

The Diocese of Shrewsbury



The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 2021

LUCERNARIUM (The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil):

Lighting of the Paschal Candle:

The Paschal Candle is lit and placed in the candle stand without ceremony or Procession. It may be lit before the liturgy begins.

Priest: Dear brethren (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.

The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet): *The Shorter Form is recommended*

The Liturgy of the Word:

Nine readings, seven from the Old Testament and two from the New, are proposed for the Easter Vigil. The number of readings may be reduced if circumstances demand it for special reasons. But there should be at least three readings from the Old Testament (though these may be reduced to two in special cases) before the Epistle and Gospel. The account of the Crossing of the Red Sea (Third Reading) must always be read. (Lectionary Volume I)

First Reading: *Genesis 1:1-22*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 103*

Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Prayer:

Second Reading: *Genesis 22:1-8*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 15*

Response: Preserve me, God I take refuge in you.

Prayer:

Third Reading: *Exodus 14:15-15:1*

Canticle: *Exodus 15:1-6. 17-18*
Response: I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Prayer:

Fourth Reading: *Isaiah 54:5-14*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 29*
Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Prayer:

Fifth Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Canticle: *Isaiah 12:2-6*
Response: With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.

Prayer:

Sixth Reading: *Baruch 3:9-15. 32-4:4*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 18*
Response: You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.

Prayer:

Seventh Reading: *Ezekiel 36:16-28*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 41*
Response: Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

Prayer:

THE GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,

we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Opening Prayer:

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT:

First Reading: *Romans 6:3-11*

Psalm: *Psalm 117*

Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 28:1-10*

Homily:

BAPTISMAL LITURGY:

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises:

The response to each question is 'I do'.

There is no sprinkling with Holy Water this year.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings.

All: Amen.

The Priest prays the Preface, at the end of which all join in:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with the Doxology.

COMMUNION RITE:

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

As the Priest begins the fraction please join in:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The priest shows the host and the Chalice to the people and says:

Priest: The Body of Christ

All: Amen

Priest: The Blood of Christ

All: Amen

Distribution of Holy Communion:

Prayer after Communion:

CONCLUDING RITES:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow down for the blessing.

The Priest gives the Solemn Blessing for Easter.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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