

SIXTH EASTER SUNDAY

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the people;
I will sing praises to you among the nations,
for your steadfast love is great,
is great to the heavens, and your faithfulness,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
*Be exalted O God above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth. (2x)*
2. It is good to thank you, Lord,
and to praise your name with music,
to proclaim your love and mercy in the morning,
for your deeds have made me glad.
At your works I shout in triumph;
yes, how wonderful and how marvelous are your designs.
3. All your creatures thank you, Lord,
and your friends repeat their blessing;
age to age proclaim your splendour and your glory.
You are kind to us, O God, full of tender love and mercy,
and your graciousness and your constancy have no compare.

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

Ever-living God,
help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

15:1–2. 22–29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, “Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.” This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged the Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

“The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2–3. 5–6. 8. R. cf. v. 4

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth,
and all nations learn your saving help. R.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.



**Whoever Loves Me
Will Keep It**

21:10–14. 22–23

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.



**The holy city coming down
out of heaven from God**

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus said: “If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.”

Alleluia!

Gospel

14:23–29

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.

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: “If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You hear me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.”

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

We offer you, O Lord Divine,
our humble gifts of bread and wine;
we place them on your altar, Lord, today.
Make them worthy of your love,
send your blessings from above,
sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray.
O, take our hearts take our minds,
Take all we have make them Thine, O Lord;
Take all we have, O 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,
accept our prayers and offerings. Make us worthy of your sacraments of love by granting us your forgiveness.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

1. Let's all join together in communion sweet,
walk, walk in the light.
And love one another till our Saviour we meet,
walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light, (3x)
walk in the light of the Lord.*
2. The Spirit lives to set men free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.
3. When Jesus died on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
He saved the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
4. And Jesus did just what He said,
walk, walk in the light.
He healed the sick and He raised the dead,
walk, walk in the light.



1. Let us bow in adoration to this Sacrament so great.
Here is new and perfect worship,
all the old must terminate.
Senses cannot grasp this marvel,
faith must serve to compensate.
2. Glory, honour, adoration: let us sing with one accord.
Praised be God, Almighty Father!
Praised be Christ, His Son, our Lord!
Praised be God the Holy Spirit!
Triune Godhead be adored.

Prayer After Communion

Almighty and ever-living Lord,
you restored us to life by raising Christ from death. Strengthen us 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. Go, the Mass is ended, children of the Lord.
Take his word to others
as you've heard it spoken to you.
Go, the Mass is ended, go and tell the world:
the Lord is good, the Lord is kind,
and he loves everyone.
2. Go, the Mass is ended, take his love to all.
Gladden all who meet you,
fill their hearts with hope and courage.
Go, the Mass is ended, fill the world with love
and give to all what you've received:
the peace and joy of Christ.
3. Go, the Mass is ended, strengthened in the Lord,
lighten ev'ry burden,
spread the joy of Christ around you.
Go, the Mass is ended, take his peace to all.
This day is yours to change the world:
to make God known and loved.

