

EASTER FRIDAY

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The Introit contains an allusion to the paschal feast of the neophytes, who, like the Israelites of old, have escaped from the slavery of Egypt across the Red Sea, which is a symbol of holy Baptism. The enemy who was overwhelmed by the waves is Satan, or sin.

The doctrine taught in the lesson taken from 1 Peter is that contained in the article of the creed: "He descended into hell." Among the souls in Limbo were patriarchs and prophets and some who had paid no heed to the warnings of Noe when he predicted the destruction of the world in the flood. The words must not be taken to mean that Christ preached in hell in order to convert the souls who had already been condemned for their sin of unbelief; for the state of the soul cannot change after death. Christ descended into the abode of the dead to announce both to the good and to the wicked the redemption now accomplished; to the good for their supreme consolation, to the wicked as a further reason for their condemnation.

INTROIT Psalms 77: 53

Edúxit eos Dóminus in spe, allelúja: et inimícos eórum opéruit mare, allelúja, allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 77: 1) Attendite, pópule meus, legem meam: inclináte aures vestras in verba oris mei. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Edúxit eos Dóminus in spe, allelúja: et inimícos eórum opéruit mare, allelúja, allelúja, allelúja.

COLLECT

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui paschále sacraméntum in reconciliatiónis humanæ fœdere contulisti: da méntibus nostris; ut, quod professióne celebrámus, imitémur efféctu. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Caríssimi: Christus semel pro peccátis nostris mórtuus est, justus pro injústis, ut nos offerret Deo, mortificátus quidem carne, vivificátus autem spírítu. In quo et his, qui in cárcere erant, spírítibus véniens prædicávit: qui incréduli fúerant aliquándo, quando exspectábant Dei patiéntiam in diébus Noë, cum fabricarétur arca, in qua pauci, id est octo ánimæ salvæ factæ sunt per aquam. Quod et vos nunc similis formæ salvos facit baptisma: non carnis depositio sórdium, sed consciétiæ bonæ interrogatio in Deum per resurrectiõem Jesu Christi, Dómini nostri, qui est in dextera Dei.

GRADUAL Psalms 117: 24, 26, 27

Hæc dies, quam fecit Dóminus: exultémus et lætémur in ea. Benedíctus, qui venit in nómine Dómini: Deus Dóminus, et illúxit nobis. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 95: 10) Dícite in géntibus: quia Dóminus regnávit a ligno.

SEQUENCE

Victimæ pascháli laudes ímmolent Christiáni.

Agnus redémit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliávit peccatóres.

Mors et vita duéllo confluxére mirándo:

Dux vitæ mórtuus, regnat vivus.

Dic nobis, María, quid vidisti in via?

Sepúlchrum Christi vivéntis: et glóriam vidi resurgéntis, Angélicos testes, sudárium et vestes.

Surréxit Christus spes mea: præcédet vos in Galilæam.

Scimus Christum surrexisse a mórtuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserére. Amen. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16-20

In illo témpore: Úndecim discipuli abiérunt in Galilæam, in montem, ubi constítuerat illis Jesus. Et véntes eum adoravérunt: quidam autem dubitavérunt. Et accédens Jesus locútus est eis, dicens: Data est mihi omnis potéstas in cælo et in terra. Eúntes ergo, docéte omnes gentes, baptizátes eos in nómine Patris, et Fílii, et Spíritus Sancti: docentes eos serváre ómnia, quæcúmque mandávi vobis. Et ecce, ego vobíscum sum ómnibus diébus usque ad consummationem sæculi.

OFFERTORY Exodus 12: 14

Erit vobis hæc dies memoriális, allelúja: et diem festum celebrábitis sollémnem Dómino in progénies vestras: legítimum sempitérnum diem, allelúja, allelúja, allelúja.

