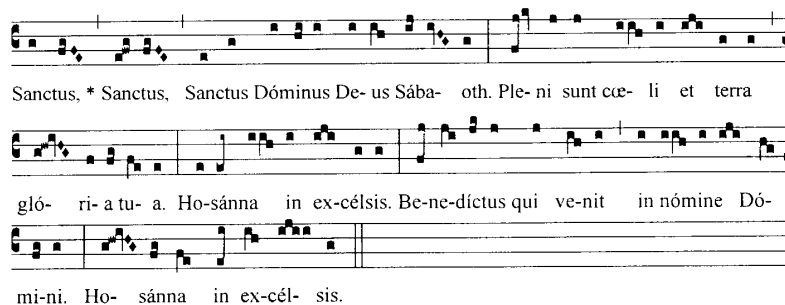


Sanctus Mass I:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

(Roman Canon) -

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Agnus Dei Mass I:



COMMUNION

Pa-scha nostrum immolatus est Christus, alleluia: itaque epulemur in azymis sinceritatis et veritatis, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice, alleluia; let us keep the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

During the Communion the choir will sing “Surrexit Pastor Bonus” by Tomás Luis de Victoria

“When the Sabbath day had passed, Mary Magdalene and Mary, James’s wife, and Salome bought spices so that they might come and anoint Jesus; and early on the day after the Sabbath they came to the tomb just after sunrise. Alleluia.”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Perpetuo, Deus, Ecclesiam tuam pio favore tuere, ut, paschalibus renovata mysteriis, ad resurrectionis perveniat claritatem. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O God, ever watch over Thy Church in Thy loving kindness, so that renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the brilliancy of the resurrection.

Finally, as the clergy and servers leave the Sanctuary, all sing together the hymn:

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

3. But the pains that He endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

Organ Voluntary : “Christ lag in Todesbanden” by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.

EASTER DAY

“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!” (ps. 117) says the psalmist in today’s Gradual chant between the readings. This is the greatest Feast of the Year, not simply to be seen as the happy ending to Our Lord’s sufferings, but as the triumph of Our Lord in His humanity over the power of Satan and death. In Christ’s resurrection, all of re-deemed mankind is assured of our final victory over the forces of darkness, and of the everlasting life of heaven.



In the Introit, taken from psalm 138, Our Lord speaks to us. We can also imagine Him speaking thus to His Blessed Mother, telling her of His glorious resurrection. For ourselves, our share in Christ’s resurrection does not have to wait until the Last Day, but has begun already with our Baptism, recalled in the Sprinkling with Holy Water which opens the Mass today.

Another special feature of this festal Mass is the ‘Sequence’, a dramatic poem composed in the tenth century which is sung before the Gospel.

INTROIT

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia: posuisti super me manum tuam, alleluia: mirabilis facta est scientia tua, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm). Domine probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.

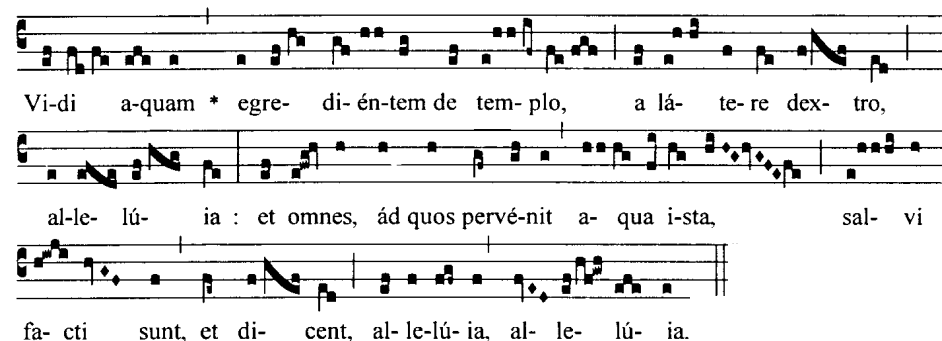
I have arisen, and am still with Thee, alleluia: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me, alleluia: Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known Me: Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up.

