

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died;
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.

He is the sun which brings the dawn;
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.

He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, becoming man,
that we might share in God's own life.

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praising the glory of his name.

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)



27th April 2025



GLORIA

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

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**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.
Amen.**

COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

5: 12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24.R.v.1

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

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." **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**

SECOND READING 1:9-13.17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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 lampstands 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

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

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.



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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world
to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SIT

Raising the host, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

—(STAND)—

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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 holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II
PREFACE: I of Easter

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,
but on this day above all
to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.
Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

—(KNEEL)—

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks,
broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT
OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples,
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND
DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY
BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our Pope,
N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles and with all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

—(STAND)—

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give
you, look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and
unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The priest places a small piece of the host in
the chalice saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**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.**

◀(KNEEL)▶

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood, Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy be for
me protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of
the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.

And together with the people he says once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**



May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of
Christ.*

Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it
to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 20: 27

**Bring your hand and feel the place
of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but
believing, alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMN

**Stay with us Lord we pray you,
Alleluia.**

**You are the bread come down from
heaven;**

You are the food of life eternal.

**You are the light which illuminates
the world.**

**Brightening our way, dispelling our
darkness.**

**You are the Christ the divine Son of
God,**

You are the pledge of life eternal.

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

I do not see you, Lord, yet I believe you
are with me, giving me your spirit,
and filling me with the peace you alone
can give.

My Lord and my God. I do not see
you, Lord, yet I believe in you.

Strengthen my faith so that I may be
truly a child of God, able to overcome
the world, and prove my love for you by
keeping your commandments. My Lord
and my God.

My Risen Saviour, your
commandments are not difficult for
those who believe in you, for those who
love you.

I believe in you: I love you. I want to
be a witness to the truth. Breathe upon
me, and give me your Holy Spirit.

My Lord and my God. My Jesus, I love
you: I love you with all my heart.

Make me love you daily more and
more. Help me to show my love for you
in the way I treat other people.

Make me one in heart and soul with all
who believe in you.

My Lord and my God.

◀STAND▶

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal
Sacrament may have a continuing
effect in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

◀STAND▶

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

Solemn Blessing No6 Easter Time

Bow your heads and pray for God's
blessing.

May God, who by the Resurrection of
his Only Begotten Son was pleased to
confer on you the gift of redemption
and of adoption, give you gladness by
his blessing. **Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of
everlasting freedom, make you heirs
to an eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen
with Christ in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of
heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty
God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and
the Holy Spirit, come down on you
and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise the Lord all you nations
Acclaim him all you peoples
Strong is his love for us
He is faithful forever. R.

O sing a new song to the Lord.
Sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord bless his name. R.

Proclaim his help day by day,
Tell among the nations his glory
And his wonders among all the
peoples. R.

Bring an offering and enter his courts,
worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth tremble before him. R.