

## **Easter Vigil of Resurrection of the Lord – Years ABC**

### Readings

[From the Old Testament, we are only reading the three required readings:]

- First: (Long Form) Genesis 1:1—2:2
- Third: Exodus 14:15—15:1
- Fifth: Isaiah 55:1-11

[Then, after the Gloria and a chanted prayer, the Epistle and Gospel happen:]

- Epistle: Romans 6:3-11 (Read after Gloria is sung and priest chants another prayer)
- Gospel Year A: Matthew 28:1-10
- Gospel Year B: Mark 16:1-7
- Gospel Year C: Luke 24:1-12

### Lectors

- Enough lectors to cover 3 OT readings and 1 NT Epistle
- Remember that there is a prayer chanted by priest after each reading and its accompanying Psalm response.... then next reading happens.
- OT lectors might need a small flashlight, in case darkness prohibits easy reading

### Servers: 6 Total

- Crucifer
- 2 Torchbearers (remember to light Paschal Candle)
- Thurifer
- Boatbearer
- Extra to handle many other details during Mass
- Will have to help prepare Paschal candle at beginning before procession, also light candles of congregation during procession, also light candles of congregation before baptismal promises, etc., etc.

### Decorations

- Flowers around altar and sanctuary
- Leave enough room in front of altar for deacon and priest to pass during liturgy

### Music

- *Exaltet* (sung by priest.... choir has to be ready to join at “dialogue”, just as in preface dialogue before Eucharistic prayer.... then also choir helps lead final “Amen” of *Exaltet*)
- Responsorial Psalms to accompany each of 3 OT readings
- Gloria (After final prayer chanted by priest after 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and responsorial psalm)
- Gospel Alleluia (which serves also as responsorial after NT Epistle)
- Litany of Saints (only if there are candidates for Baptism.... Otherwise the priest just chants a blessing for new holy water... Ask CRE if there are baptismal candidates)
- “I Saw Water” or another sprinkling song after renewal of baptismal vows (replaces Creed)
- Special Easter dismissal by Deacon at end of Mass

### Ushers

- Extra seating available (narthex?, side aisles?)
- Camera in Paulding choir loft for narthex attendees?
- Reserved seating in front for candidates and families (Ask CRE how much space to reserve)
- Baskets of small candles hand out to everybody as they enter Mass
- Iron pot for Easter fire ready at main entrance, ready for lighting

- Fill holy water stoops at entrances with holy water at communion time

### Sacristans

- Flowers throughout sanctuary
- Liturgical Color = White
- Paschal Candle stand is up near ambo, ready for deacon/priest to set paschal candle in after procession
- Prepare holy water bucket and aspergillum for sprinkling rite
- Baskets of small candles at entrances
- Paschal Candle and preparatory supplies for blessing a lighting it back at main entrance
- Extra sacramentary back at main entrance near where Paschal candle will be prepared
- Sacred Chrism (with extra bowl w/lemon and bread... and extra pitcher of water for cleaning hands after Confirmation rite)
- Baptismal candle for any newly baptized
- Liturgical notebook with priest's program in it
- Extra pitchers for ushers to fill holy water stoops at entrances during Communion