Che Vigil of Pentecost



The altar is prepared with the red frontal and flowers. A purple frontal or veil is draped over the red frontal. Red vestments are prepared in the sacristy, with purple vestments placed on top. The credence table is prepared, then a purple veil is draped over the vessels. The font is prepared, with the Oil of Unction and Holy Chrism placed nearby. The Paschal Candle without its stand is placed in the sanctuary. A book with the prophecies is placed on the lectern. The candles on and near the altar remain unlighted, as at the Paschal Vigil.

At the appointed hour, the Sacred Ministers, wearing purple vestments, reverence the altar. The Priest kisses the altar in the usual manner. The Sacred Ministers go to the sedilia and sit for the readings.

The readings are read without introduction, conclusion or response.

The collects are sung without "Let us bow the knee..."

(The First Prophecy - Genesis 22)

TN those days: God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the

nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

Collect. Let us pray. O God, who in the deed of Abraham thy servant hast given a pater of obedience to mankind: gant us so to conquer the perversity of our desires, that we may in all things fulfil the righteousness of thy commandments. Through...

(The Second Prophecy - Exodus 14 &15)

Tn those days: It came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD Looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses. Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying:

Tract. Exodus 15. We will sing unto the Lord: for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea: the Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. V. He is my God,

and I will prepare him an habitation: my father's God, and I will exalt him. V. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

Collect. Let us pray. O God, who by the light of thy new Covenant hast made manifest thy wonders wrought in former times, shewing in the Red Sea a pattern of the sacred font, and in the deliverance of thy people from bondage in Egypt foreshadowing the sacraments of thy Christian people: grant that all nations, being admitted by the merit of their faith to the privilege of Israel, may be regenerated by the partaking of thy Holy Spirit. Through... in the unity of the same Holy Spirit.

(The Third Prophecy - Deuteronomy 31)

N those days: Moses wrote this song and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee. And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

Tract. Deuteronomy 32. Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak: and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. V. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my

speech shall distil as the dew. V. As the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: because I will publish the name of the Lord. V. Ascribe ye greatness unto our God: he is the Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment. V. A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is the Lord.

Collect. Let us pray. O God, the glory of the faithful and the life of the just, who through Moses thy servant hast instructed us also in the chanting of thy sacred song: accomplish in all nations the work of thy mercy, granting them felicity, and delivering them from terror; that those things which were uttered for punishment may be turned into an everlasting remedy. Through...

(The Fourth Prophecy - Isaiah 4)

In that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Tract. Isaiah 5. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. V. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stone thereof: and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it. V. And also made a wine-press therein: for the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Collect. Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God;, who through thy only Son hasdt revealed thyself to be the husbandman of thy Church, who dost mercifully purge every branch that bringeth forth fruit in the true vine, even the same thy Christ, to the intent that it may bring forth more fruit: let not the thorns of sin prevail against thy faithful people whom by the Font of baptism thou hast brought like a vine out of Egypt; that being fortified by the sanctifying power of thy Spirit, they may be enriched with everlasting fruit. Through the same...in the unity of the same.

(The Fifth Prophecy - Baruch 3)

Tear, Israel, the commandments of life: give ear to understand wisdom. **L** How happeneth it Israel, that thou art in thine enemies' land, that thou art waxen old in a strange country, that thou art defiled with the dead, That thou art counted with them that go down into the grave? Thou hast forsaken the fountain of wisdom. For if thou hadst walked in the way of God, thou shouldest have dwelled in peace for ever. Learn where is wisdom, where is strength, where is understanding; that thou mayest know also where is length of days, and life, where is the light of the eyes, and peace. Who hath found out her place? or who hath come into her treasures? Where are the princes of the heathen become, and such as ruled the beasts upon the earth; They that had their pastime with the fowls of the air, and they that hoarded up silver and gold, wherein men trust, and made no end of their getting? For they that wrought in silver, and were so careful, and whose works are unsearchable. They are vanished and gone down to the grave, and others are come up in their steads. Young men have seen light, and dwelt upon the earth: but the way of knowledge have they not known, Nor understood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it: their children were far off from that way. It hath not been heard of in Chanaan, neither hath it been seen in Theman. The Agarenes that seek wisdom upon earth, the merchants of Meran and of Theman, the authors of fables, and searchers out of understanding; none of these have known the way of wisdom, or remember her paths. O Israel, how great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession! Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeasurable. There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were

