Outline of the Easter Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)
- Entrance
- Gloria (with church bells)
- Liturgy of the Word
- The Washing of Feet
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Adoration)
  (Exit in silence, no dismissal)

GOOD FRIDAY
- (Silent entrance, prostration, prayer)
- Liturgy of the Word (Reading of the Lord’s Passion)
- Solemn Intercessions
- Adoration of the Holy Cross
- Holy Communion (Our Father, distribution, prayer)
  (Exit in silence, no dismissal)

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
- Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle
- Procession
- The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)
- Liturgy of the Word (OT Readings)
  - Glory to God (bells), lighting of the altar, Epistle
  - Alleluia, Gospel proclamation of the Resurrection
- Baptismal Liturgy
  - Litany, Blessing of Font, Baptisms, if any
  - Blessing of Water, Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Solemn Blessing

Mass During the Day (Easter Morning)

NOTES
- The Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter evening.
- There is a little-known tradition of the Triduum Fasting from Thursday night until after the Vigil (we fast from normal eating and from worldly activities of any kind)
- On Friday there should be one celebration. Tenebrae or vigil services and Taize prayer around the Cross are ways to engage those unable to come to the main liturgy.
- Holy Saturday is a time of quiet preparation (NOT for Easter Egg hunts!)