

# Mass at Home

## Third Sunday of Easter 2021

### Year B

Link for this week's Mass is <https://youtu.be/HaN7pSwbULo>





## Introduction

Like the first group of disciples, we gather in joy to celebrate the reality of the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We come to encounter the risen Lord and to witness to our faith.

## Penitential Rite

God raised Jesus from the dead so that sins may be forgiven. We humbly ask now for that forgiveness

Lord, you offer us your merciful love Lord have mercy

Lord, you hear us whenever we call upon you. Christ have mercy

Lord, you alone make us dwell in safety. Lord have mercy

## Opening Prayer:

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 .

## First Reading:

*Acts 3:13-15. 17-19*

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead*

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

This is the word of God

## Responsorial Psalm

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!  
It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;

the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

## **Second Reading**

***1 Jn 2:1-5***

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins  
and those of the whole world .*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours, but the whole world’s.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey  
what he has said, God’s love comes to perfection in him .

This is the word of God

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel:**

***Lk 24:35-48***

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the  
dead. .*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they  
had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them  
and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they  
thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and  
why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes,  
it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and  
bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands  
and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood  
dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they  
offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The word of the Lord

## Homily



## Prayers of intercession

### Presider:

“What can bring us happiness?” today’s psalm asks. Our hope lies in God alone, to whom we now confidently present our need.

### Reader:

We pray for every member of the church, that we may continue to encounter the risen Lord in deeply personal ways and courageously bear witness to his love by our lives. Lord hear us

We pray for the nations of the world, that all people will have the opportunity and the openness to respond to the message of life and reconciliation which the Gospel offers. Lord hear us

We pray for those who find it hard to believe or who have been damaged by people of faith, that the words of hope and new life promised by the Gospel may become a reality in their lives. Lord hear us

We pray for all those who suffer for their faith in Christ, that as they stand with the Lord in his passion, so they may experience his presence today. Lord hear us

We pray for all who have died, that they may meet the risen Lord face to face in the joy of heaven. Lord, hear us

***Let us pray our PARISH PRAYER***

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:**

God our Father, hear these prayers we make to you this day. Just as you raised your Son Jesus from the dead, so raise us also to imitate the pattern of his life and love, through the same 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:**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## **CONCLUSION**

May the Lord, who makes you witness to the truth of resurrection to the people of our time, give you the gifts of courage and creativity; and may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

