

PART 1: SERVICE OF LIGHT  
BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND  
LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

8. A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church. When the people are gathered there, the Priest approaches with the ministers, one of whom carries the paschal candle. The processional cross and candles are not carried.

Deacon carries the paschal candle out

Where, however, a fire cannot be lit outside the church, the rite is carried out as in no. 13. below.

#1(Thurifer), #2(Boat and wax taper lighter), #3(book bearer with flashlight)

9. The Priest and faithful sign themselves while the Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And then he greets the assembled people in the usual way and briefly instructs them about the night vigil in these or similar words.

PRESIDER: 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 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.

10. *Then the Priest blesses the fire, saying, with hands extended:*

PRESIDER: 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.

11. 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, saying meanwhile:

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 for ever. Amen.  
(he cuts the fourth numeral of the current Year In  
the lower right corner of the cross)

12. When the cutting of the cross and of the other signs has been completed, the priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross, meanwhile saying:

- |                          |   |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| 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 |   |
13. Where, because of difficulties that may occur, a fire is not lit, the blessing of fire is adapted to the circumstances. When the people are gathered in the church as on other occasions, the Priest comes to the door of the church, along with the ministers carrying the paschal candle. The people, insofar as is possible, turn to face the Priest.

The greeting and address take place as in no. 9 above; then the fire is blessed and the candle is prepared, as above in nos. 10-12.

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**#6 has the lighter with candle taper from the baptismal cabinet ready for Presider to use**

14. *The Presider lights the Paschal Candle from the new fire, saying:*

**PRESIDER:** May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

### PROCESSION

15. When the candle has been lit, one of the ministers takes burning coals (**the fire caretaker will move a small coal from the fire and place it in the thurible**) from the fire and places them in the thurible, and the Priest puts incense into it in the usual way. The Deacon, or, if there is no Deacon, another suitable minister, takes the paschal candle and a procession forms. The thurifer with the smoking thurible precedes the Deacon (**#1 Thurifer leads Deacon**) or other minister who carries the paschal candle. After them follows the Priest with the ministers and the people, all holding in their hands unlit candles. A path is cleared for the Thurifer, Deacon, Presider, Elect, Catechumens, Servers,

**The lights in the Gathering Space and Sanctuary are turned OFF!**

At the door of the church the Deacon, standing and raising up the candle, sings:

**(#1 Thurifer stops at door)**

DEACON:

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

And all reply:

THANKS BE TO GOD

The Priest lights his candle from the flame of the paschal candle.

16. Then the Deacon moves forward to the middle of the church and, standing and raising up the candle, sings a second time: #1 Thurifer stops just inside sanctuary

DEACON:

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

And all reply:

Servers help distribute candle light

THANKS BE TO GOD

All light their candles from the flame of the paschal candle and continue in procession.

17. When the Deacon arrives before the altar, he stands facing the people, raises up the candle and sings a third time: #1 Thurifer stops at front of altar

DEACON:

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

And all reply:

THANKS BE TO GOD

Then the Deacon places the paschal candle on a large candle-stand prepared next to the ambo or in the middle of the sanctuary. #1 Thurifer and #2 Boat wait near Presider Chair

## The Easter Proclamation

18. Arriving at the altar, the Priest goes to his chair, gives his candle to a minister, puts incense into the thurible (#1 Thurifer and #2 Boat are waiting) and blesses the incense as at the Gospel at Mass.

19. The Deacon, incenses the Easter candle and Easter proclamation book.

**Exsultet will be proclaimed by Deacon at the ambo**

If a lay cantor sings the Proclamation, the words Therefore, dearest friends up to the end of the invitation are omitted, along with the greeting The Lord be with you. all are standing and holding lighted candles in their hands.

The Proclamation may also be sung in the shorter form (pp. 210-213).

#1 Thurifer and #2 Boat return to their seats

All extinguish Candles

**Ushers - Now the lights are turned to a very low setting...**

**On light keypad by main doors press "4"**

**This will light the perimeter security lights only**

SECOND PART  
LITURGY OF THE WORD

22. After setting aside their candles, all sit. Before the readings begin, the Priest instructs the people in these or similar words:

**PRESIDER:** Dear brothers and sisters,  
*Please extinguish your candles...*  
Now that we have begun our solemn vigil,  
let us listen 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.

23. Then the readings follow. A reader goes to the ambo and proclaims the reading. Afterwards a psalmist or a cantor sings or says the Psalm with the people making the response. Then all rise, the Priest says, Let us pray and after all have prayed for a while in silence, he says the prayer corresponding to the reading.