of so great stature, and so expert in war. Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them: But they were destroyed, because they had no wisdom, and perished through their own foolishness. Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her for pure gold? No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path. But he that knoweth all things knoweth her, and hath found her out with his understanding: he that prepared the earth for evermore hath filled it with fourfooted beasts: He that sendeth forth light, and it goeth, calleth it again, and it obeyeth him with fear. The stars shined in their watches, and rejoiced: when he calleth them, they say, Here we be; and so with cheerfulness they shewed light unto him that made them. This is our God, and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him. He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob his servant, and to Israel his beloved. Afterward did he shew himself upon earth, and conversed with men.

Collect. Let us pray. O God, who by the mouths of the prophets hast commanded us to leave things temporal, and to strive after things eternal: grant unto thy servants; that we, knowing the things which thou commandest, may by thy heavenly inspiration be enabled to perform the same. Through...

The Paschal candle and the acolyte's candles are lit during the following reading.

(The Sixth Prophecy - Ezekiel 37)

In the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause

breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: saith the LORD Almighty.

Collect. Let us pray. O Lord God of hosts, who restorest those things that are broken down, and preservest those things that thou restorest: increase the peoples that shall be regenerated in the sanctification of thy name; that alal who are washed in holy baptism may ever be guided by thy inspiration. Through...

The Priest removes the chasuble and puts on the purple cope. The Subdeacon carries the Paschal candle. As they go to the font, the following Tract is sung.

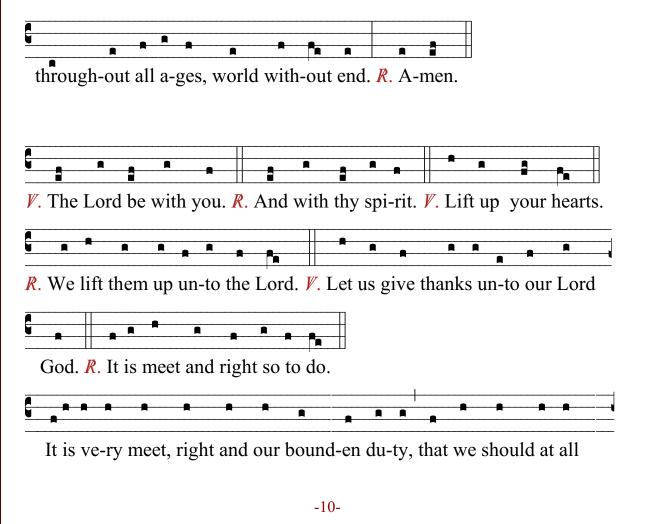
Tract. Ps. 42. Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. V. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? V. My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me: Where is now thy God?

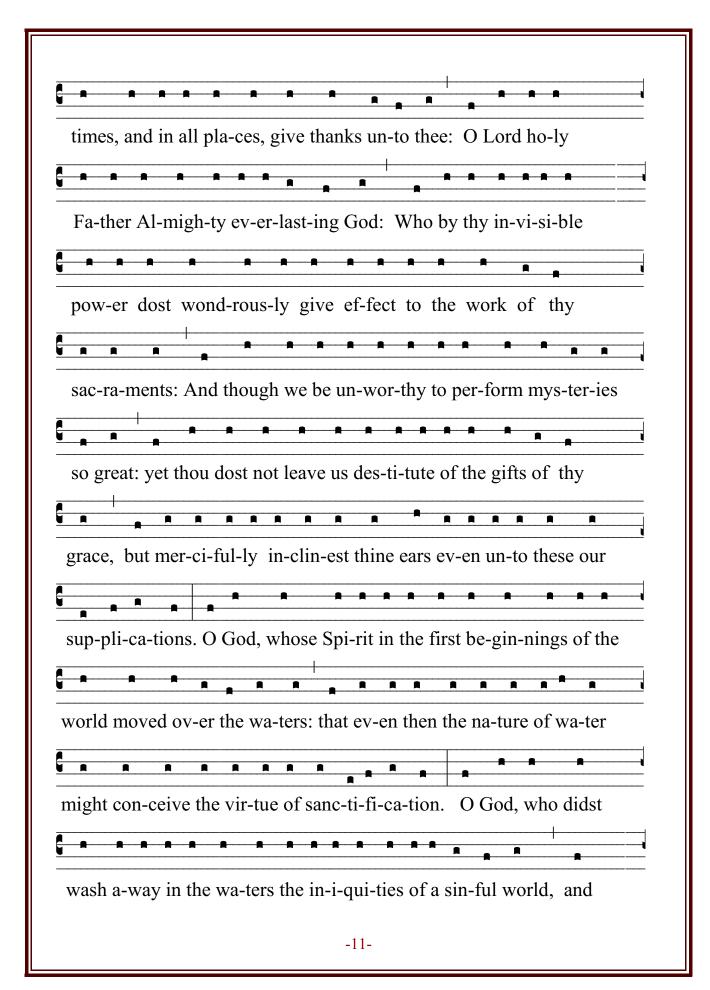
Approaching the font he prays:

