

**The Benefice of St. Wilfrid Cantley
with St. Hugh of Lincoln, New Cantley**

The Easter Vigil



THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL, OR LUCERNARIUM

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle

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

All: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

P: 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.

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 splendour.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the blessing of the new fire, one of the ministers brings the paschal candle to the Priest, who cuts a cross into the candle with a stylus. Then he makes the Greek letter Alpha above the cross, the letter Omega below, and the four numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross,:

- P:
1. Christ yesterday and today; *(he cuts a vertical line)*
 2. the Beginning and the End; *(he cuts a horizontal line)*
 3. the Alpha; *(he cuts the letter Alpha above the vertical line)*
 4. and the Omega. *(he cuts the letter Omega below the vertical line)*
 5. All time belongs to him; *(he cuts the first numeral of the current year in 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)*

When the cutting of the cross and of the other signs has been completed, the Priest inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, saying:

- P:
1. By his holy
 2. and glorious wounds,
 3. may Christ the Lord
 4. guard us
 5. and protect us. Amen.

The Priest lights the paschal candle from the new fire, saying:

- P: May the light of Christ rising in glory
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Procession into Church

As we join in procession, the following is sung 3 times.

P: **The Light of Christ.**

The musical notation consists of a single treble clef on a five-line staff. It contains four quarter notes, each on a different line of the staff (G4, A4, B4, C5), followed by a double bar line.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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The Easter Proclamation (The Exsultet)

P: 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.

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

P: 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 honour,
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 honour 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.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

P: 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.

Please sit for the Old Testament readings.

First reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

'God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.'

R: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1-2a. 5-6. 10, 12. 13-14. 24, 35c. R.cf.30

Resp: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

P: Let us pray.
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 marvellous
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.
All: **Amen.**

Second reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

Canticle

Ex 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18. R.1a

Hymn of victory after crossing the Red Sea

Resp: Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

P: Let us pray.

O God, whose ancient wonders
remain undimmed in splendour 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.

All: Amen.

Third reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

'Come to the waters; hear, that your soul may live.'

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R. 3

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

Resp: With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

P: Let us pray.

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.

All: Amen.

The Gloria

During the Gloria bells are rung.

Dan Schutte

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King,
O God, almighty Father.

2. 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,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

3. 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.

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P: Let us pray.

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.

All: Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

'Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.'

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24

Resp: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

P. O'Carroll and C. Walker

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P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit down


THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Please stand

During the singing of the Litany of the Saints the altar party moves to the font.

We all relight our candles and turn to face the font.

The Litany of the Saints



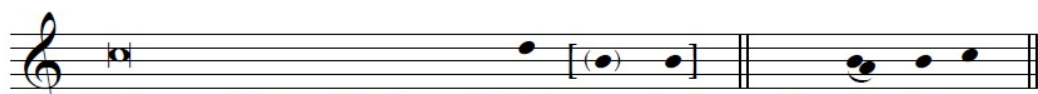
V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.



V. Christ, have mer-cy. R. Christ, have mer-cy.




V. Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, [] R. pray for us.

The response continues after each saint name until...

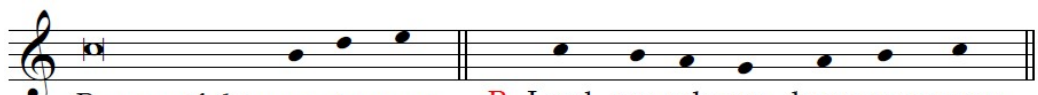


Lord, be mer-ci-ful, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.



From all e - vil, R. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.

The response continues until...




Be merciful to us sin-ners, R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

The response continues until...



Christ, hear us. R. Christ, hear us.



Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us. R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

The Blessing of Water

P: 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.

The Priest lowers the paschal candle into the water as he continues:

P: May the power of the Holy Spirit,
O Lord, we pray,
come down through your Son
into the fullness of this font,
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.

All: Amen.

Then the candle is lifted out of the water, as the people acclaim:

**All: Springs of water, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all for ever.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

P: Dear brothers and sisters, 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 Satan?

All: I do.

P: And all his works?

All: I do.

P: And all his empty show?

All: I do.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

P: 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?

All: I do.

P: 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?

All: I do.

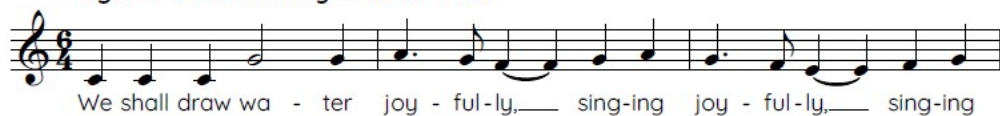
P: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,
keep us by his grace,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
for eternal life.

All: Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the people with the blessed water as we all sing:

Paul Inwood

Vigorous and bouncy ♩ = 60 minimum!



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The Intercessions

Please blow out your candles

The Offertory Hymn

- 1 This is the night of new beginnings
This is the night when Heaven meets Earth
This is the night filled with God's glory
Promise of our new birth

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today**

- 2 This is the night Christ our redeemer
Rose from the grave triumphant and free
Leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
Empty for all to see
- 3 Now will the fire kindled in darkness
Burn to dispel the shadows of night
Star of the morning, Jesus our saviour
You are the world's true light
- 4 Sing of the hope deeper than dying
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death
Sing of the love endless as Heaven
Dawning throughout the Earth
- 5 Into this world, morning is breaking
All of God's people, lift up your voice
Cry out with joy, tell out the story
All of the Earth rejoice

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P: Pray, my 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 Prayer over the offerings now follows

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

The preface continues until we sing:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Please kneel or sit

P: The Mystery of faith

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

P: for ever and ever

All: **Amen.**

The Communion Rite

Please stand

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

A sign of peace is shared with those around us

The Agnus Dei

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: Grant us peace.

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The Invitation to Communion

Please kneel or sit

P: 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.**

Communion is now distributed.

All those who are regular communicants in their own church are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this celebration.

Please bring a service book with you if you would like to simply receive a blessing.

The Communion Hymn

Please remain kneeling or seated.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name**

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward
Life for all men, alleluia!
- 5 Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand

P: Let us pray.

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make those you have nourished
by this paschal Sacrament
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Concluding Rites

The Solemn Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.

All: Amen.

P: And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.

All: Amen.

P: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

All: Amen.

P: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

The Final Hymn

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;**

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

3 No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

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