**THE VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**April 7th, 2012**

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**Introit**

*None appointed.*

**Collect**

O God, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection, preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that, renewed in body and soul, they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Gradual**

*(At the Easter Vigil and from Quasimodo geniti to Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia).*

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**Greater Alleluia**

|| Alle- | lu- | ia! \*

Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

|| Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is | good! | - \*

For His mercy endures | for- | ev- | er. *(Psalm 118:1)*

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|| Praise the Lord, all you | Gen- | tiles! \*

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|| For His merciful kindness is great toward | us, | - \*

And the truth of the Lord endures | for- | ev- | er. *(Psalm 117:2)*

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**Isaiah 25:6-9**

6 And in this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

**Colossians 3:1-4**

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**St. Matthew 28:1-7**

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

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