SECRET

Hóstias, quæsumus, Dómine, placátus assúme: quas et pro renatórum expiatióne peccáti deférimus, et pro acceleratióne cæléstis auxilií. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hac potíssimum die, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccáta mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatióibus, cumque omni militía cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

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Sacramentum, et diem sacratíssimum celebrátes Resurrectióis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi secúndum carnem: sed et memoriám venerátes, in primis gloriósæ semper Vírginis Maríæ, Genetrícis ejúsdem Dei et Dómini ejúsdem Vírginis sponsi, et beatórum Apostolórum ac Mátyrum tuórum, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Jacóbi, Joánnis, Thomæ, Jacóbi, Philíppi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simónis, et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypriáni, Lauréntii, Chrysógoni, Joánnis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiáni: et ómnium Sanctórum tuórum; quorum méritis, precibúsq; concédas, ut in ómnibus protectióis tuæ muniámur auxilió. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

HANC IGITUR FOR EASTER

Hanc igitur oblatiõem servitútis nostræ, sed et cunctæ famíliæ tuæ, quam tibi offerimus pro his quoque, quos tibi offerimus digna ex aqua, et Spírítu Sancto, tríbuens eis remissiõem ómnium peccatórum, quæsumus, Dómine, ut placátus accípias: diésque nostros in tua pace dispónas, atque ab ætérna damnatióne nos éripi, et in aëtherium tuórum júbeas grege numerári. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

COMMUNION Matthew 28: 18-19

Data est mihi omnis potéstas in cælo et in terra, allelúja: eúntes, docéte omnes gentes, baptizátes eos in nómine Patris, et Fílii, et Spíritus Sancti, allelúja, allelúja.

POSTCOMMUNION

Réspice, quæsumus, Dómine, pópulum tuus: et, quem ætérna dignátus es renováre mystériis, a temporálibus culpis dignánte absólve. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The Lord brought them out in hope, alleluia, and the sea overwhelmed their enemies, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 77: 1) Attend, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The Lord brought them out in hope, alleluia, and the sea overwhelmed their enemies, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Almighty and eternal God, in the Easter sacrament Thou instituted the covenant, whereby Thou forgavest mankind; grant to our souls, that what we outwardly profess we may show forth in our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dearly beloved: Because Christ died once for our sins, the just for the unjust: that he might offer us to God, being put to death indeed in the flesh, but enlivened in the spirit. In which also coming he preached to those spirits that were in prison: which had been some time incredulous, when they waited for the patience of God in the days of Noe, when the ark was building: wherein a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. Whereunto baptism being of the like form, now saveth you also: not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the examination of a good conscience towards God by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who is on the right hand of God.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he hath shone upon us. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 95: 10) Say ye among the Gentiles, the Lord hath reigned from a tree.

Christians! to the Paschal Victim offer your praises.

The Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life contended in that conflict stupendous:

The Prince of Life, Who died, reigneth alive.

Speak to us, Mary, what thou sawest on your way?

"The tomb of Christ who now liveth: and likewise the glory of the Risen. Angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee He goeth before you."

We know that Christ is risen truly from the dead: have mercy on us, Thou Victor King. Amen. Alleluia.

At that time: the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And seeing them they adored: but some doubted. And Jesus coming, spoke to them, saying: All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

This day shall be for a memorial to you: alleluia: and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord in your generations with an everlasting observance, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In Thy forgiving mercy, O Lord we pray, accept the sacrifice which we offer, to atone for the sins of those who are born anew and to hasten the giving of thy heavenly help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously especially at this time above others when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath destroyed our death: and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Communicating, and keeping the most holy day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh, and also reverencing the memory, first, of the glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of blessed Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin, of the blessed Apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, Johns, Thomas as James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers, grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family, which we make unto Thee on behalf of these whom Thou hast vouchsafed to bring to a New birth by the Holy Spirit, granting them remission of all their sins: and to dispose our days in Thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation and rank us in the number of Thine Elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, behold Thy people, and as Thou hast decided to quicken them with the mysteries of eternity, mercifully free them from the temporal faults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.