

Eastertide Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heaven'ly King, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal, grateful love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, all saints above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son and Spirit—Infinite Love, Al-le-lu-ia!!

Introduction

Presider: My dear friends, today we are confronted with and awed by the heart of our Christian faith. Without the events celebrated today, we would have no Christian church. Today our readings put us in touch with the first witnesses who visited the tomb of Jesus and the earliest community that proclaimed what they saw and profoundly believed. Without today's story, Jesus would be just another gifted teacher, healer and prophet who improved people's lives. Here is the challenge for us: How profoundly are we moved by this story? It changed the lives of so many others. How does it change ours?

Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Opening Prayer

The priest extends their hands and greets all the people.

Presider: 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.

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Presider: Let us pray. God, our Creator, we gather today to make sacred the message you send through your risen son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen

PENITENTIAL RITE

Call to Confession

Presider: Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we too, have been given new life. Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

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 fulfilled the promise made to your disciples: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you show us what awaits those who are faithful to you: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you call us to testify to your risen life: 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

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all your sins; in the name of God the Creator +++, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of dust, you breathe love into every cell that connects us all, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever.

All: Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon: Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your word we may receive new life. **All: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and the people assembled in the house in these words, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John preached. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day in order to be seen, not by all, but only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God - that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the One set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead.

"To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this Name."

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

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Give thanks to God, for God is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.**

**Let the house of Israel say,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

R. This is the day God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**"The right hand of God has struck with power;
the right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God."**

R. This is the day God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By God has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.**

R. This is the day God has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading :

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

**Since you have been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what
pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand.
Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things of earth.
After all, you have died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in
God. But when Christ, who is your life, is revealed, you too will be
revealed with Christ in glory.**

The Word of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel play and Homily

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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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Deacon: My friends let us pray for all who long to be convinced of everlasting life.

Leader: Our response is...Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: For the church and for all who cling to the story of Jesus' resurrection: We pray.

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the courage to live as people of the Resurrection. We pray.

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For those who yearn for good news in the face of war, poverty, sickness or betrayal. We pray.

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For all who show unending forgiveness that together we celebrate the light they shine. We pray.

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

Leader: For the protection of life on our planet too often crucified by our folly and selfishness and greed. We pray.

All: Risen Christ, 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: Risen Christ, 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: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

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: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

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Leader: And for all the prayers that we hold in the quiet of our hearts.

(Pause) We pray:

All: Risen Christ, hear our Prayer.

Presider: God of life: We thank you for all life and for the life you have bestowed upon us. Strengthen our faith in the Resurrection and our desire to show others the meaning of everlasting life. We pray especially for those for whom life is painful or fragile. We ask these things in the name of your gloriously risen Son, Jesus.

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.

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

Offertory: Easter Alleluia

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!

Verse 1: Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing.
All of creation in splendor shall ring: Alleluia!

Verse 3: Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here,
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!

Verse 5: Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!

Verse 6: If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of His Word: Alleluia!

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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.

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

Washing of the Hands

Both: 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.

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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 every time and every age, ...
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

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!

Eucharistic Prayer: (Canon) THANKSGIVING

Presider: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things...

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.***

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

Epiclesis

Presider: Gracious God, as your Spirit hovered over creation... 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 our Bishops 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.

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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!

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: God of peace, Creator of joy, we celebrate Your son, our brother Jesus. He showed us the Way to follow and opened our eyes to all that is possible.
Help us to continue what He started...

Doxology

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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.

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.

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All: Amen.

Holy Communion - Communion Song

Communion song: Table of Plenty

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need. Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table, where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love

My bread will ever sustain you, through days of sorrow and woe
My wine shall flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God works through you.

All: And also through you.

Presider: (In peace) Let us pray (to our wondrous God):

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.

Announcements

Final Blessings

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

Blessing

+Presider: Blessed be the name of God

All: Now and forever

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+Presider: *Our help is in the name of God*

All: ***Who made Heaven and Earth.***

Presider: May the truth of the empty tomb; the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection, keep you fearless and sure.

All: Amen.

Presider: May you see the Resurrected One again and again in this life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always. **All: Amen.**

Presider: May you be blessed, on this Easter Sunday, and in the days ahead, by Almighty God Creator +, Son + and Holy Spirit +. **All: Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: This mass is ended, go forth renewed and strong, knowing God is alive, almighty and present. Look for the blessings that await you this week.

Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate, and tell the story of hope. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Closing: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Verse 1:

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!

Verse 3:

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;

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