

EASTER VIGIL 2026 (Holy Saturday)
April 4, 2026 ABC ... 7:30-9:30 ish ... Choir (6:30 call)

NO PRELUDE MUSIC

**(Lucernarium) (altar lights only)*

PROCESSION: Deacon/Priest intones "The Light of Christ" 3 T. (*1 step higher each time*) (p.346 new Roman Missal) and all respond "**Thanks be to God**" (3 times). Paschal Candle placed in holder & incensed. All remain standing while Dcn goes to chair but remains standing. **Exultet (Most Holy Night) is sung**. At the end, all sing a 1-tone "**Amen**". (Assembly sits; incense is returned to Sacristy). Dcn/Presider move to chairs.

Candles to be extinguished & everyone to be seated)

**(The Liturgy of the Word)*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104: RS 146 LORD, SEND OUT/SPIRIT (v.1,2,3)

Stand; prayer; sit (verses: All, Men, Women) (canon: S, A, T/B, Inst.)

SECOND READING: Exodus 15: 1-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: RS 202 SONG AT THE SEA (1st T.unison) (v.1 & 2)

(B/T-echo)(Women v.1; Men v.2; skip v.3)

Stand; prayer; sit

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: WE SHALL DRAW WATER BB 800/740 (v.1 & 2)

Stand; prayer; sit

EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:3-11

Prayer, then ALL LIGHTS ON as Gloria begins....

GLORIA: (Schutte Mass/Christ The Savior) BB 894/796 (A/S bells)

EASTER ALLELUIA: Priest intones "3-fold Alleluia" raising in pitch each time (assembly responds 3 T) (ref: p.221, Roman Missal) (the bridge between Vigil & Mass) (Fr. Zaldy will use the "Celtic Alleluia" tune)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Schutte BB 895/797 (This follows immediately!)

Vs. 2 "Your words, O Lord, give joy to my heart, your teaching is light to my eyes"
(we MAY need to sing this twice)....keep going thru incensing; WATCH!

GOSPEL READING: Cycle A (Matthew); Cycle B (Mark); Cycle C (Luke)

HOMILY/ (Presentation of the Catechumens)

Names (if needed): _____

**(Baptismal Liturgy) (baptisms in back)*

LITANY OF THE SAINTS: MI 719/353 (Becker)

Blessing of Baptismal Water:

Renunciation of Sin & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Baptism(s): () short instrumental interlude while they change clothes afterward

Confirmation:

Sprinkling Rite:

*Celebrant or Deacon sprinkle Assembly with holy water as **CHOIR** & assembly sing.....*

River of Glory MI 649/479 (Choral Praise parts p.380)

MUSIC CEASES when they reach their chairs.

INTERCESSIONS: Spoken

**(The Liturgy of the Eucharist)*

PREPARATION of GIFTS//COLLECTION:

SPIRIT, WASH OVER ME (Hof oct)

DOWN TO THE RIVER BB 654/177

(Instrumental music may be extended here while altar is re-dressed)

Euch. Acclamations: Schutte Mass/Christ The Savior MI 897, 899, 901, 902

Accomp 799,801,803,804

(use "When we eat....")

COMMUNION: A PLACE AT YOUR TABLE MI 351/25

REFLECTION: Hof Saints Go Marchin' In octavo

DISMISSAL rite: Deacon intones:

"Go in peace alleluia, alleluia"

CHOIR RESPONDS: "Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alle-eh-eh-eh-eh-lu-u-u-ia-ah"

**(The Concluding Rites)*

SENDING FORTH: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE BB 187/58 (vs. 1 & 3)