### LITANY OF THE SAINTS

All in the church will be standing because it is Easter Time. Following the Litany, Clergy previously sitting on the right side (if you are in the Nave facing the Altar) will now move to the left side in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) goes to the Baptismal Font with [NAME] (B).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): At the Font with Hands Extended

Almighty ever-living God,

be present by the mysteries of your great love

and send forth the spirit of adoption

to create the new peoples

brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism,

so that what is to be carried out by our humble service

may be brought to fulfillment by your mighty power.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

Deacon [NAME] (Candle) gets the Paschal candle and goes to Father [NAME] (Celebrant).

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): With Hands Extended

O God, who by invisible power

accomplish a wondrous effect

through sacramental signs

and who in many ways have prepared water, your creation,

to show forth the grace of Baptism;

O God, whose Spirit

in the first moments of the world’s creation

hovered over the waters,

so that the very substance of water

would even then take to itself the power to sanctify;

O God, who by the outpouring of the flood

foreshadowed regeneration,

so that from the mystery of one and the same element of water

would come an end to vice and a beginning of virtue;

O God, who caused the children of Abraham

to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea,

so that the chosen people,

set free from slavery to Pharaoh,

would prefigure the people of the baptized;

O God, whose Son,

baptized by John in the waters of the Jordan,

was anointed with the Holy Spirit,

and, as he hung upon the Cross,

gave forth water from his side along with blood,

and after his Resurrection, commanded his disciples:

“Go forth, teach all nations, baptizing them

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

look now, we pray, upon the face of your Church

and graciously unseal for her the fountain of Baptism.

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit

the grace of your Only Begotten Son,

so that human nature, created in your image

and washed clean through the Sacrament of Baptism

from all the squalor of the life of old,

may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children

through water and the Holy Spirit.

## Deacon [NAME] (Candle) hands the Paschal candle to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) who lowers the Paschal candle three times, while he continues,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

May the power of the Holy Spirit,

O Lord, we pray,

come down through your Son

into the fullness of this font,

## Father [NAME] (Celebrant) then holds the Paschal candle in the water for the remainder of the blessing.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

So that all who have been buried with Christ

by Baptism into death

may rise again to life with him.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Father [NAME] (Celebrant) then removes the Paschal candle from the water, hands it to Deacon [NAME] (Candle) who returns it to the holder and Deacon [NAME] (Candle) returns to his seat.

Choir:

Springs of water, bless the Lord;

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

##### RENUNCIATION OF SIN (CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

My dear Candidates for Baptism, are you now prepared to

renounce sin and make a profession of faith?

Candidates:

I am.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you renounce sin,

so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

Candidates:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you renounce the lure of evil,

so that sin may have no mastery over you?

Candidates:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you renounce Satan,

the author and prince of sin?

Candidates:

I do.

##### PROFESSION OF FAITH (CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered death and was buried,

rose again from the dead

and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting?

Candidates:

I do.

##### RENUNCIATION OF SIN (PEOPLE)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Dear brothers and sisters of Saint Brigid,

through the Paschal Mystery

we have been buried with Christ in Baptism,

so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded,

let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism,

by which we once renounced Satan and his works

and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce sin,

so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

People:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you renounce the lure of evil,

so that sin may have no mastery over you?

People:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

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People:

I do.

##### PROFESSION OF FAITH (PEOPLE)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth?

People:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered death and was buried,

rose again from the dead

and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

People:

I do.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting?

People:

I do.

[NAME] (B) returns to seat.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites) goes to the Baptismal Font.

#### Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

#### Please be seated.

The Candidates for Baptism in the first two pews will now exit their pews with their sponsor, bow, and proceed to the right of the Baptismal font and stand in line behind and to the right of the font. Deacon [NAME] (Rites) goes to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) at the font.

