

Mass at Home
Easter Sunday 2021
Year B



Introduction (*Commentator*)

Today we celebrate the central mystery of our Christian faith, the resurrection of Jesus and His triumph over the power of death

Penitential Rite

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live in the light of his teaching: we begin our Eucharist by asking pardon for the times we have preferred darkness to light:

Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life for your disciples
Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus, You are present among us in your word and sacrament.
Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus, You are our Passover: help us get rid of the old yeast of sin.
Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer:

O God, by raising Christ Your son, You have conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.
Let our celebration today, raise us up and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us. We ask this through Christ our Lord

First Reading: *Acts 10: 34, 37-43*

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’ This is the word of God

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading

Col 3: 1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. This is the word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead Homily. The word of the Lord

Homily

Prayers of intercession

Presider:

The risen Lord opens our eyes to the needs of the world around us. Let us pray for the Church and the world in which we live.

Reader:

We pray for Pope Francis and all the Bishops that God will fill them with strength as they reveal the compassionate Heart of Christ to all. Risen Lord hear us

We pray for our Church community that we will continue to be instruments of Christ's light and hope for all who know pain, rejection and suffering. Risen Lord, hear us.

We pray for Hui, Stephanie and Madeline and all those who have been baptised during the Easter Season, that they may be filled with joy and as faithful disciples of Christ bear witness to him in their words and deeds. Risen Lord, hear us

We pray for the human family throughout the world, may all those who are experiencing human disasters, be supported in practical ways and strengthened by the Risen Lord. Risen Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace throughout the world, that the risen Lord will guide the human family away from violence and towards new efforts for peace in all areas of war and violence. Risen Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are in need: the sick, and the house bound, that the healing spirit of the Risen Christ may bring light and wholeness to them. Risen Lord, hear us.

Let us pray our PARISH PRAYER (reader/ commentator, pls say this)

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presider:

O God of all time, this is the day that you have made. Hear these prayers and help us to live as faithful witnesses who proclaim the good news of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
From all harm protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this paschal sacrament one in mind and heart. WE ask this through Christ our Lord.