**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2 Lector 1**

**Psalm Response: Psalm 104 Sung (Choir)**

**Prayer after the Reading**

24. After the First Reading On creation: Gn 1: 1-2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a) and the Psalm (104 [103]) or 33 [32]).

**PRESIDER:** 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 marvelous,  
than the world's creation in the beginning  
except that, at the end of ages,  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Second Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1 (Choir)**

**Psalm Response: Exodus 15 (Choir)**

**Prayer after the Reading**

26. After the Second Reading (On the passage through the Red Sea: Ex. 14:) and its canticle (Ex 15).

**PRESIDER:** Let us pray...

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

**Third Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 Lector 2**

**Response: Isaiah 12**

**Sung (Choir)**

**Prayer after the Reading**

28. After the sung Third Reading (Is 55: 1-11) and sung canticle (Is 12):

PRESIDER: 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.  
Amen

31. After the last reading from the Old Testament with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit (# 3 lights the altar candles / #4 and #5 light wall candles now!) and the Psalmist intones the hymn Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest), which is taken up by all, while bells are rung, according to local custom.

# 2 rings the hand bells lightly during the Gloria

As the servers light the altar candles,  
the Gloria begins and ALL the church lights come up FULLY!

**Gloria - Choir**

# Gloria

[REFRAIN] William Gokelman & David Kauffman

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

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32. When the hymn is concluded, the Priest says the Collect in the usual way.

PRESIDER: 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.

33. Then the reader proclaims the reading from the Apostle

**Epistle Romans 6:3-11 Lector 3**

34. After the Epistle has been read, all rise, then the Psalmist solemnly intones the Alleluia Three times, raising his/her voice by a step each time, with all repeating it. If necessary, the psalmist intones the Alleluia.

Then the psalmist or cantor proclaims Psalm 118 (117) with the people responding Alleluia.

## Gospel Acclamation

Ps: 118

Sung (Choir)

35. The Priest, in the usual way, puts incense in the thurible and blesses the Deacon. At the Gospel lights are not carried, but only incense.

#1 Thurifer and #2 Boat to the CHAIR

The priest will put incense in the thurible

The Deacon will proceed to the altar to retrieve the Book of the Gospels

#1 Thurifer and #2 Boat will lead the Deacon to the Ambo

**Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 (Deacon)**

Thurifer and Boat return to their seats

May need to add charcoal to the thurible?

36. After the Gospel, the Homily, even if brief, is not to be omitted.

## Homily

Deacon: Brandy Taylor, please come forward together with your godparents.

Presider: Friends, let us pray to almighty God for Brandy who is asking for Baptism  
God has called her and brought her to this moment.  
May he grant her light and strength  
To follow Christ with a resolute heart  
And to profess the faith of the Church.  
May he give her the new life of the Holy Spirit,  
Whom we are about to call down on the waters of Baptism.

Deacon: Please follow Fr. Brian and the Elect to the baptismal font and take your candles with you.

## THIRD PART

### BAPTISMAL LITURGY

39. Then a procession to the baptistery or the font is formed immediately. The Deacon with the paschal candle within it's base, leads off, and those to be baptized follow him with their godparents, then the ministers, and the Priest. During the procession the Litany is sung.

**Litany of the Saints BB #722**

The Deacon leads all carrying the paschal candle to the baptismal.

The Deacon remains standing with the candle next to the presider at the font.

All servers bring their unlit candles and the #6 brings the Asperges for the sprinkling rite

Servers assist Presider and Deacon as directed

40. When the Litany is complete the Priest gives the address:

#### Blessing of Baptismal Water

46. The Priest then blesses the baptismal water, saying the following prayer 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.

The Deacon hands the paschal candle (without the base) to the presider.

And, if appropriate, lowering the paschal candle into the water either once or three times, he continues:

May the power of the Holy Spirit,  
O Lord, we pray,  
Come down through your Son  
Into the fullness of this font,

And, holding the candle in the water, he continues:

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.

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

Presider: Together we sing (say): "Springs of water, bless the Lord"

People: Springs of water, bless the Lord;

Deacon puts paschal candle in stand

From RCIA Rite

22. PRESIDER: I invite everyone to listen as I now ask the elect to make her baptismal promises for the first time. Only Brandy is to respond.

*The presider questions all the elect together who answer together in one voice.*

PRESIDER: Do you renounce Satan? ELECT: I do.

PRESIDER: And all his works? ELECT: I do.

PRESIDER: And all his empty show? ELECT: I do.

*The presider asks the elect to profess their faith:*

PRESIDER: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? ELECT: I do.