##### BAPTISM

Facing the Altar from the Nave, the arrangement for each baptism is: the Elect on the right of the Font facing the Altar bending at the waist and looking towards the People, the sponsor immediately behind the Elect also on the right of the Font, and Father [NAME] (Celebrant) behind the font facing the People.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites) invites the first Candidate for Baptism and sponsor to the Baptismal Font. The sponsor will give the blue card to Deacon [NAME] (Rites) who will hold it up to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) so he can read the Elect’s name. The sponsor will stand behind the Candidate for Baptism with his right hand on the Elect’s shoulder. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) then baptizes the Elect. Immediately after each baptism, the choir will sing a triple Alleluia. Deacon [NAME] (Rites) will hand a towel to the sponsor to help the newly baptized person dry off. The sponsor will hand Deacon [NAME] (Rites) the wet towel and the sponsor will receive a robe from him. Stepping in front of the Baptismal Font the sponsor will assist the newly baptized put on his robe (without zipping it up) while facing the People.

The sponsor and newly baptized process down the steps and return to their pew. Immediately after the first person is baptized the next Candidate for Baptism and sponsor will move to the Baptismal Font. Once the first Candidate for Baptism has put on their robe and walked down the steps, the second baptism will immediately take place and so on. When the entire first pew has been baptized, the third pew will exit their pew with their sponsor, bow, and get in line behind those who are in the Sanctuary from the second pew. When the entire second pew has been baptized, the fourth pew will exit their pew as the previous pews and this will continue until all have been baptized. (During the baptism and as they put on their robe, a candid photograph will be taken by the photographer.)

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

N., I baptize you in the name of the Father,

He pours water the first time.

And of the Son,

He pours water the second time.

And of the Holy Spirit.

He pours water the third time.

After all have been baptized and have returned to their pews, Deacon [NAME] (Rites) will say,

#### Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

#### Will the newly baptized, please stand.

[NAME] (B) goes to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) who says the following,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Brothers and sisters, you have become a new creation

and have clothed yourselves in Christ.

Having received your baptismal garment

bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so that you may have everlasting life.

Newly Baptized:

Amen.

##### PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDLE & EPHPHETHA RITE

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Sponsors, please give to the newly baptized the light of Christ.

The newly baptized in the first two pews will now exit their pews with their sponsor, bow, and proceed to the right of the Baptismal font and stand in line behind and to the right of the font.

[NAME] (B) and Father [NAME] (Celebrant) go to the front of the baptismal font facing the Altar in preparation for the Ephphetha Rite. Deacon [NAME] (Candle) takes the Paschal candle from the stand and puts it in front of him on the floor.

The sponsors will receive from Deacon [NAME] (Rites) an unlit baptismal candle as they walk towards Deacon [NAME] (Candle). The sponsor will light the baptismal candle from the Paschal candle. The sponsor and newly baptized will then turn around towards Father [NAME] (Celebrant) for the Ephphetha Rite. The celebrant will then touch the right and left ear and the closed lips of each of the newly baptized with his thumb and says the following:

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Ephphetha: that is, be opened,

that you may profess the faith you hear,

to the praise and glory of God.

The sponsor will then present the lit candle to the newly baptized and they will then both process down the steps and return to their pew.

Once the first of the newly baptized has received the Ephphetha Rite, the second of the newly baptized will immediately walk forward to receive their lit candle and so on. When the entire first pew has received their lit candle, the third pew will exit their pew and proceed as they previously did for baptism. This will continue until all the newly baptized have received lit candles.

After all have received a lit candle and have returned to their pews, Deacon [NAME] (Rites) will say,

#### Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

#### Will the newly baptized, please stand.

[NAME] (B) holds binder for Father [NAME] (Celebrant) who turns to face the newly baptized and says,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

You have been enlightened by Christ.

Walk always as children of the light

And keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.

When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him

With all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Newly Baptized:

Amen.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant) returns to the Chair with [NAME] (B).

