

FIFTH EASTER SUNDAY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

1. Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come;
he has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.

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,
look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

14:21–27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. "We all have to experience many hardships" they said "before we enter the kingdom of God." In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia



and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8–13. *R.* cf. v. 1

R. I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *R.*
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. *R.*
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. *R.*

Second Reading

21:1–5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone."

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: "Now I am making the whole of creation new."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you."

Alleluia!

Gospel

13:31–35

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 you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

We 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

*Abba, Father, let us be yours and yours alone.
Set our hearts, our spirits free,
make us, Lord, your own.*

1. Through your goodness, Lord, we bring bread of our labour and wine to cheer the heart, which will soon be filled for us with the life of your Son.
2. Take this drop of water, too; sign of our weakness, yet symbol of our love; by its mingling may we share your divinity.

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 God, by this holy exchange of gifts you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth.

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

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

*A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you. (2x)*

1. By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.
3. I am the true Vine, my Father is the Gardener.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
1. Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy rule acclaim,
all in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign! (2x)
2. Hark! The loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim
in unceasing chorus praising.
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord." (2x)
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
While in essence only one;
undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery. (2x)
4. Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
by a thousand snares surrounded.
Keep us without sin today,
never let us be confounded.
Lo, I put my trust in Thee; never, Lord, abandon me. (2x)

Prayer After Communion

Merciful Father, may these mysteries give us new purpose and bring us to a new life in you.

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

*Thank you, Lord, for all you've done,
things both great and small.
And for Jesus Christ, your son,
thank you most of all.*

1. You forgive us when we falter,
you bring healing when we sin,
you redeem our life from bondage
and renew us deep within.
2. As the rain comes down from heaven
and it makes the earth yield fruit,
so the Word that you once planted
in our heart has taken root.
3. You have brought us out of darkness
to the kingdom of your Son,
in whom all things hold together,
by whose cross we are made one.
4. While the heavens sing your glory
and the skies proclaim your work;
day to day takes up the story,
night to night declares your Word.
5. Lord, we thank you for your Spirit
whom you send to us to stay,
for he helps us in our weakness
when we know not how to pray.

