

Mass Aid Sunday Eastertide Cycle A

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Sing to the Mountains

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.

Raise your voices, lift your hearts.

This is the day our God has made.

Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my God.

You have answered my plea.

You have saved my soul from death.

You are my strength and my song.

This is the day our God has made.

Let us be glad and rejoice!

Death has lost and all is life,

Sing of the glory of God.

Greeting

Presider: We enter into Liturgy; In the name of God the + Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Introduction

Presider: The challenging questions continue. How do we encounter this risen Christ? Where do we find him? Our search is no different from our early Christian brothers and sisters. When they broke bread together in the Eucharist, they realized that he was there. By participating in this holy meal as members of a believing community, we experience that same presence among us. We learn about the power of being with one another in the simplest gestures of life. What could be more universal than breaking bread together — whether at an altar or an ordinary table?

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Opening Prayer

Deacon: May the grace of Jesus the Risen Christ, the love of God and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God, Jesus the risen Lord, was made know to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, “the Lord has risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

All: Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us in the same mind as Jesus, the Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

The Kyrie

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you joined your disciples on the road to Emmaus: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you listened to them and heard their concerns: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you revealed yourself in the breaking of the bread: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presider: May our Merciful God absolve you and me, a sinner, and with the authority vested in me through Jesus the Christ, I absolve you from all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: Lord, you opened the meaning of the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and set their hearts ablaze. By the power of your Spirit kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Acts 2:14, 22-28

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd,
"Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say.

"Jesus the Nazarene was one whom God sent to you with miracles, portents and signs as his credentials. These God worked through him when he was in your midst, as you well know. Jesus was delivered up by the set purpose and plan of God~ you even made use of godless people to crucify and kill him. God freed him from death's bitter pangs, however, and raised him up again, for it was impossible that death should keep its hold on him. David says,

'I have set Our God ever before me; God is at my right hand, and I will not be disturbed.

My heart has been glad and my tongue has rejoiced, my body will live on in hope, for You will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will You suffer Your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You have shown me the paths of life;

You will fill me with joy in Your presence.' "

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm

PS:16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R (11a) O God, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to God, "My God are you."

O God, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. O God, you will show us the path of life.

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**I bless God who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set God ever before me;
with God at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.**

R. O God, you will show us the path of life.

**Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.**

R. O God, you will show us the path of life.

**You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.**

R. O God, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading:

1 Peter: 17-21

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

In prayer, you call upon Abba God who judges everyone justly, on the basis of their actions. Since this is so, conduct yourselves reverently during your sojourn in a strange land. Realize that you were delivered from the futile way of life your ancestors handed on to you, not by any diminishable sum of gold or silver but by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb chosen before the world's foundation and revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through Christ that you are believers in God, the God who raised Christ from the dead into glory. Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God.

The Word of God. / R. Thanks be to God!

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ALLELUIA!

**Jesus Our Savior, make your Word plain to us,
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.**

ALLELUIA!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:9-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 24:9 - 48

Deacon: When the women came back from the tomb, they told the Eleven and all the others what they experienced. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked about those things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. But God kept them from recognizing him.

Jesus, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

Presider, They stood still, and their faces were sad. One of them was named Cleopas.

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Cleopas said, “Are you the only person visiting Jerusalem who doesn’t know? Don’t you know about the things that have happened there in the last few days?”

Jesus asked “What things?”.

Susanna said “About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet.”

Cleopas said, “He was powerful in what he said and did in the sight of God and all the people.”

Susanna said, “The chief priests and our rulers handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death.”

Cleopas said, “They nailed him to a cross.”

Susanna said, “But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to set Israel free. Also, it is the third day since all this happened.”

Cleopas said, “Some of the other women amazed us too. Early this morning they went to the tomb.”

Susanna said, “But they didn’t find his body.”

Cleopas said “So they came and told us what they had seen.”

Susanna said “They saw angels,”

Cleopas said, “who said Jesus was alive.”

Susanna said, “Then Peter and John went to the tomb.”

Cleopas said, “They saw it was empty, just as the women had said.”

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Susanna said, “They didn’t see Jesus’ body there.”

Jesus said, “How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said! Didn’t the Messiah have to suffer these things and then receive his glory?”

Presider: Jesus; whose identity was still hidden; explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures. He began with Moses and all the Prophets. Then as they approached the village where they were going, Jesus kept walking as if he were going farther. But they tried hard to keep him from leaving.

Susanna said, “Stay with us. It is nearly evening.