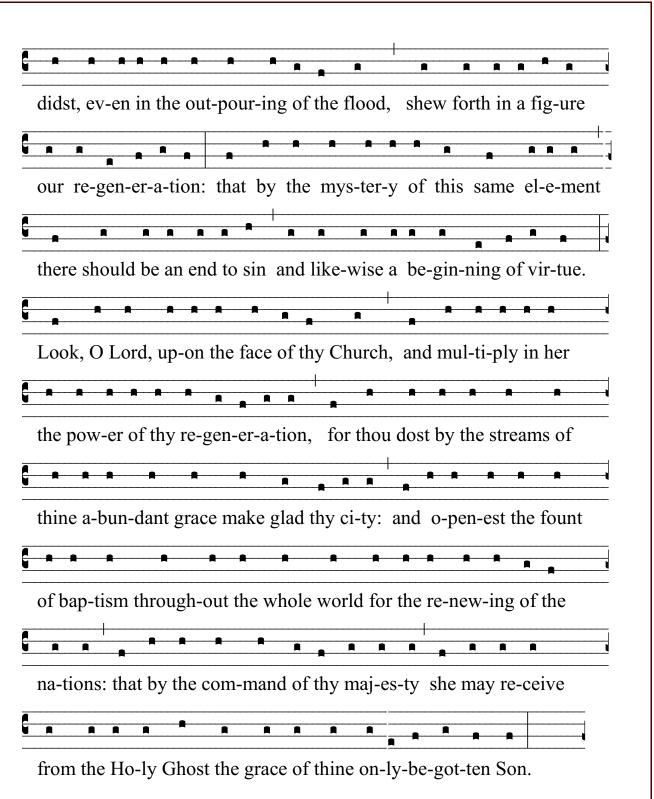
V. The Lord be with you. *R*. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we, who observe the solemnity of the gift of the Holy Ghost, being inflamed with heavenly desires, may thirst after the fountain of life. Through... who with thee and the same...

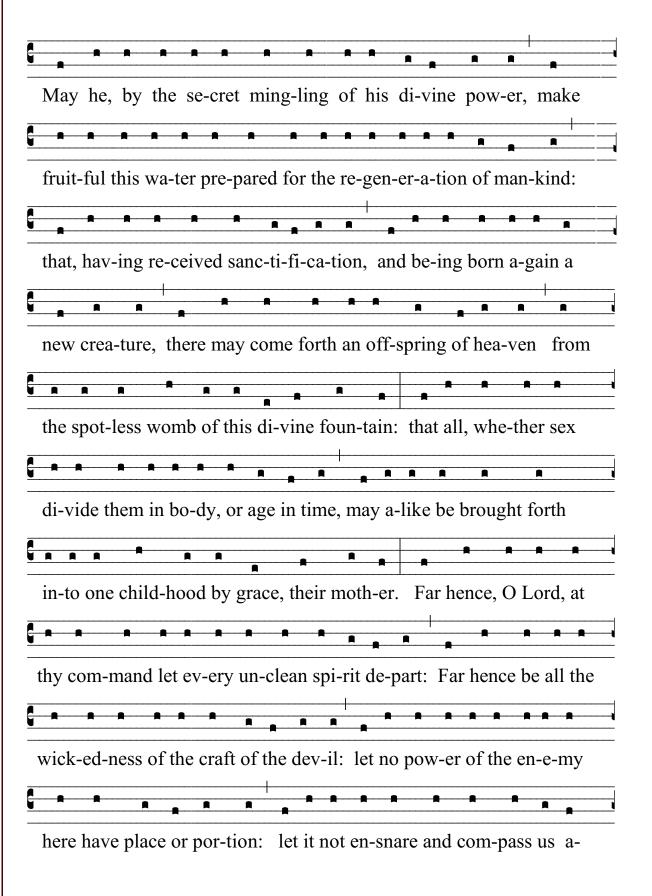
Almighty and everlasting God, be present at the mysteries, be present at the sacraments of thy great goodness: and send forth the spirit of adoption for the regeneration of the new peoples, whom the font of baptism doth bring forth unto thee; that what is to be done by our humble ministry, may be effectually fulfilled by thy power. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God...