Altar Servers [NAME] (TB1), [NAME] (TB2), [NAME] (T1), and [NAME] (T2) take their unlit candles and walk towards Deacon [NAME] (Candle). They will then light their candles off the Paschal candle and take their candles down into the Nave (two for the center aisle and one each for the mid-left/mid-right aisles). They will then go down the aisles to light the candles of the People. When they reach the rear of the Nave, they will return to the front to their seats.

When the last Altar Server has lit his candle, Deacon [NAME] (Candle) will return the Paschal candle to its stand and return to his seat.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Please stand.

##### SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER

Immediately Deacon [NAME] (Altar), Deacon [NAME] (Word), and Father [NAME] (Concelebrant 1), get the three buckets, aspergilla, and a pitcher and fill them at the Baptismal font. The Choir sings *I saw water* while the sprinkling takes place.

Deacon [NAME] (Altar) goes up the mid-right aisle (sprinkling to his right), then comes back down the same aisle (sprinkling to his right). Deacon [NAME] (Word) goes up the mid-left aisle (sprinkling to his right), then comes back down the same aisle (sprinkling to his right). Father [NAME] (Concelebrant 1) goes up the center aisle (sprinkling to his right), then comes back down the same aisle (sprinkling to his right). When the Deacons arrive back at the front they return the buckets, etc. to the Credence table. Then all of the Clergy and Servers return to their seats in the Sanctuary.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites), at his seat says,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Please be seated and extinguish your candles and pass them to the Ushers at the end of your pews.

##### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR RECEPTION

After the ushers have collected candles from about the first 1/3 of the pews, [NAME] (RCIA) will go to the Ambo. Deacon [NAME] (Rites), stands, and at his seat says,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Those to be received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church, please rise as your name is called.

From the Ambo, [NAME] (RCIA) reads the alphabetical list of all those who will be received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. As each Candidate’s name is called he will stand. Once the final name is read, [NAME] (B) goes to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) and they both go down the steps and stand in front of the Altar. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) then says,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): In Front of the Altar

My dear candidates, of your own free will you have asked to be

received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. You

have made your decision after careful thought under the

guidance of the Holy Spirit. I now invite you in the presence of

this community to profess the Catholic faith. In this faith you

will be one with us for the first time at the Eucharistic table of

the Lord Jesus, the sign of the Church’s unity.

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##### PROFESSION BY THE CANDIDATES

Candidates:

Reading from card.

I believe and profess all that the Holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.

##### ACT OF RECEPTION

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

The Lord receives you into the Catholic Church.

His loving kindness has led you here,

so that in the unity of the Holy Spirit

you may have full communion with us

in the faith that you have professed in the presence of his family.

##### PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDI

Deacon [NAME] (Rites) stands, and at his seat says,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Those completing their Initiation, please rise as your name is called.

Those who were just received into Full Communion will remain standing while these names are called. From the Ambo, [NAME] (RCIA) reads the alphabetical list of all those who will be completing their Initiation. As each Candidate’s name is called, he will stand. [NAME] (RCIA) will then ask the recently baptized to stand as a group.

[NAME] (RCIA) will return to seat.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

My dear candidates for confirmation, by your baptism you have

been born again in Christ and you have become members of

Christ and of His priestly people. Now you are to share in the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the

Lord upon His apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their

successors to the baptized.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to

receive will make you more like Christ and help you to be

witnesses to His suffering, death, and Resurrection. It will

strengthen you to be active members of the Church and to build

up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): With hands joined

My brothers and sisters of Saint Brigid, let us pray to God our

Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on these candidates

for confirmation to strengthen them with His gifts and anoint

them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

All pray briefly in silence.