Cleopas said, The day is almost over.”

Presider: So he went in to stay with them. He joined them at the table. Then he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But then he disappeared from their sight.

Susanna said, “He explained to us what the Scriptures meant.

Cleopas said: Weren’t we excited as he talked with us on the road?”

Narrator: They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 disciples and those with them. They were all gathered together. Susanna and Cleopas ran to them and exclaimed

Susanna and Cleopas: We met Jesus on the road to Emmas

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All others say, “It’s true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon!”

Narrator: Then the two of them told what had happened to them on the way. They told how they had recognized Jesus when he broke the bread. The disciples were still talking about this when suddenly...

Jesus said, “May you have peace!”

Narrator: All gasp because they were startled.

Jesus said, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Narrator: When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement.

Jesus asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

Narrator: They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Jesus said, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Narrator: Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

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Jesus told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Deacon: This, my brothers and sisters, is the good news of salvation.

All say: Praise to you Jesus the Christ!

Homily

Deacon/ Speaker/Presider:...

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The Profession of Faith

All: We believe in God who made us all, and whose Divine Presence and infinite love infuses all of life and creation with the sacred.

We believe that Jesus is the face of God on earth in whom we best see the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion to which we are all called. He celebrated with outcasts and sinners and touched the broken so that they could leap and dance.

We believe that Jesus suffered so that we might realize that the spirit in us can never be killed, whatever price we have to pay for staying true to the mind of God. That Jesus died and was raised on the third day. He changed all of life for all of us thereafter. He ascended into the life of God, the life beyond life, and waits there for us. He lived in those he left behind and lives in each of us as well.

We believe in the Christ who is One with the Creator and who shows us the presence of God in everything that is and calls out the sacred in ourselves. The Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the infinite dimensions of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who gives light to hearts now blind and infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. That this Spirit is ever present and urges us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

We believe in the Church as a community of the sons and daughters of God, the mystical body of Christ.

We believe that we will live forever in the embrace of God and trust that creation goes on creating in this world and in us forever. Amen.

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Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: Let us pray for the world that needs the presence of the risen Christ.

Leader: For the church: May we recognize Christ's presence in every Eucharistic celebration ... we pray,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For Christians who are deprived of celebrating the Eucharist — especially where there is war, poverty or the lack of pastoral leaders ... we pray,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who are responsible for communicating the importance of the Eucharist: for parents, guardians, godparents and catechists ... we pray,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For individuals and organizations that provide bread for the hungry or that advocate for the most vulnerable among us ... we pray,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our planet earth, that all people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance...we pray,

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the ministers of our community: that they may truly be light for others and led by your truth. We pray.

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the growth of St Marguerite Faith Community, that we will be prayerful in witnessing to others Jesus' Gospel message of love and inclusion. We pray.

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

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Leader: For all who suffer because of illness, injury, or age and for those who care for them including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)
and for all those recently deceased to rest in the everlasting domain of Christ including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause)

We pray:

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, close to home and around the world, including any you wish to mention at this time. (Pause) We pray.

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts. (Pause) We pray:

All: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of abundance: We are grateful for this Eucharistic feast in which Jesus is made known to us. Make us worthy participants in every celebration of the breaking of the bread. Open our hearts to Christ's ongoing presence among us. We pray in the name of him who is with us always on the road of life.

All: Amen.

The Sign of Peace

Deacon: If you are offering your gift, and remember your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there and go; first to be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Presider: The peace of God be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another with a sign of His peace.

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Offertory: Be Joyful. Mary

Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly Queen, be joyful, Mary!
Your grief now changed to joy serene, Alleluia!

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary!

Your son has risen from the dead, be joyful, Mary!
He rose in glory as he said, Alleluia!

The Risen Christ brings hope to all, please help us, Mary!
To share his love and heed his call, Alleluia!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparations

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, through Your goodness we have this bread to offer; which earth has given and human hands have made, let it become the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

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

Presider: Blessed are you, God of the universe, you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human labor. May it become the cup of Love.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside and now reunited on this table in bread and wine, O God, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Presider: Merciful God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer You with humble and contrite hearts.

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Washing of the Hands

Presider: Creator God, cleanse my heart, and open it to whatever You wish for me.

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that these gifts may be acceptable to God.