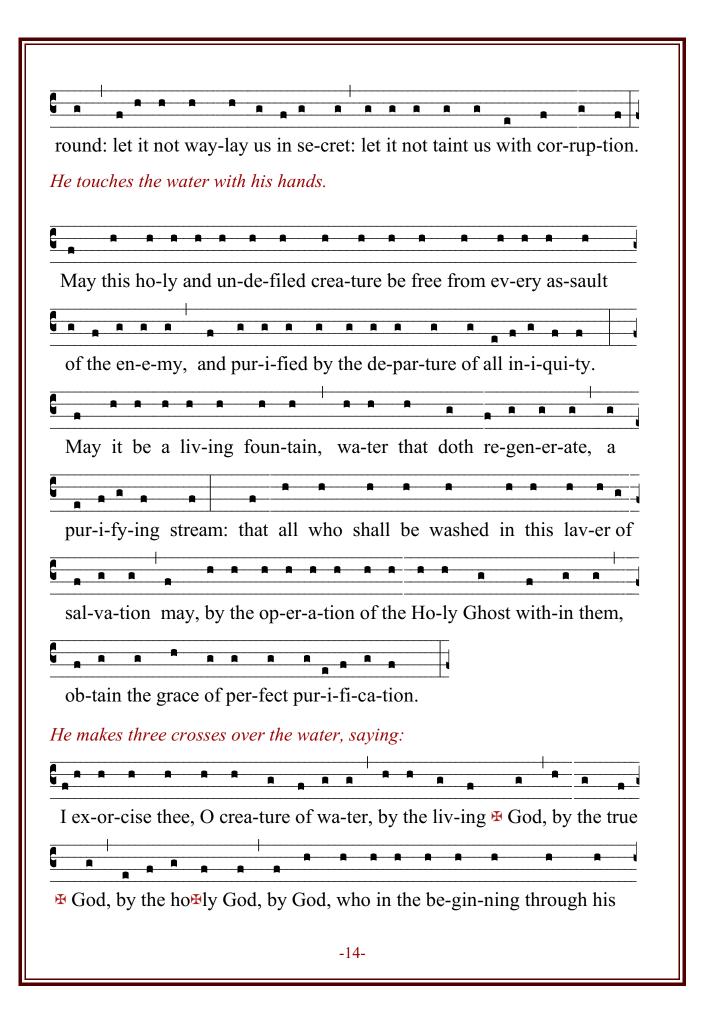


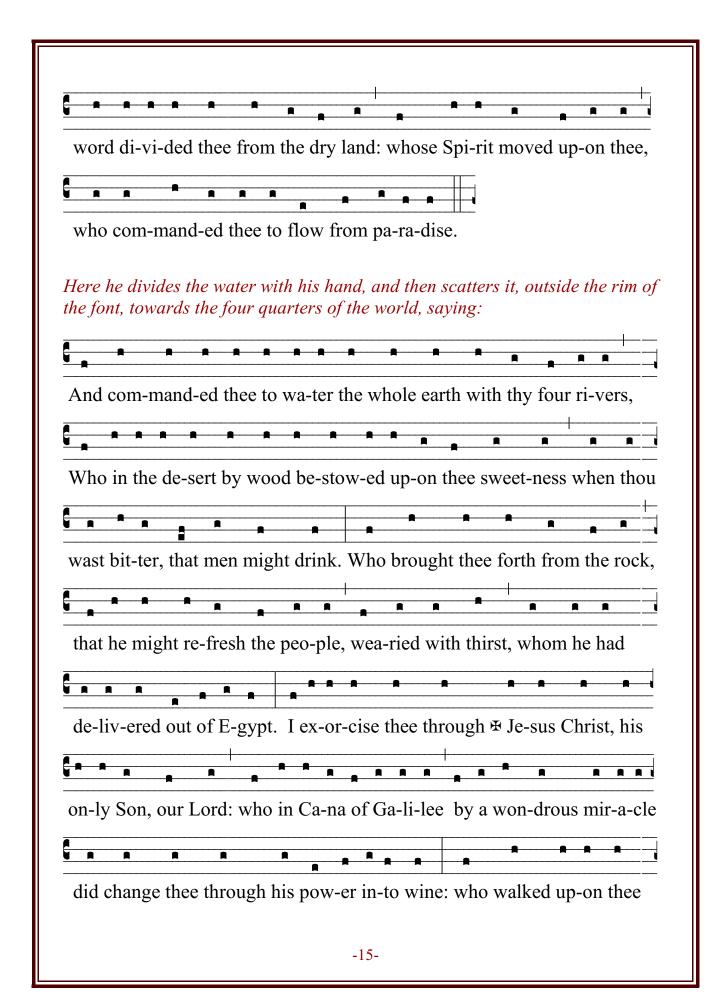


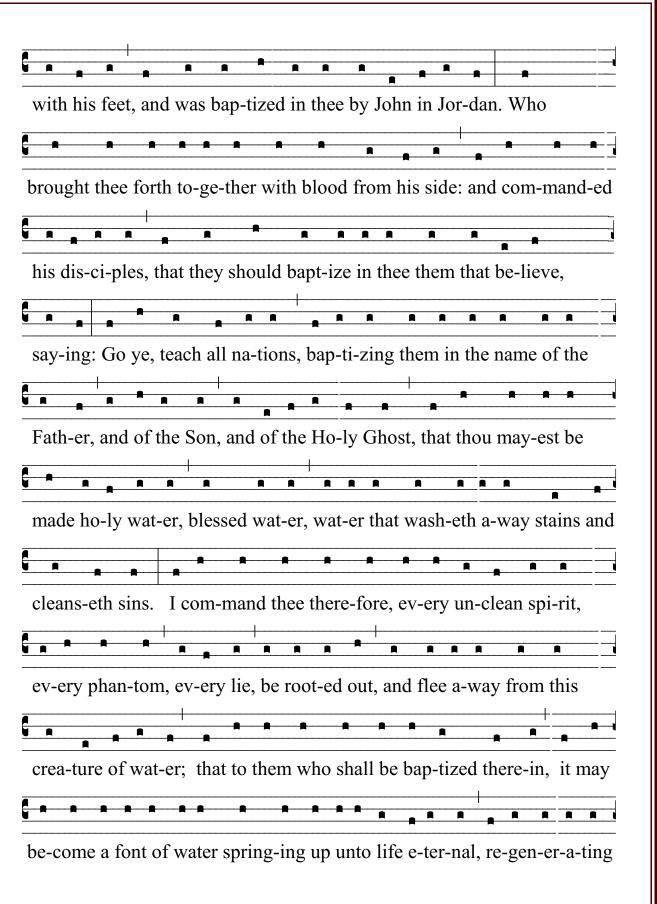


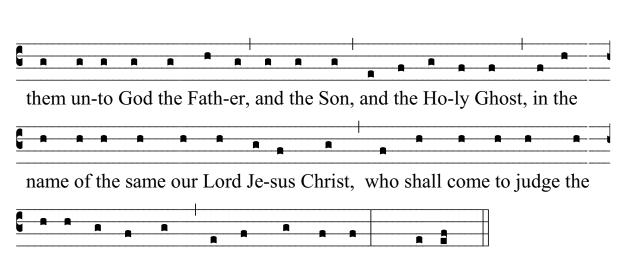
Here he divides the water in the form of a cross with his extended hand, saying:











liv-ing and the dead, and the world by fire. R. A-men.

Let us pray: O Lord Holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who dost sanctify spiritual waters, we humbly entreat thee: that thou wouldest vouchsafe to look upon this ministry of our humble service, and to send forth upon these waters, made ready for the washing and purifying of men, the Angel of holiness; to the end that, the sins of their former life being washed, and their guilt cleansed, they being regenerate may be worthy to be made a spotless habitation for the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *R*. Amen.