PRESIDER: 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? ELECT: I do.

PRESIDER: 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 the life everlasting? ELECT: I do.

PRESIDER: 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.  
Amen.

Presider enters the waters...

*Godparent takes shoes before Elect enters font, and holds name tag so Fr. Brian can see it  
Immediately after their profession of faith, the presider baptizes each candidate by immersion*

PRESIDER: Brandy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Acclamation: "Alleluia" is sung after each baptism*

The coordinator hands fresh towels to the godparents who assist the newly baptised.

PRESIDER: You have all become a new creation  
and have clothed yourselves in Christ.

*Coordinator hands out baptismal garments to sponsors who hold them toward elect:*

PRESIDER: Receive this baptismal garment  
and bring it unstained  
to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that you may have everlasting life.

**BAPTIZED: Amen.**

The sponsor(s) light the baptismal candles from the Easter Candle and present it to  
the newly baptized: #5 will be in place to assist, with step stool in place

PRESIDER: Godparents, please come forward to give  
to the newly baptized the light of Christ.

You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of light  
and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart.  
When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him  
with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

**BAPTIZED: Amen.**

**Deacon uses Fr. Brian's mic from now until his return!**

Each newly-baptized goes with his/her godparent to change into the baptismal garment and waits there.

Assembly's candles are lighted for their baptismal promises. Servers help light candles.

(55.) All now renew their baptismal promises and hold lighted candles.

DEACON: Dear friends, please light your candles as you prepare to renew your Baptismal promises...(pause)

Through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in Baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic church.

DEACON: Do you reject Satan? I do

DEACON: And all his works? I do

DEACON: And all his empty show? I do

*The deacon asks the assembly to profess their faith:*

DEACON Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? I do

DEACON 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? I do

DEACON 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 the life everlasting? I do

DEACON 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. Amen.

DEACON says to the assembly:

"Please extinguish your candles, and bless yourselves from the font as we move back into the main sanctuary"

**Choir: River of Glory BB650**

Server brings the "empty" Asperges to Deacon to bless those in sanctuary.

#5 returns the Easter candle to the altar stand

All now file back into the church. All candles are extinguished .

Deacon or Server returns Easter candle.

Ushers wipe the floor with towels

*Presider returns to the CHAIR*

31. Deacon now invites the candidates for reception along with their sponsors to make a profession of faith:

Deacon: *"Candidates for reception into the Catholic Church:  
Darrel Baker, Leah Rowe,  
Chandler Wren, Bethany Wesebaum  
Please come forward with your sponsors."*

The Priest and Deacon(s) will come forward from their Chairs.

#4 brings the oil from the server table and meets the Deacon

#4 gives the Deacon the Oil of the Catechumens, and #4 holds the Presider's Book

PRESIDER: *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.  
In the presence of this community.  
I now invite you 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.*

32. *When the candidates have taken their places facing the assembly, the presider asks each to profess their faith:*

**CANDIDATE:** I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.

*Each is received into full communion individually:*

**PRESIDER:** (nametag), 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.

**Deacon:** I now call forward Rachael Shepard, who has participated  
in the RCIA process and who now seeks Confirmation.

33. *Presider turns to center aisle and says:*

Now we welcome the newly baptized  
who return in their baptismal garments.

The newly baptised now process in...

34. **The festive Easter Hymn begins as the newly-baptized and their godparents enter the worship area dressed in their baptismal garments and carrying their lighted baptismal candles. They join the newly-received at the altar.**

**Psalm 118 reprise**

*Presider addresses the newly baptized and the newly received in these or similar words:*

PRESIDER: 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.

*(Presider now addresses the rest of the assembly)*

My dear friends, 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 briefly pray in silence)*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS (on each person)

If the person being received has not yet received the sacrament of confirmation, the celebrant lays hands on the candidate's head (or outstretched over the entire group) and begins the rite of confirmation with the following prayer.

PRESIDER: 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.

## ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

The sponsor places the right hand on the shoulder of the candidate.  
The celebrant dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed as he says:

**PRESIDER:** "N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Newly confirmed replies:

"Amen"

The celebrant adds:

**PRESIDER:** "Peace be with you."

Newly confirmed replies:

"and with your spirit"

## CELEBRANT'S SIGN OF WELCOME

*The celebrant then takes the hands of the newly received person into his own as a sign of friendship and acceptance. With the permission of the Ordinary, another suitable gesture may be substituted, depending on local and other circumstances.*

This concludes the Rite of Confirmation

The Presider washes his hands with fresh lemon, soap and water and returns to the Chair.

