St Francis Xavier’s
CATHEDRAL
ADELAIDE

Easter Vigil
Eleventh of April Two Thousand and Twenty
Televised and Live-Streamed at 6.00pm

I THOU WILT NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HELL; NOR ALLOW THY HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION. (Ps 15: 1)

THE ANGEL CAME AGAIN: AND WAKED ME, AS A MAN THAT IS WAKENED OUT OF HIS SLEEP. (Zachariah 4: 1)

I HAVE RISEN UP, BECAUSE THE LORD HATH PROTECTED ME. (PSALM 3: 6)

THE THIRD DAY HE WILL RAISE US UP, TO LIVE IN HIS SIGHT. (HOSEA 6: 3)
Easter Proclamation  Exsultet

Cantor: Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult let Angel minister of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam’s debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These then are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the door posts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel’s children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now, throughout the world, set Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness. The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to the mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servant’s hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from you most holy Church.
But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God’s honour, a fire into many flames divided, yet never diminished by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death’s domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth,

send out your Spirit, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

©Music: 2014 by GIA Publications, Inc. Reproduced with permission under license #624617, OneLicense

Second Reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Responsorial Psalm

Let us sing, let us sing to you, Lord. You have covered your self in glory.


Third Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

You will draw water joyfully, on the springs of salvation.
Gloria  
\textit{Mass of St Francis}  
Paul Taylor  

Epistle  
\textit{Romans 6.3-11}  

Responsorial Psalm  
\begin{music}
\text{Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.}
\end{music}  

Offertory  
\textit{Sicut Cervus}  
\textit{Palestrina}  
\textit{Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus}  
As the deer longs for springs of water, so longs my soul for you God.

Sanctus  
\textit{Mass of St Francis}  
Paul Taylor  

Acclamation  
\textit{Mass of St Francis}  
Paul Taylor  

Amen  
\textit{Mass of St Francis}  
Paul Taylor  

Agnus Dei  
\textit{Mass of St Francis}  
Paul Taylor  

Communion Hymn  
\textit{Through the Red Sea Brought at Last}  
Through the Red Sea brought at last, alleluia  
Egypt’s chains behind we cast, alleluia  
Deep and wide flows the tide, alleluia  
Sev’ring us from bondage past, alleluia  

\textit{Text: Ronald Arbuthnott Knox 1888-1957}

\section*{Spiritual Communion Prayer}
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

_By: Latin carol, 14th cent._

The English translation and chants of the Roman Missal ©2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.