



Easter Vigil at St Francis of Assisi

"Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord: If we honor the memory of His death and resurrection by hearing His word and celebrating His mysteries, then we may be confident that we shall share His victory over death and live with Him forever in God."



Above: "Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Make this new fire holy, and inflame us with new hope"



Above: "Dear friends, . . . Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, I ask. . . all here present to renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church."



Above: "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."



Left:

"We ask you, Father with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life."



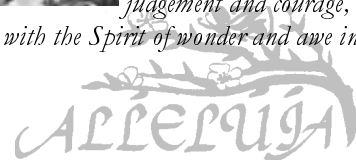
Right: "Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for it the fountain of baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit give to this water the grace of your Son, so that in the sacrament of baptism all those whom you have created in your likeness may be cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by water and the Holy Spirit."



Left:

"All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughter from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of right judgement and courage,

the Spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the Spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."



"Father, on this holy night we are thankful that we share in the risen life of your Son, Jesus. Help us to live faithfully in Your service."

"Lord, You have nourished us with your Easter Sacraments. Fill us with your Spirit and make us one in peace and love."

Mass of the Easter Vigil, The Roman Missal