

**The Paschal candle is lit and the ministers process into the church.**

**The first reading is introduced with these words:** Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption. First, we hear the story of the creation and fall of humanity as told in the 2014 film Noah. Here the movie makers imagine Noah telling the story to his family as they ride out the storm on the Ark.

**Then follows a prayer and the introduction to the second reading:** O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Now we hear the story of Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea as told in the 1956 film The Ten Commandments.

**Then another prayer and the introduction to the third reading:** O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Through all the history of the world God made known to us his goodness and love in creation; in the calling of Israel to be his people; in his Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, his Son. For in these last days God sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. When we rejected him, he loved us still. When we cursed him, he forgave and blessed us. And when we crucified him, he chose death and the grave as the setting for his last and greatest act of salvation.

**Then the hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today":**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

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!

For the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation has procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

**The proclamation of the Resurrection:**

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **After the sermon, the renewal of our Baptismal Vows:**

Officiant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Officiant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
People: I do.

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Father?  
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
People: I 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.

Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**The prayers:**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People together:

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.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins  
and offenses,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
People: We entreat you, O Lord.

**The office hymn, "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain":**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

"Alleuia!" now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son,  
God the Father praising;  
"Alleluia!" yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

**The concluding prayers:**

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.