All: May God accept these gifts, for the praise and glory of Your name, for our good and the good of all Your Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: O God, be pleased with the gifts we bring to you. Bless + this bread and this wine and make them a sacred offering of thanksgiving for our everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (Offertory)

Deacon: God dwells in you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Deacon: Come to the table with thankful hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

Preface

Presider: In the blessed presence of the Creator, we come together to celebrate the gift of everlasting life. We gather to remember Jesus who was born of Mary and grew and walked among us. He taught those that followed him and through time continues to teach us.

It is also with the Spirit, which sustains and animates our every endeavor, which invites us to act in wisdom and in truth.

In gratitude and joy we embrace our calling and we lift our voices to proclaim as one the ancient song of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy God! God of wonder and awe; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of Our God. Hosanna in the highest!

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Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon) THANKSGIVING

Presider: As a worshipping people, we gather in the power of the Spirit, refreshing wind, purifying fire and living breath for the variety and diversity of life.

As a Christian people we seek to live as Jesus taught us, wise and holy.

As Spirit-filled people, courageous and prophetic, we strive to be ever obedient to the Spirit's call.

That same Spirit we now invoke, to liberate in these gifts of bread and wine, the nourishing power of holy wisdom, which they may become for us the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ, the anointed.

Institutions

Presider: When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this all of you, and eat it:
This is my body. Do this in memory of me.*

Presider: After supper in the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks, blessed it and gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

*Take this, all of you, and drink:
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It is poured out for you and for all.
Do this in memory of me.*

Acclimation

All: Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast that Christ prepares: bread of heaven, cup of love, celebration and life.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

All Sing: *Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

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Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, as your Spirit hovered over creation, as your Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus, your beloved Son, may your Spirit hover over us, and descend on these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may they be for us the + body and + blood of Christ.

Commemorations

All: Remember o God, your one holy catholic and apostolic church, rejuvenated by the Spirit and your Son. Reveal its unity, guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember Shane our Bishop, Christopher our Prime bishop and all who minister in your church. Grant that the various ministries we share may be a sign of the unity in diversity that is your kingdom.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith are known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Conclusion

All: In addition, grant that we may find our inheritance, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, St Marguerite and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Great Amen

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold.

With Christ, may all creation be one.

In Christ, may all life be healed.

We eat this bread, we drink this cup.

We share as one body of Christ.

We give our thanks!

Amen, amen, amen!

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Our Father

Deacon: Now let us praise, thank and petition our God, as Jesus the Christ taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Following Prayer

Presider: Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of peace, and give us the will to proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth. Strengthen the bonds of friendship among the inhabitants of all lands, and may the love of Your name hallow every home and every heart. Blessed is the Eternal God, the Source of peace.

Doxology

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This cup which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Lamb of God

All: Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Peace,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Love,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You call us to the Gospel of Hope,
grant us peace.

Presider: May the union of divinity and humanity + in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life.

All: Amen.

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Communion Prayer

All: Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your Holy Body and Blood, free us from every evil. Keep us faithful to Your teaching and never let us be parted from You.

Presider: We will take the Bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Christ.

All: Jesus, you have made us worthy to receive you, by saying the word and healing us.

Presider: The gifts of God are given by Jesus who said: I am the bread of life; feed on Him in faith with thanksgiving.

All: Amen.

Holy Communion - Communion Song We Are Many Parts

Refrain: We are many parts, we are all one body,
And the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one in deed;
One the love that we share, one our hope in despair, One the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to You, we would be Your servants true,
Let us be Your love to all the world.

All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all;
If you love then you will know our God.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: Let us pray:

All: God of Compassion, through your son Jesus the Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Emulating his example of prayer and fasting, may we follow you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love.

Amen.

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Announcements

Final Blessings

Deacon: Bow your heads and ask for God's blessing.

Blessing

Presider: May Jesus the Christ reveal himself to you. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May the Holy Spirit fill you with joy. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May God Creator be your companion always. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May Almighty God bless you: our Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: This mass is ended, go forward proclaiming the joy of God's message given through Jesus the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Closing: Alleluia! Alleluia! (Hymn to Joy Melody)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise!

And the choirs of heaven chant it in the temple of the skies;

Let the mountains skip with gladness and the joyful valleys ring

With hosannas in the highest to our Savior and our King!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave

He has risen up in triumph from the darkness of the grave.

He's the splendor of the nations; He's the lamp of endless day;

He's the very Lord of glory who is risen up today!

Alleluia! Alleluia! He has burst our prison bars;

Christ has lifted up the portals to our home beyond the stars;

May we share with you your glory when the day of time are past,

And the dead shall be awakened by the trumpet's mighty blast.