

VIGIL with ROSARY
for
Fr Kevin Liam Condon, O.P.

31 January, 1932 – 14 June, 2021



GATHERING HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

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CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Fr Peter: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you. All: **And with your spirit.**

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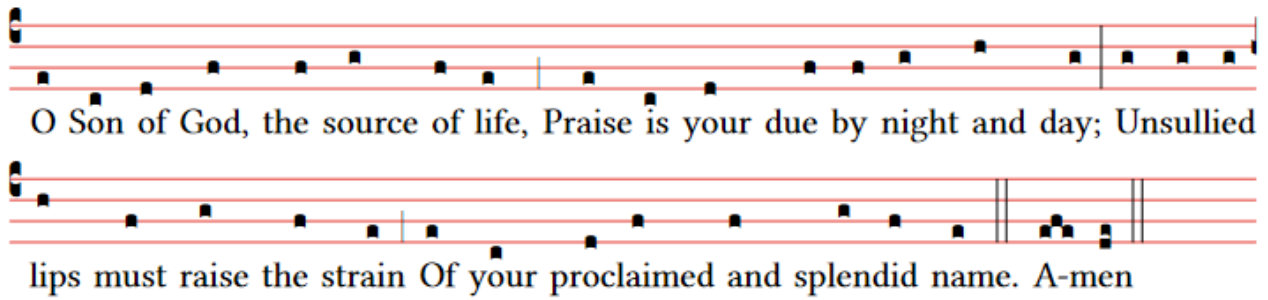
Jesus Christ is the light of the world: a light no darkness can overcome. We gather as children of the light in this time of darkness and pray that our brother Kevin will be welcomed into the kingdom of light and peace. We now sing an ancient hymn for the lighting of the church lamps in the evening:

Candles surrounding the coffin and on the altar are lit from the paschal candle.

Phos hilaron (sæc. III) melody sæc. XII

IV

O radiant Light, O sun di-vine Of God the Father's deathless face,
O image of the light sublime That fills the heav'nly dwelling place.
Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades, As shine the lights of eventide,
We praise the Father with the Son, The Spi-rit blest and with them one.



Fr Peter

Let us pray.

O God,
in whose presence the spirits of the dead have life,
and in whom the souls of the elect find perfect joy,
grant that your servant, our brother Kevin,
whose eyes are closed to the light of this passing world,
may enter into the consolation of everlasting light,
and, with all his sins forgiven,
delight for ever in the joys of that rest
for which he confidently hoped, believing in your promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr Peter Sheehan

Please sit.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY THROUGH THE ROSARY

Please sit or kneel.



*This evening we will pray three mysteries:
one each of the luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries
reflecting the three days of the Easter Triduum:*

The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

The Crucifixion of the Lord

The Lord's Resurrection.

The Fifth Mystery of Light
JESUS INSTITUTES THE EUCHARIST



Scripture

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11: 23 - 27.)

Meditation

We do not know that Mary was present at the Last Supper, and, despite numerous artistic representations, we have no real reason to suppose that she was there. But we do know that, by her word, she consented to the Son of God taking flesh in her womb, just as the priest, by celebrating the Eucharist, allows the Word of God spoken through him to make present the Body of the Lord for the community.

The Eucharist is thus not just Calvary, but also Bethlehem: it is the whole Christ-Event made present in our midst. Christ becomes present in the Holy Eucharist so that he may be born in the hearts of believers, united as his Mystical Body. In the Eucharist, anticipating the Paschal Mystery which was to be played out in the succeeding days, Christ brought to completion the whole plan of redemption: that the Creator should no longer be alienated from creature, nor creature from creature: that humanity should be united to God, and so find its true humanity.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be, O my Jesus ...

Collect

Lord our God, you sent your Son from heaven
into the womb of the Blessed Virgin
to be your saving Word and our Bread of Life.
Grant that like Mary we may welcome Christ
by treasuring his words in our hearts
and celebrating with deep faith
the mysteries of our redemption.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Scripture



About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Elijah.” And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming

out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Matt. 27: 45 – 54.)

Meditation

The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the “one mediator between God and humanity.” But because in his Incarnation he has united himself to every man and woman, the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery is offered to all. He calls his disciples to “take up their cross and follow him,” for “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example so that we should follow in his steps.” The sick and the dying in particular are partners with Christ in their sufferings.

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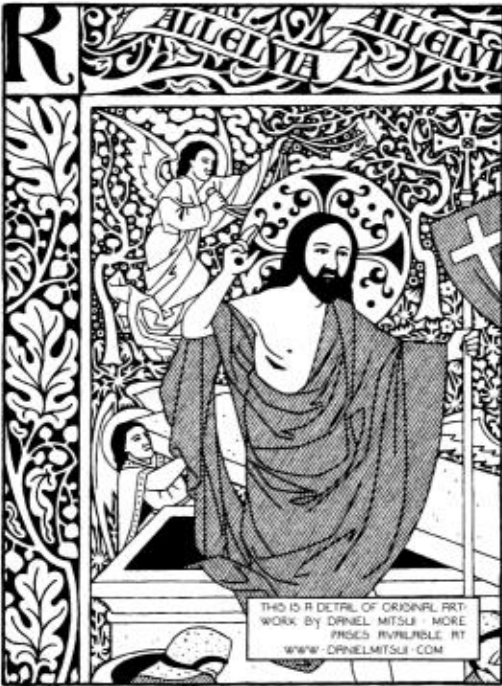
Collect

Lord our God, in your mysterious wisdom
you fill out the passion of Christ
through the sufferings his members endure
in the many trials of this life.

As you chose to have the mournful mother
stand by your Son in his agony on the Cross
grant that we may bring love and comfort
to our brothers and sisters in distress.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The First Glorious Mystery THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Scripture

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Meditation

It is only when Jesus speaks her name that Mary Magdalene recognizes the risen Jesus, and is sent by Him to become the Apostle to the Apostles: the One Sent to those who are sent. Mary wanted to grasp hold of Jesus, as indeed we might want to hold any of our loved ones when it is time for them to go to the Father. Jesus gently dissuades her, sending her instead to bring the Good News to the others: Good News indeed, that Christ has broken the chains of death and opened the way for all humanity to perfect happiness, the destiny that God has planned for each of us.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be, O my Jesus ...

Collect

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION

Please stand

Fr Martin: Let us praise Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world and the life of believers.

All: **Praise to you, Christ our light!**

Light to those who dwell in darkness – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Saving light, overcoming sin – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Radiant light, giving life to the world – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Dawning light for all the nations – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Eternal light of goodness and truth – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Healing light for eyes that are blind – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Faithful light to guide a pilgrim people – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Consoling light for us who grieve – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Joyful light at the harvest time of life – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**
Peace light for the saints in glory – **Praise to you, Christ our light!**

Almighty and ever-living God,
into the human body you chose to breathe a soul,
fashioned in your likeness;
and when, at your command, dust returns to dust,
may you gently and graciously take to yourself,
as if from its exile in Egypt,
that which was formed in your image,
to be numbered among your saints and elect
in the eternal mansions of heaven.

May you send your holy angels to greet him on the way,
guiding him on the way of justice,
and opening to him the gates to your glory.
Drive far from this soul, we pray you, O Lord,
all the powers of darkness
and recognize in him that which belongs to you.
Receive, O Lord, your own creation:
not the work of alien gods
but your own handiwork, the only God, living and true,
for there is no other god but you, O Lord,
and no work to compare with yours.

Give joy, most merciful God, to the soul of your servant,
and glorify him in the abundance of your mercy.
Do not remember, we beg you, the sins of his past,
Any sinful deeds or desires, failures of anger or excess.
For though he may indeed have sinned,

yet never did he deny you;
but, marked with the sign of faith,
he faithfully worshipped you,
who made all things,
and him amongst them.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING

Fr Peter May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his unfathomable goodness
he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again.

All: **Amen.**

Fr Peter: Let us go now in peace,
while remaining mindful of our deceased brother.

INVOCATION OF BLESSED MARY

In intercession for Fr Kevin, we invoke the Virgin Mary in the oldest known prayer to her.

VIIA



Sub tu-um præsí-di-um confu-gimus, sancta De-i Génitrix: nostras dep-
reca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne- cessi-tá-tibus, sed a pe-rícu-lis cunctis líbera
nos semper Virgo be- ne-dícta.

Translation : We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin!

Fr Kevin's Funeral Mass will be celebrated here tomorrow at 10 a.m.
Space remains, but bookings are essential due to health regulations.