

THE GREAT PASCHAL VIGIL

A VIGIL OF COMMEMORATION, EXPECTATION AND
INITIATION



It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. So this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel in every generation. Exodus 12.42

pannychis: all-night vigil

- * vigil of commemoration
- * vigil of expectation
- * vigil of initiation

The rites of the Vigil “increase our consciousness of our incorporation into Christ, our assimilation to Him in His Mystery of suffering and glory, death and life.”





THE CHURCH, VIRGIN AND MOTHER, BRINGS FORTH IN THESE WATERS HER CHILDREN WHOM SHE HAS CONCEIVED BENEATH THE BREATH OF GOD.
LATERAN BAPTISTERY

LVCERNARIVM & PASCHAL CANDLE

- POPE ZACHARIAS (741-52): OIL ON THURSDAY, 3 LARGE LAMPS
- AMALARIUS 832
- LEO IV (847-55): HOLY SATURDAY NEW FIRE
- INVENTOR RUTILE DUX BONI LVMINIS
- 384: JEROME TO PRAESIDIUS
- ORDO ROMANVS XI (7TH C.)
- 980 RATOLDUS
- 1060 CLUNY
- 13TH C. FIVE GRAINS OF INCENSE+ WOUNDS OF CHRIST



arvndevm

- * reed called arundum or canna
- * Poitiers: serpent
- * Normandy & England: spear
- * 12th century Rome
- * triple Lumen Christi
- * 1955: arundum disappears and five grains of incense explicit



easter candle 1955

The tracing of the cross on the candle, the inscribing of Alpha and Omega and the year on the candle, and the insertion of the five grains of incense with the words *Per sua sancta vulnera gloriosa custodiat et conservet nos Christus Dominus* are all done as part of the rite before the candle is lit. In 1955, with the addition of the words to the insertion of the five grains of incense, the explanation of Durandus for the symbolism becomes explicit with the text. Previously, the deacon paused to put the grains of incense in during the *Exsultet*, during which he also paused to light the Easter Candle.





EXSVLTET IAM ANGELICA TVRBA COELORVM

exsultet + lavs cerei
praeconium paschale

- * Pope Zosimus (417-8) permission outside Rome

- * St Ambrose?

- * scroll

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7crtSFrpeus> at 18:06 Exultet from the Holy Sepulchre,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LUeuxQl9BA> for St Ambrose's Exsultet;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVwuc_CNswY for the 2011 English translation

- *felix culpa: o necessary sin of Adam

- *This is the night Ps 138.1

- *1955: Emperor prayer changed: 1969 deleted

prophecies + readings

- * Ordo Romanus XXVIII (8th c): 4 readings in Latin & Greek
- * 10th c: Old Gregorian replaced by New Gelasian: 12 readings
- * 1955: 4 readings restored
- * 1969: 7 readings (3 in need)
- * Baumstark's law

Blessing of the Font and Baptisms

- * photismos: illumination
- * Hebrews 6.4
- * Ps 41:
- * Sicut cervus: exor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4f6cYT5y9Y> GP da Palestrina (composed 1604)
- * exorcism



