

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

Blessing of Baskets [Święconka PL]. Priest: Our Lenten season of fasting is almost over; we have celebrated the Passover of the Lord, his suffering and death, and we will shortly celebrate his glorious resurrection. This morning, we offer the first-fruits to God, asking God to bless them and to bless us, our families and all those whom we love.

After each blessing,
Blesséd be God x3 Forever, Amen!
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Closing Prayer

Our Father *each in our own language*

All: Almighty, ever-living God, whose only begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom



HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER & BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

St Michel, Luxembourg 4th April 2026



Opening hymn

*Gather the people! Enter the feast!
All are invited, the greatest and least.
The banquet is ready, now to be shared.
Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.*

1. Around this table we dine as kin,
beloved family of God.
We share the body of Christ, the Lord.
Here we become what we eat.
2. Around this table we tell great tales,
the wondrous stories of grace.
We hold the memory of Christ, the Lord.
So we become what we eat.
3. Around this table God's bounty falls
on all who hunger and thirst.
We drink the fullness of Christ, the Lord.
So we become what we eat.
4. Around this table our hearts rejoice
in love that's stronger than death.
We'll rise in glory with Christ, the Lord.
Then we become what we eat.

Psalm 15 (16) all

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love
for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.

Never will I take their name upon my lips.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are me prize.
The lot marked out for me is my de-light:
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Reader: My body shall rest in hope!

Reading: Hosea 5: 15-6:2

The Lord says this: They will search for me in their misery.
'Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces, but
he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will bandage
our wounds; after a day or two he will bring us back to life, on
the third day he will raise us and we shall live in his
presence.'

Intercessions

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

Let us pray to our Redeemer, who suffered for us, was buried,
and rose from the dead.

Christ, our Lord, you saw your mother standing by the cross;
may we share your saving passion in our time of suffering.

Christ, our Saviour, you died like a grain of wheat falling into
the ground; gather us to yourself in the harvest of
redemption.

Christ, our shepherd, lying in the tomb you were hidden from
men; teach us to love our real life, which is hidden with you
in God.

Christ, the new Adam, you went down into the world of the
dead to free the just; may those who are dead in sin hear your
voice and live.

Son of the living God, we were buried with you in baptism;
let us rise with you, alive to God for ever.