The Mass opens with the sprinkling of the Baptismal water blessed last night for the administration of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This rite takes the place of the usual opening Penitential Act.

During the sprinkling, which recalls our own baptism, the antiphon **Vidi Aquam** is sung:

“I saw water flowing from the right side of the Temple, Alleluia; and all those to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia alleluia!”



After this, the Celebrant, assisted by the Sacred Ministers, incenses the Altar as usual at the beginning of High Mass. Meanwhile, the Choir sings the Kyrie, which is from the Mass in G by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) The Celebrant then intones the **Gloria in Excelsis**, which is continued by the Choir to the setting by Schubert For the words, see Mass book p. 5 At the end of the Gloria. All stand, and the Celebrant greets the Congregation before inviting all to pray together in the joy of the Resurrection.

B COLLECT

Deus, qui hodierna die, per Unigenitum tuum, aeternitatis nobis aditum, devicta morte, reserasti, da nobis, quaesumus, ut, qui resurrectionis dominicae sollemnia colimus, per innovationem tui Spiritus in lumine vitae resurgamus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.....saecula saeculorum. Amen.

C First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL.

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: exsultemus et laetemur in ea. V. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.

This is the Day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. V. Confess unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures for ever.

E The second reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

ALLELUIA

Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed.

EQUENCE (this follows the Alleluia verse without a break:)

ctimæ paschali laudes immolent Christiani./ gnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri conciliavit peccatores. /Mors et vita duello concere mirando: dux vitæ mortuus, regnat vivus./ c nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via? /"Sepulcrum risti viventis: et gloriam vidi resurgentis. Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes./ Surrexit

To the Paschal Victim, Christians offer a sacrifice of praise. The Lamb has ransomed His sheep: the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners with the Father. Death and life confronted each other in a prodigious battle; the Prince of life who died, now lives and reigns. "Tell us, Mary, what did you see upon the way"? "I saw the sepulchre of the living Christ; I saw

Christus spes mea: præcedet suos in Galileam." /Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: /tu nobis victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.

the glory of the Risen One. I saw the angels, His witnesses, the shroud and the garments. Christ, my Hope, is risen; He will go before His own into Galilee." We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; O Victorious King, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.

G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

At that time: On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

CREDO III—see Mass book page 27 or 28.

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this Easter Antiphon to Our Lady.

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom thou wast made worthy to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.



During the Offertory the choir will sing "Dum transisset Sabbatum" by John Tavener (1495-1545)

"When the Sabbath day had passed, Mary Magdalene and Mary, James's wife, and Salome bought spices so that they might come and anoint Jesus; and early on the day after the Sabbath they came to the tomb just after sunrise. Alleluia."

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sacrificia, Domine, paschalibus gaudiis exsultantes offerimus, quibus Ecclesia tua mirabiliter renascitur et nutritur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O Lord, rejoicing with Paschal joy we offer Thee the sacrifice by which Thy Church is wonderfully reborn and nourished.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare: Te quidem, Domine, omni tempore confiteri, sed in hac potissimum die gloriosius prædicare, cum Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.

Ipse enim verus est Agnus qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriendo destruxit, et vitam resurgendo reparavit. Quapropter, profusis paschalibus gaudiis, totus in orbe terrarum mundus exultat. Sed et supermae virtutes atque angelicae potestates hymnum gloriae tuae concinunt, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and incumbent upon us for our salvation at all times to acknowledge Thee, O Lord, but chiefly and more exultantly on this day when Christ our Paschal offering was slain.

For He is that very Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world, who by His death has destroyed out death and by His rising again has restored to us everlasting life. Wherefore, out of abounding Paschal joy, the whole world breaks into praise, and the heavenly spirits and angelic powers likewise sing the praise of Thy glory, saying evermore: