

# FOURTH EASTER SUNDAY

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

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### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Antiphon

**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia!**

#### Entrance Hymn

1. Sing praises to the living God, glory, halleluia.  
Come adore the living God, glory, halleluia.  
Though sun and moon may pass away,  
His words will ever stay.  
His power is for ever more, glory, halleluia.  
*Glory to the Trinity, the undivided Unity,  
the Father, Son and Spirit one,  
from whom all life and greatness come.*
2. And to the living God we sing, glory, halleluia.  
Let our love and praises ring, glory, halleluia.  
To all His sons He always gives  
His mercy and His love.  
So praise Him now for ever more, glory, halleluia.
3. And to the God who cannot die, glory, halleluia.  
To the living God we cry, glory, halleluia.  
He promised to be with us and  
He lives in every one.  
We love Him now for ever more, glory, halleluia.

#### 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

Almighty and ever-living God, give us new strength from the courage of Christ our shepherd, and lead us to join the saints in heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

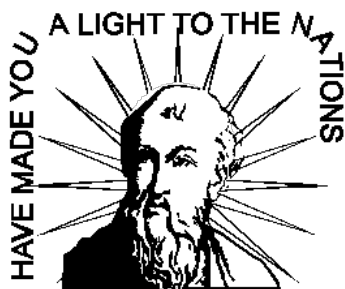
13:14. 43–52

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

*We must turn to the pagans.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.



The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1–3. 5. R̥ v. 3

**R̥** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. R̥

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R̥

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. R̥

#### Second Reading

7:9. 14–17

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

#### Alleluia!

#### Gospel

10:27–30

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

**All:** And also with you.

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

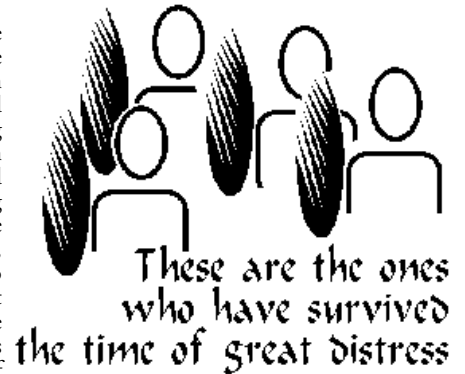
**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.*

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Nicene Creed

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*all bow*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

1. On the paten with the host I offer up my lowly heart;  
all my life, my deeds, my thoughts,  
Thine shall be as mine Thou art.
2. In the chalice let me be a drop of water mingled there;  
lost, O Jesus, in Thy love,  
Thy great sacrifice I share.
3. All today and everyday, O Jesus, let me live in Thee  
so that I no longer live,  
but that Thou mayst live thru me.

### 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,  
restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our Redeemer bring us eternal joy.

### 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

**The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.**

### Communion Hymn

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness  
e'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill.  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes.  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me.  
And in God's house for ever more  
my dwelling-place shall be.



*My heart's like a flute and I want to play all day;  
Jesus Christ is my music master.*

*Deep from my heart flows a simple melody:  
Great is His love, love without end! (2x)*

1. Once I met the Lord on the way:  
deep was His gaze, kind was His smile,  
true were His words, gentle His touch;  
He brought me peace and freedom.
2. He's my shepherd, He is my guide:  
dark be the night, Christ is my light,  
nothing I fear, Jesus is near;  
He leads me to the kingdom.
3. T'wards the land of promise we walk:  
there to find peace, there to find joy,  
there to find love; God has prepared  
a banquet for His people.



### Prayer After Communion

Father, eternal shepherd,  
watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land.

### 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. We stand for God and for His glory,  
the Lord supreme and God of all.  
Against His foes we raise His standard,  
around the cross we hear His call.  
*Strengthen our faith, Redeemer,  
guard us when danger is nigh.  
To Thee we pledge our lives and service,  
strong in a trust that ne'er shall die. (2x)*

2. We stand for God, Jesus our master  
has saved the world with love untold.  
His law divine and truth unchanging  
in this our land their place must hold!