Then, he breathes thrice into the water, in three directions according to this figure ψ . Then he puts incense in the thurible, and having blessed it, censes the Font, with three simple swings. Then the Celebrant lowers the Candle into the water three times, each time saying:

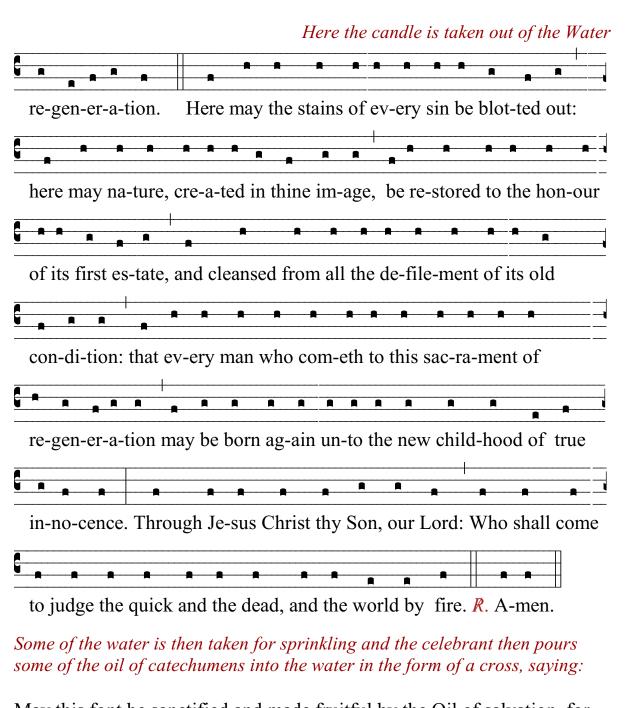


May the power of the Ho-ly Ghost des-cend up-on the ful-ness of this font.

Again breathing on the water three times, he says,



And make the whole sub-stance of this wa-ter to be fruit-ful un-to



May this font be sanctified and made fruitful by the Oil of salvation, for such as shall be born again therefrom, unto life everlasting. R. Amen.

Then in the same manner, he pours in some of the Chrism, saying:

May this inpouring of the Chrism of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, be wrought in the name of the holy Trinity. *R*. Amen.

Then, pouring in some of the holy Oil and the Chrism together in the form of a Cross, he says:

May this commingling of the Chrism of sanctification, and of the Oil of Unction, and of the water of Baptism be likewise wrought in the name of the Fa \pm ther, and of the So \pm n, and of the Ho \pm ly Ghost. *R*. Amen.

Then he mingles the Oil itself with the water, and with his hand spreads it over the font. If there be any to be baptized, he baptizes them in the usual manner. If Chrismation is to take place apart from Baptism, it follows here.

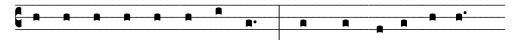
Returning to the altar, the Paschal candle is extinguished, the Priest lies prostrate before the altar, all others kneel, and the Litany of the Saints is sung.



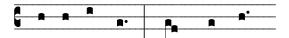
Cantor: Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. *People:* Chri-ste e-le-i-son. *Cantor:* Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



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



O God the Fa-ther of hea-ven, **have mer-cy up-on us.** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.** O God the Holy Ghost, **have mercy upon us.** Holy Trinity, one God, **have mercy upon us.**



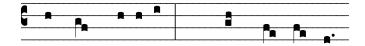
Ho-ly Ma-ry, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, **pray...** Holy Virgin of virgins, **pray...** St. Michael, **pray...** St. Gabriel, **pray...** St. Raphael, **pray...** All ye holy Angels and Archangels, **pray...** All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits, **pray...** St. John the Baptist, **pray...** St. Joseph, **pray...** All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, **pray...**