## General Intercessions

**PRESIDER:** “On this night when we celebrate Jesus’ risen life, let us confidently place our needs before the Lord of Life.”

### **DEACON**

1. For Holy Father and all believers, that their faith in the resurrection make them joyful for the gift of our salvation, we pray to the Lord.
2. For community leaders, preachers, and teachers, that their public acts proclaim justice and mercy for all, we pray to the Lord.
3. For all those who have not heard or who have not believed, that their hearts may be stirred by the example of those who proclaim the risen Lord, we pray to the Lord.
4. For all those who have received the Easter sacraments tonight that their faith continue to deepen throughout their lives, we pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick and dying and for those listed in our parish book of intentions and on our prayer chain, we pray to the Lord.

**PRESIDER:** “All-powerful God, your love is stronger than death. Filled with the joy of the resurrection, we entrust our petitions to you. Grant us what we need for salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Ushers begin the collection*

**FOURTH PART:**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

- 59. The Priest goes to the altar and begins the Liturgy of the Eucharist in the usual way.**
- 60. It is desirable that the bread and wine be brought forward by the newly baptized or, if they are children, by their parents or godparents.**

**#1 and #2 help receive the gifts / #3 and #4 prepare the altar as usual**

**Note: The Roman Missal is used for the remainder of the Vigil.**

The Deacon or Presider will receive the gifts

The Servers assist in the usual way

**Preparation of the Gifts      Song: "Flow River Flow" BB 648**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Holy Holy**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Amen**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Lamb of God**

**243 It is most desirable that the neophytes, together with their godparents, parents, spouses and catechists, receive communion under both kinds. Before saying "This is the Lamb of God," the celebrant may briefly remind the neophytes of the preeminence of the eucharist, which is the climax of their initiation and the center of the whole Christian life**

For Distribution of communion: 3 hosts & 5 cups (2 Hosts main isle and 1 south for choir)

**Communion Song      "Bread of Angels"      BB361**

1st Communion for neophytes!

**#5 re-light the sanctuary lamp from the Paschal Candle**

**Meditation Song      "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) BB 446**

**Blessing**

**Solemn Dismissal      (Deacon)      "Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia"**

**Sending Forth and Thank you**

**Closing Song      "Alleluia, Alleluia"      BB169**

## - Duties/Notes Section -

### EASTER VIGIL NOTES:

- 1)  All ministers, be at church NLT 8:15 and check in.
- 2)  The Church is dark, no candles are lit - minimal lighting prior to service  
...once Easter Candle is lit, church lights are off!
- 3)  The Elect and candidates, the sponsors, godparents, and the RCIA team go to the fire directly by 8:35 pm.
- 4)  All ministers should **be at the fire** 5 minutes before service begins.
- 5)  In case of rain or other difficulties, the fire caretaker must have an alternate location for a smaller fire planned,  
i.e. a brazier with other coals...
- 6)  The candidates, (not elect) sponsors, godparents, parents, RCIA Team members, and the choir, should all have candles with them ahead of time.
- 7)  Priests, Deacon(s), and servers will pick up candles in the gathering space.
- 8)  The altar and credence tables should be dressed.

### Deacon:

Prepare the Paschal candle (incense holes, pre burn, pre fit into receiver)

Flashlight in pocket

At conclusion of mass, the paschal candle must be placed in the sanctuary.

### Sacristan:

Obtain Sacred Chrism from the wood ambry in the Gathering Space.

Baptismal prep: (steps at font, steps at paschal candle holder, towels, pitcher, baptismal candles, white garments, chrism on the servers table)

Processional candles and candle guards for the congregation.

Asperges and receiver for sprinkling rite on server table

Items for Confirmation:

Towels, small oil pitcher of Chrism, lemon slices for Fr. Brian to clean the oil off his hands, towels for him to dry his hands.

Ensure the altar and credence tables are dressed.

For Distribution of the Eucharist we need:

5 bowls; See distribution chart on p.25

If you are short of distributors, the following positions  
may be eliminated: H5

Place the Book of the Gospel in the holder on the Altar

### Ushers:

Please prepare the candle drip guards/cups.

Welcome people as they enter - Please be at the doors 20 minutes ahead of time.

Pass out in-pew worship aids.

Lighting Management:

Lights on medium as people arrive for service.

As the service starts at the Easter Fire, lights on lowest level.

As the Deacon begins to carry to Pascal Candle from the Easter fire

- lights ALL OFF!

Lights stay off throughout the Exsultet (Deacon Chanting from ambo)

After Exsultet, congregation will extinguish candles - lights put to setting #11.

