

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, *alleluia!*  
Our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*  
Who did once upon the cross, *alleluia!*  
Suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, *alleluia!*  
Who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*  
Sinners to redeem and save, *alleluia!*

But the pain which he endured, *alleluia!*  
Our salvation has procured; *alleluia!*  
Now above he reigns as king, *alleluia!*  
Where the angels ever sing, *alleluia!*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Brethren (Brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**The absolution by the priest follows:**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)



7th April 2024

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

**COLLECT**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING** 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps117:2-4.15-18.22-24.R.v.1*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end.**  
**or Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end."  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
"His love has no end."  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
"His love has no end." **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *5:1-6*

**A reading from the first letter of St John**  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is-keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**STAND**

**ACCLAMATION** *Jn 20:29*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *20:19-31*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**



In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

"Peace be with you.  
As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you."  
After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord," he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may



believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**STAND**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow during the next three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**SIT**

*Raising the host, the priest says:*  
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*Raising the chalice, the priest says:*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing the priest says quietly:*

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

*Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

**STAND**

*Facing the people the priest says:*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II PREFACE: I of Easter**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your Spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**KNEEL**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

*The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:*

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**The mystery of faith:**

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:*

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our Pope, **N.** our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

**STAND**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give  
you, look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and  
unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
always.

**And with your Spirit.**

*The priest may add these or similar words.*

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in  
the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and  
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

*Meanwhile the people sing or say:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world  
grant us peace.**

**(KNEEL)**

*The priest says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and  
Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgement and  
condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy be for  
me protection in mind and body,  
and a healing remedy.

*Raising the host the priest says:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of  
the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper  
of the Lamb.

*And together with the people he says once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**



May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of  
Christ.*

*Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:*

May the Blood of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it  
to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 20: 27**  
**Bring your hand and feel the place  
of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but  
believing, alleluia.**

### COMMUNION HYMN

**Stay with us Lord we pray you,  
Alleluia.**

**You are the bread come down from  
heaven;**

**You are the food of life eternal.**

**You are the light which illuminates  
the world.**

**Brightening our way, dispelling our  
darkness.**

**You are the Christ the divine Son of  
God,**

**You are the pledge of life eternal.**

### PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

I do not see you, Lord, yet I believe you  
are with me, giving me your spirit,  
and filling me with the peace you alone  
can give.

My Lord and my God. I do not see  
you, Lord, yet I believe in you.

Strengthen my faith so that I may be  
truly a child of God, able to overcome  
the world, and prove my love for you by  
keeping your commandments. My Lord  
and my God.

My Risen Saviour, your  
commandments are not difficult for  
those who believe in you, for those who  
love you.

I believe in you: I love you. I want to  
be a witness to the truth. Breathe upon  
me, and give me your Holy Spirit.

My Lord and my God. My Jesus, I love  
you: I love you with all my heart.

Make me love you daily more and  
more. Help me to show my love for you  
in the way I treat other people.

Make me one in heart and soul with all  
who believe in you.

My Lord and my God.

**STAND**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal  
Sacrament may have a continuing  
effect in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### CONCLUDING RITES

**STAND**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your Spirit.**

**Solemn Blessing No6 Easter Time**

Bow your heads and pray for God's  
blessing.

May God, who by the Resurrection of  
his Only Begotten Son was pleased to  
confer on you the gift of redemption  
and of adoption, give you gladness by  
his blessing. **Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work  
you have received the gift of  
everlasting freedom, make you heirs  
to an eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen  
with Christ in Baptism through faith,  
by living in a right manner on this earth,  
be united with him in the homeland of  
heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty  
God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and  
the Holy Spirit, come down on you  
and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Praise the Lord all you nations**  
**Acclaim him all you peoples**  
**Strong is his love for us**  
**He is faithful forever. R.**

**O sing a new song to the Lord.**  
**Sing to the Lord all the earth.**  
**O sing to the Lord bless his name. R.**

**Proclaim his help day by day,**  
**Tell among the nations his glory**  
**And his wonders among all the**  
**peoples. R.**

**Bring an offering and enter his courts,**  
**worship the Lord in his temple,**  
**O earth tremble before him. R.**