St. Peter, pray... St. Paul, pray... St. Andrew, pray... St. James, pray... St. John, pray... St. Thomas, pray... St. James, pray... St. Philip, pray... St. Bartholomew, pray... St. Matthew, pray... St. Simon, pray... St. Jude, pray... St. Matthias, pray... St. Barnabas, pray... St. Luke, pray... St. Mark, pray... All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray...** All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, pray... All ye holy Innocents, pray... St. Stephen, pray... St. Laurence, pray... St. Vincent, pray... St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, pray... St. John and St. Paul, pray... St. Cosmas and St. Damian, pray... St. Gervase and St. Protase, pray... All ye holy Martyrs, pray... St. Silvester, pray... St. Gregory, pray... St. Ambrose, pray... St. Augustine, pray... St. Jerome, pray... St. Martin, pray... St. Nicholas, pray... All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, pray... All ye holy Doctors, pray... St. Anthony, pray... St. Benedict, pray... All ye holy Priest and Levites, **pray...** All ye holy Monks and Hermits, **pray...** [St. Herman, pray... St. Innocent, pray... St. Tikhon, pray... St. Juvenaly, pray... St. Peter the Aleut, pray... St. Alexis, pray... St. Raphael of Brooklyn, pray... All ye holy Enlighteners of North America, pray...] St. Mary Magdalen, pray... St. Agatha, pray... St. Lucy, pray... St. Agnes, pray... St. Cecilia, pray... St. Catherine, **pray...** St. Anastasia, **pray...** All ye holy Virgins and Widows, pray...

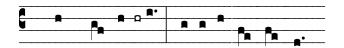


All ye ho-ly men and wo-men, Saints of God, in-ter-cede for us.



V. Be thou merciful, R. spare us, O Lord.

V. Be thou merciful, R. graciously hear us, O Lord.



- *V*. From all evil, *R*. deliver us, O Lord.
- *V*. From all sin, *R*. deliver...
- V. From everlasting death, R. deliver...
- V. Through the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, R. deliver...
- V. Through thine Advent, R. deliver...

- *V*. Through thy Nativity, *R*. **deliver...**
- V. Through thy Baptism and holy Fasting, R. deliver...

- *V*. Through thy holy Resurrection, *ℝ*. **deliver...**
- V. Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, R. deliver...

The Sacred Ministers proceed to the sacristy where they change from purple to red vestments. Candles on and around the altar are lighted.

- V. We sinners. *R*. beseech thee to hear us.
- V. That thou would est spare us, R. we beseech thee to hear us.
- 𝒘. That it may please thee to govern and preserve thy holy Church, 𝒘. we beseech thee...
- V. That it may please thee to preserve our apostolic lord and all orders of the Church in thy true religion, R. we beseech thee...
- V. That it may please thee to give unto Christian kings and rulers peace and true concord, R. we beseech thee...
- V. That it may please thee to strengthen, and preserve us in thy holy service,
- *R*. we beseech thee...
- V. That thou would st reward all our benefactors with everlasting blessings,
- *R*. we beseech thee...
- V. That it may please thee to grant unto all the faithful departed rest eternal,
- *R*. we beseech thee...
- V. That it may please thee graciously to hear us, R. we beseech thee...
- V. Son of God, R. we beseech thee, hear us.
- V. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, R. spare us, O Lord.
- V. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. O Christ hear us. R. O Christ, graciously hear us.

During the singing of the Kyrie, the Sacred Ministers approach the altar, and the altar is censed. During the singing of the Gloria in excelsis, the organ plays and bells are rung. The following Collect only is sung.

Collect. Grant, we beseech thee, almighty God: that the splendor of thy brightness may shine forth upon us; and that the light of thy light may, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit strengthen the hearts of them who through thy grace are born again. Through... same Holy Spirit...

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: It came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto Johns baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God (*19:1-8*).

Alleluia. *V. Ps. 107.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. *Alleluia is not repeated, but there immediately follows: Tract. Ps. 117.* O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations. *V.* For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

At the Gospel, candles are not carried, but incense only.

➡ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John

A T that time: Jesus said unto his disciples: If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him (14:15-21).

The Creed is not said.

Offertory. Ps. 104. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth: the glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever, alleluia.

Secret. Sanctify, we beseech thee, O Lord, the gifts which we offer: and cleanse our hearts by the enlightening of the Holy Spirit. Through... same Holy Spirit...

The Preface, Communicantes, and Hanc igitur of Pentecost.

Communion. John 7. In the last day of the feast, Jesus said: He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water: but this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive, alleluia.

Postcommunion. Pour thy Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, and cleanse our hearts: that they may be made fruitful by the inward sprinkling of his dew. Through... same Holy Spirit...