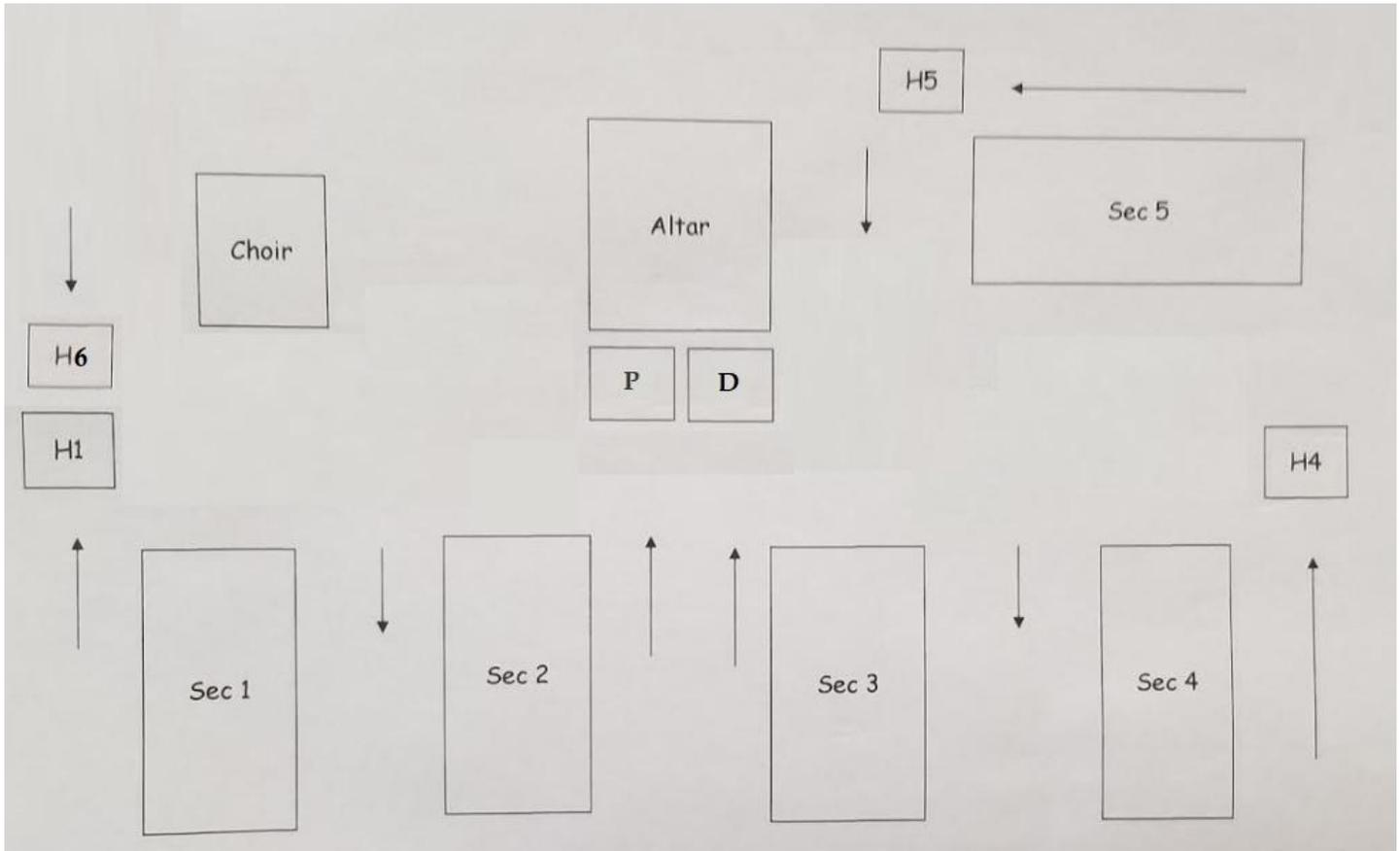
When the Gloria begins, the lights are brought to full!

Help wipe up any water after baptisms

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Eucharistic Ministers - no special actions for this liturgy.

**Easter Vigil Distribution stations are as follows**



H=EM for Host, C=EM for Cup, P=Priest, D=Deacon

**Lectors:**

3 Lectors needed: 1st reading, 3rd reading, and Epistle

Remember that there are responses and prayers after the readings from the Old Testament. See the in-pew worship aid.

**Maintenance:**

Baptismal font ready. Barricade the drive and walkway to the Easter Fire

**Servers:** Notes within Master Document