

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

STAND

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still,
alleluia. You have laid your hand
upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this
knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come Christians all, rejoice and sing,
With thankful hearts your praises bring.
Risen is now our Lord and King.

Alleluia

On Sunday morn, at break of day,
The sad disciples made their way.
Seeking the place where Jesus lay.

Alleluia

Now let us thank the Lord most high,
And with our praises fill the sky,
For Christ is risen, no more to die.

Alleluia

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

People: Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

RITE FOR THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled on us
as a memorial of our Baptism.
May he help us by his grace to remain faithful
to the Spirit we have received.

Lord our God, in your mercy be present to
your people's prayers,
and, for us who recall the wondrous work of
our creation and the still greater work of our
redemption, graciously bless this water.
For you created water to make the fields
fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies.
You also made water the instrument of your
mercy: for through water you freed your
people from slavery
and quenched their thirst in the desert;
through water the Prophets proclaimed the
new covenant you were to enter upon with
the human race; and last of all,
through water, which Christ made holy in the
Jordan,

31st March 2024



you have renewed our corrupted nature
in the bath of regeneration.
Therefore, may this water be for us
a memorial of the Baptism we have received,
and grant that we may share
in the gladness of our brothers and sisters
who at Easter have received their Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest sprinkles the people.
When he returns to his chair he says:*

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his
Kingdom. **Amen.**

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

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death and unlocked
for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's
Resurrection may, through the
renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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

SIT

FIRST READING *10:34.37-43*

**A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses — we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead — and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name".

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23.R.v.24

R. This day was made by the Lord,
we rejoice and are glad.
Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel 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. **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. **R.**

SECOND READING

3:1-4

**A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed — and he is your life — you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SEQUENCE

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.**

**The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**

**Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!**

**Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.**

**Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see
upon the way.**

**The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!**

**The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.**

**Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the
dead we know.**

Victorious King, thy mercy show!

ACCLAMATION

1Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been
sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast
then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**



GOSPEL

20:1-9

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said, "and we don't know where they have put him."

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM PROMISES

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery, we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

- C.** Do you renounce Satan?
- P.** I do.
- C.** And all his works?
- P.** I do.
- C.** And all his empty show?
- P.** I do.

C. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

P. I do.

C. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

P. I do.

C. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

P. I do.

The priest concludes:

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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 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 judgment 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 1 Cor 5: 7-8
**Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with
the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**



COMMUNION HYMN

**I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger.
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.**

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.**

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the
Son of Man,
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

**I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Saviour, judge of the living and the
dead, with Peter and John and Magdalen
we witness your resurrection.
Through baptism and the sacraments we
share your risen life: when you come
again we shall share your glory.
Till then our life is hidden with you in God.
Lord Jesus, when you walked here on
earth you went about doing good.
Help me to do the same. Help me to be
sincere and truthful in all things.
By dying you destroyed my death,
my weakness, my sinfulness;
by rising you restored my life.
I want to be one with you so that my life
can be hid with you in God.
You are present in my soul; you are also
sitting at the right hand of God.
I run to you, my risen Lord:
I believe in you with all my heart.
Help me to seek always the things of
heaven, not the things that are on the
earth. Christ has died. Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

◀ **STAND** ▶

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal
mysteries, she may come to the glory of
the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING Easter Time

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.
Amen.

And may he, who restores you to
eternal life in the Resurrection of his
Only Begotten, endow you with the
prize of immortality.
Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's
Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness
of the Pascal Feast come with Christ's
help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in
eternal joy.
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 forth, the Mass is ended,
alleluia, alleluia.
**Thanks be to God, alleluia,
alleluia.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**He is the grain of wheat that died;
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.**

**He is the sun which brings the dawn;
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.**

**He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, becoming man,
that we might share in God's own life.**

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we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.**