Ritual Gestures of the Epiclesis During the Blessing of the Baptismal Waters

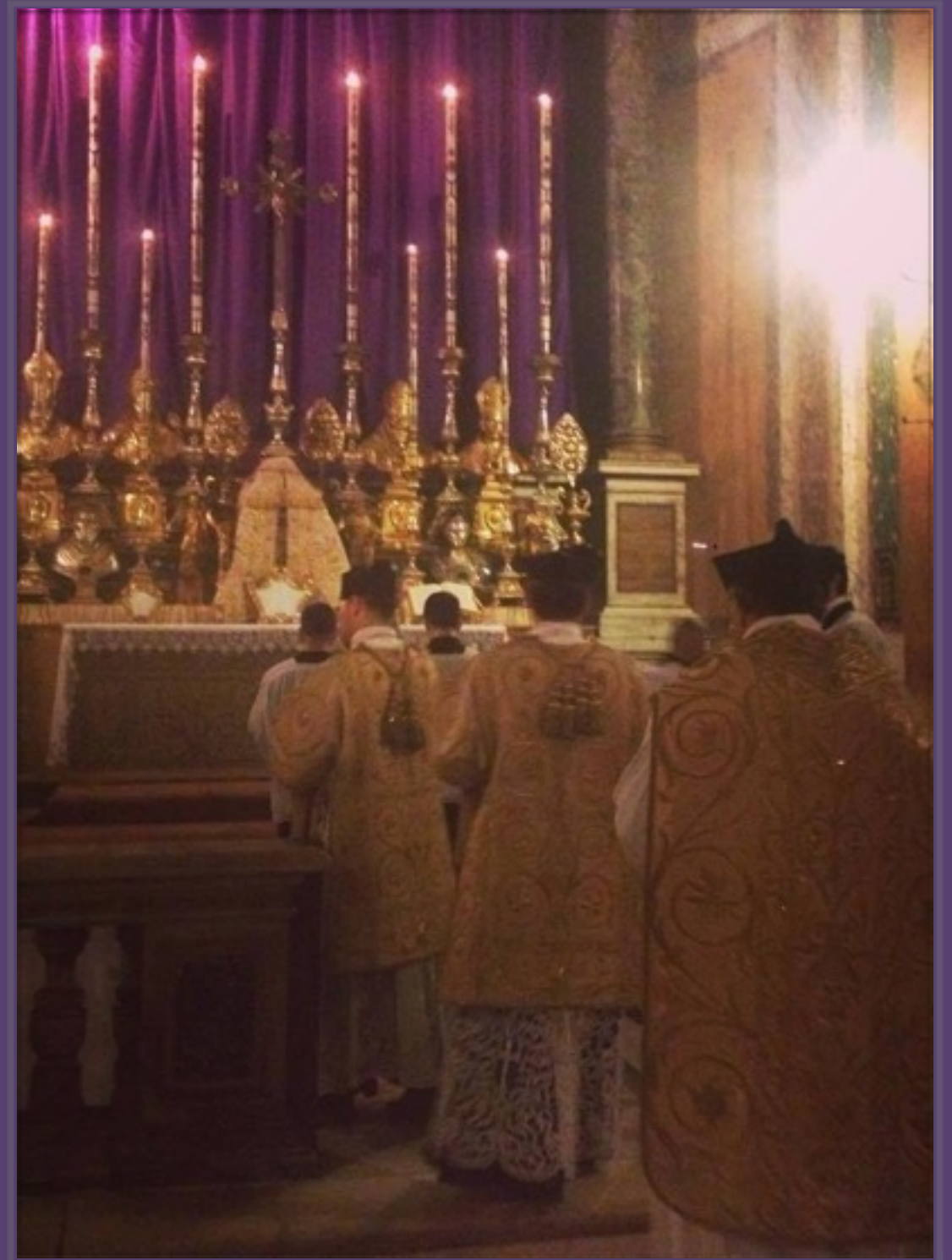
- * Sign of the Cross
- * scattering of water to 4 points of compass
- * Breathing on the Water
- * Lowering the Paschal Candle in the font
- * water set aside for sprinkling the people
- * admixture of oil of catechumens and chrism
- * 1969: removed exorcisms, division of water, scattering, breathing and oil admixture

BAPTISMS

- OCTAGONAL BAPTISTERY, PORPHYRY COLUMNS, BRONZE DOME
- ROTUNDA OF THE ANASTASIS
- BAPTISMAL CREED (ACTS 8.37) PHILIP THE EUNUCH
- TRADITIO APOSTOLICA 235
- 6TH C. GELASIAN SACRAMENTARY
- WHITE ROBE AND CANDLE
- CONFIRMATION
- 1955: RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES



Your procession to the altar immediately after Baptism prefigures your future glory. The chant of the psalms with which you are greeted is a prelude to the hymns of heaven. The candles which you carry are holy signs of the celestial lamps, as with these lights in hand you go to meet the Bridegroom, bright virginal souls, resplendent in the light of faith



mass of the paschal vigil

wedding feast of the lamb

- * no introit, creed, offertory verse, kiss of peace, agnus dei, communion antiphon
- * vigil mass frozen in 4th c.
- * burial of the alleluia (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQC41MM8u_Y)
- * redditus of the alleluia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DvRrrdOfbo>)
- * vespers/lauds until 1969, then communion antiphon (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Allg-j-GiZI>)





DVM TRANSISSET SABBATVM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTLx7aL7dIQ>