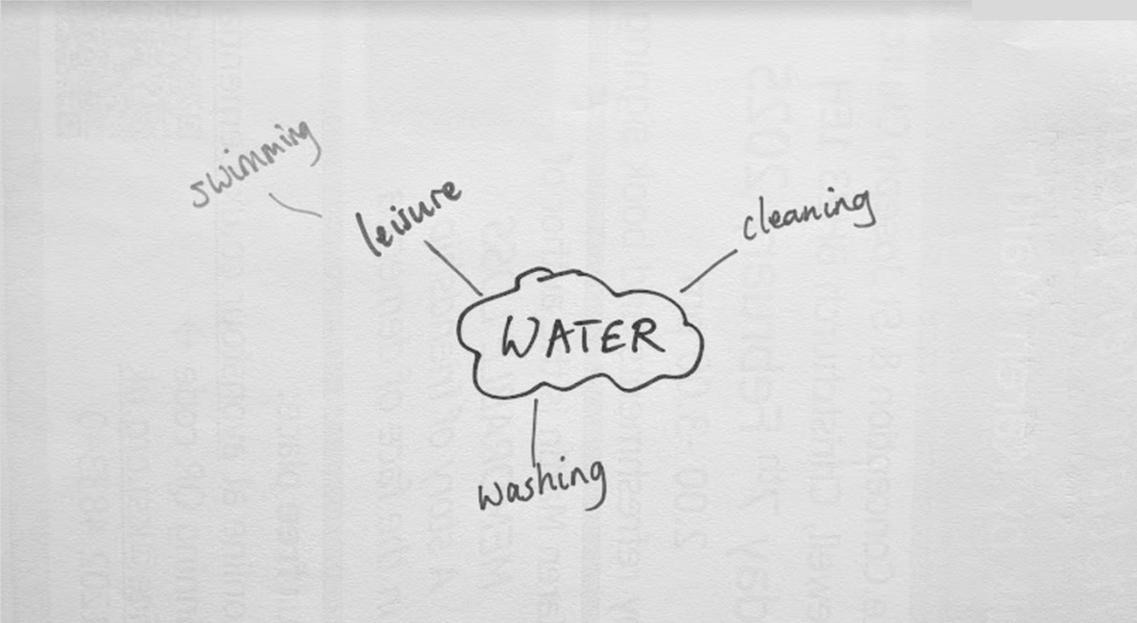


“The Great Week”



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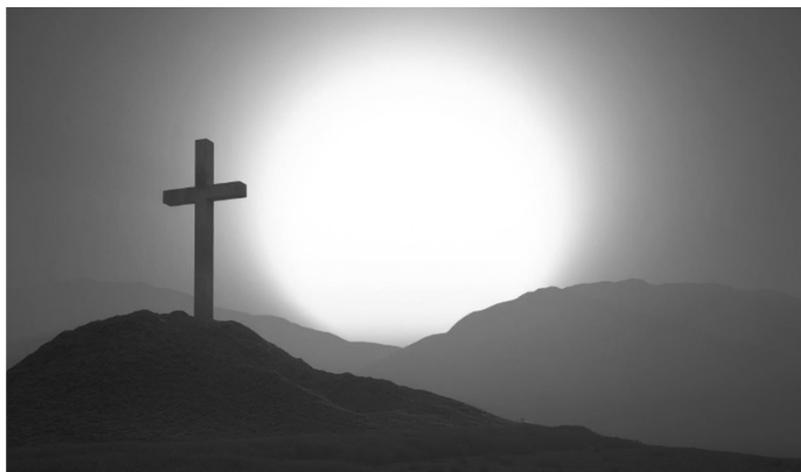
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Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday – and beyond...

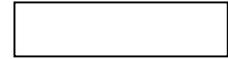
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Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (and First Mass of Easter)



• 4 parts:

1. Service of Light (*Lucernarium*)
2. Liturgy of the Word
3. Baptismal Liturgy
4. Liturgy of the Eucharist

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1 Service of Light

- Church in darkness
- Gather round Easter Fire outside
- Blessing of Fire and Preparation of Paschal Candle
- Lighting of Paschal Candle
- Procession into darkened church – spread of light
- Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

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2 Liturgy of the Word

- Old Testament readings – story of salvation
reading – psalm – prayer
- *Gloria!* (with bells)
- New Testament reading from Romans 6
- *Alleluia!!* with psalm
- Gospel (Year A/B/C)
- Homily

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3 Baptismal Liturgy

- *format depends: Baptisms? Font blessed?*
- [Presentation of Catechumens]
- [Litany of Saints]
- Blessing of [Baptismal] Water
- [Baptism/Confirmation]
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Sprinkling with Holy Water

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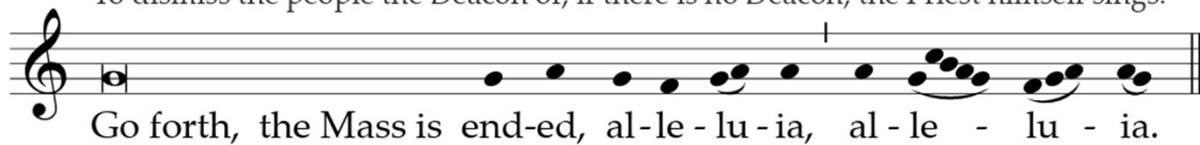
4 Liturgy of the Eucharist

- “As usual” until...
- Solemn Blessing
- Dismissal with double Alleluia

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To dismiss the people the Deacon or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself sings:



Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All respond:



Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is observed throughout the Octave of Easter.

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Easter Sunday

- *Mainly “as usual”, except...*
- Paschal Candle
- Sequence
- *(Preferably)* Renewal of Baptismal Promises in place of the Creed
- Solemn Blessing may be used
- Dismissal with double Alleluia

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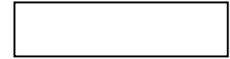
Easter Time: Octave of Easter

- *Mainly “as usual”, except...*
- Paschal Candle
- *Glory to God* (even on weekdays)
- *(optional)* Sequence
- Dismissal with double Alleluia

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Easter Time: until Pentecost



- 50 days
- White vestments
- Paschal Candle
- **Ascension** (*after 40 days – 14 May this year*)
- ‘Novena’
- **Pentecost** (*after 50 days – 24 May this year*)

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Bring it on!!

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