

# EASTER SUNDAY

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR A, B, C

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Antiphon

**I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, alleluia!**

#### Entrance Hymn

*This is the day (2x)  
that the Lord has made. (2x)  
We will rejoice (2x)  
and be glad in it. (2x)*

1. This is the day that he Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day (2x)  
that the Lord has made.
2. . . . when the Lord arose . . .
3. . . . when the Spirit came . . .

#### Greeting

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

**All:** AMEN

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

#### Penitential Rite

**C:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:*

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

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

**P:** AMEN

#### The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Christ, have mercy.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

#### The Gloria

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. 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.

#### Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

10:34. 37–43

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

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."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** 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.

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

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** 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, they mercy show!

#### Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 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

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**C:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*He must rise from the dead.*

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen.

#### Renewal of Baptismal Promises



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Hymn

1. In bread we bring you, Lord,  
our bodies' labour.  
In wine we offer you  
or spirits' grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord,  
who is my neighbour?  
But stand united now one in belief.  
Oh, we have gladly heard,  
your Word, your holy Word,  
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true,  
our failing faith renew,  
our lives belong to you,  
our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you  
is blessed and broken,  
and it becomes for us  
our spirits' food.  
Over the cup we bring  
your Word is spoken;  
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.  
Take all that daily toil  
plant in our hearts' poor soil,  
take all we start and spoil,  
each hopeful dream;  
the chances we have missed,  
the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

## The Offering

*(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)*

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** 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 Church.

## Prayer over the gifts

Lord,  
with Easter joy we offer you the sacrifice by which your Church is reborn and nourished through Christ our Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## The Acclamation

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

## Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

## Communion Rite

- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

## Breaking of the Bread

- All:** 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.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## Communion Antiphon

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.**

## Communion Hymn

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

1. Ye sons and daughters of the Lord,  
the King of glory, King adored,  
this day himself from death restored. Alleluia!
2. All in the early morning grey  
went holy women on their way  
to see the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
3. Then straightway one in white they see,  
who say'th, "Ye seek the Lord,  
but he is risen and gone to Galilee." Alleluia!
4. That self-same night, while out of fear,  
the doors were shut, their Lord most dear  
to his apostles did appear. Alleluia!
5. When Thomas saw that wounded side  
the truth no longer he denied.  
"Thou art my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
6. Now let us praise the Lord most high  
and strive his name to magnify  
on this great day, through earth and sky. Alleluia!

*New life! New life!  
You came to bring us new life.  
New life! New life!  
We find such joy in your abundant life.*

1. You are the source of our great joy,  
the fountain of all life;  
you give us living water,  
you bid us come and drink.  
We come to you, we bless you, Lord,  
we glorify your name!  
We praise you, Lord, we worship you,  
we thank you for your gift of new life!
2. You are the source of our new life,  
in your Light we see light;  
you show to us your goodness,  
you bid us taste and see.  
We come to you, we bless you, Lord,  
we glorify your name!  
We praise you, Lord, we worship you,  
we thank you for your gift of new life!



## Prayer After Communion

Father of love,  
watch over your Church and bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised  
by this Easter sacrament.

## Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- P:** Amen.
- C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- P:** Thanks be to God.

## Recessional Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!