##### LAYING ON OF HANDS

Father [NAME] (Celebrant) holding his hands outstretched over the Confirmandi will pray,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): With hands outstretched

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

by water and the Holy Spirit

You freed Your sons and daughters from sin

And gave them new life.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon them

to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of right judgment and courage,

the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

##### ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

All candidates for Confirmation will then be seated except for those in the first rows on both sides. Sponsors in the first rows on both sides will now stand. Deacon [NAME] (Rites) brings the Holy Chrism to Father [NAME] (Celebrant) and assists him during the Anointing with Chrism. When everything is prepared, Deacon [NAME] (Rites) will motion to the first candidate and sponsor (who will be from the left pew – facing the Altar, looking from the Nave) to step in front of Father [NAME] (Celebrant). The remainder of that pew will line up behind. The sponsor will stand behind the candidate with his right hand on the candidate’s shoulder. The sponsor will hand Deacon [NAME] (Rites) the card with the candidate’s name on it. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) will then anoint the candidate with Holy Chrism, making the sign of the cross on the candidate’s forehead, as he says,

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Newly Confirmed:

Amen.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant):

Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed:

And with your spirit.

As each candidate receives Confirmation, the photographer will take a candid photo.

After each candidate receives Confirmation, he and his sponsor will continue around the front and return to their original pew and be seated. The next candidate from the first row on the left side and his sponsor will step in front of Father [NAME] (Celebrant) immediately after the first candidate receives confirmation. This will continue until all the candidates in the first row on the left side have received Confirmation. Then the first candidate from the first row on the right side and his sponsor will step in front of Father [NAME] (Celebrant) as the left side did. This will continue until all the candidates in the first row on the right side have received Confirmation. Then the second row on the left side and then the second row on the right, and so on until all the candidates have received Confirmation.

Once the final candidate has received Confirmation Father [NAME] (Celebrant) returns to the Chair with [NAME] (B) and Deacon [NAME] (Rites) returns to seat. Deacon [NAME] (Rites) then says,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Will the newly Confirmed please stand.

Father [NAME] (Celebrant): At the Chair

Please join me in welcoming our new brothers and sisters.

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

After a suitable amount of time has passed.

Please stand.

##### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Deacon [NAME] (Word):

From the Ambo

# Fourth Part

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory gifts are brought forward by the [NAME] Family with [NAME] (C), [NAME] (TB1), and [NAME] (TB2). [NAME] (I) stands ready with the thurible and boat.

Deacon [NAME] (Altar) gets thurible and boat from [NAME] (I) after gifts are received and approaches Father [NAME] (Celebrant) as he returns to the altar from the gift procession. Father [NAME] (Celebrant) incenses the altar.

Deacon [NAME] (Altar) takes the thurible and incenses Father [NAME] (Celebrant) and then following, incenses any concelebrants. He does not incense any Deacons. Deacon [NAME] (Altar) takes the thurible and goes down in front of the Altar to incense the people. Deacon [NAME] (Altar) gives thurible and boat to [NAME] (I) who returns them to the stand. Mass continues as usual.

Prayer after Communion taken from Roman Missal.

Before the Solemn Blessing Deacon [NAME] (Rites) goes to the Pulpit and says,

Deacon [NAME] (Rites):

Please join the reception for our new brothers and sisters following Mass downstairs in Rooms 133 & 135.

Before the Solemn Blessing, Deacon [NAME] (Word) says,

Deacon [NAME] (Word):

Bow down for the Blessing.

Following the Closing Prayer, [NAME] (B) takes the book to Deacon [NAME] (Word) for singing of dismissal - Double Alleluia.

##### RECESSIONAL

Neophytes and sponsors will genuflect in the pews when the clergy genuflects before the Altar. Recess out in this order:

* + [NAME] (I) w/thurible
  + [NAME] (C) w/processional crucifix
  + [NAME] (TB1) & [NAME] (TB2) w/processional candles
  + Trailers and any other servers
  + Neophytes and sponsors (Will exit in the order they entered the church – they have already genuflected and don’t need to repeat)
  + Deacons
  + [NAME] (MC)
  + Concelebrant(s)
  + Father [NAME] (Celebrant)

Reception to follow, downstairs, in rooms 133 & 135.