

SECOND EASTER SUNDAY

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward;
Life for all men, alleluia.
5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.



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 of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

5:12–16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2–4, 22–27. R̥ v. 1

R̥ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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." R̥
2. 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. R̥
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. R̥



Second Reading

1:9–13, 17–19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel 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

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.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

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 he 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.

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. Lift up your hands and offer to the Lord;
lift up your hands and offer to your God
all that your life may hold of joy and care.
Lift up your hands unto the Lord.
2. Lift up your eyes and see the works of God;
lift up your eyes to the glory of the Lord.
See all the beauty He has spread for you.
Lift up your eyes unto the Lord.

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,
through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people (and of those born again in baptism) and bring us to eternal happiness.

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

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

1. My Lord, He died for a kingdom,
to redeem the hearts of men.
Now my people, don't you weep,
He has risen from His sleep;
He lives again, alleluia!
*Sing alleluia! The Lord is risen,
He is risen indeed, Alleluia! (2x)*
2. My Lord came forth like the morning,
with the splendour of the sun;
came triumphant from the womb,
from the darkness of the tomb,
the victory won, alleluia!
3. My Lord united the mountains
with the everlasting hills;
now the seasons and the sea
sing His song of victory,
the rocks and hills, alleluia!
4. My Lord renewed all creation
that had waited late and long,
now we all with one accord,
live and love the risen Lord;
this is our song, alleluia!



1. God's spirit is in my heart;
he has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the downtrodden free.
And go tell ev'ryone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come;
and go tell ev'ryone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*

2. Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witnesses throughout the world,
to whole of the world.

Prayer After Communion

Almighty God,
may the Easter sacraments we have received live forever in our minds and hearts.

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. Praise my soul the king of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him;
Praise the everlasting king!
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress.
Praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him;
Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him
Widely as his mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him;
Praise with us the God of grace.