

# The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and death and on his descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.



The Easter Vigil is made up of four parts described below:



## 1 The Lucernarium and Easter Proclamation

(The Service of Light)

A great fire is blessed.

The Paschal Candle is lit from this sacred fire with the words:

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

## 2 The Liturgy of the Word

FROM THE GOSPEL READING:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

Luke 24:5

## 3 Baptism

We celebrate Christ's death and Resurrection.

After water in the font is blessed, catechumens are initiated into the Church through baptism. The faithful also renew their baptismal promises at this time.



SOURCE: The Roman Missal

## 4 The Holy Eucharist

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia."

1 Corinthians 5:7-8



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# The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday



"The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia."

Luke 24:34; cf. Revelation 1:6



O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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.

The Roman Missal



Today, we celebrate Easter, Christ's Resurrection. Easter is the "feast of feasts," "the solemnity of solemnities," and the "Great Sunday."

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