

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

GATHERING: *Litany of Welcome*

Yes, you belong to us, for you belong to Christ!
With Christ we welcome you as part of his Body!

GLORIA: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:
“You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
We are witnesses of all that he did
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people
and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 118: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, be glad, and sing!
Thanks and praise to our God for his mercy endures forevermore.
2. The right hand of God has come with power. The Lord our God is lifted high.
I shall not die, but I shall live and rejoice in the works of the Lord.
3. The stone which the builders once denied has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done. It had brought wonders to our eyes.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,

and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Renewal of Baptism Promises: *Say “I do!”*

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

Prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine always on our way as a sign of our safety and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross
bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus, keeping strong in your faith.

O Advocate for All People, you know what we need

and we are sure that you will provide it for us, just as at Cana of Galilee
the joy and feasting could return after that moment of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took upon Himself our sufferings

and is marked by our sorrows and so leads us, toward the Cross,

to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

All Things New

Refrain: Sing a new song! Rejoice! The dawn is breaking, the earth is waking,
its dreams come true. And do you hear the voice, darkness surprising,
sing in its rising: "See, I'm making all things new!"

1. Whom shall we live for? Whose mighty hand made the moon, the sun and stars on high?
Who made a way for us through water and the sand, brought us out of slavery
and fed us from the sky?
2. Who found us wanderers and made us into one? Who is ever near with strength to save?
Whose love adopted us as daughters and as sons, family to the Firstborn
who is risen from the grave?
3. Who is known to every heart and called by many names? Who has called the lowly ones
"My own"? Breathes a dream of justice into us like tongues of flame?
Who is tender mercy? Only God and God alone.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Communion Song:

Resucito

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.

Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó.

1. And death now, vanished is the fear now,
banished are my tears now, death has passed away.
2. The kingdom, praise to God, the kingdom!
Raised up to the kingdom, we shall live in love.
3. Our gladness, blissful in our gladness,
this will be our gladness, that he is alive.
4. With him then, die and live with him then,
rise and sing our hymn then, sing alleluia.

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Solemn Dismissal: “Go in peace, Alleluia! Alleluia!”
“Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Sending Forth Song *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly 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!

