EASTER SUNDAY

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down,
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sins

Refrain

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim:
"My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead:
Lord, have mercy.

R/ Lord, have mercy.

You have destroyed death forever:
Christ, have mercy.

R/ Christ, have mercy.

You have opened for us the way to eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.

R/ Lord, have mercy.

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

O God, who on this day, through your Only
Begotten Son, have conquered death and
unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we
pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the
Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal
brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of
life. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R/ Amen

Greeting

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

R/ Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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.

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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.' R.

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

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

Second reading
From St Paul to the Colossians
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.

The Word of the Lord
R/ Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us through God's Son: Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel
From the Gospel according to Matthew
After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord
R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Invitation
Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

Renunciation of Sin
Do you renounce Satan?
R/ I do.
And all his works?
R/ I do.
And all his empty show?
R/ I do.

Profession of Faith
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
R/ I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?
R/ I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?
R/ I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us the forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.
R/ Amen

Universal Prayer
In the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, we pray for the living Church: for Pope Francis, who cares for the world with a father’s heart, for each other, opening our hearts with compassion, for those physically isolated, but close to Jesus. ..... Lord, in your mercy
R/ Hear our prayer

In the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, we pray for the spiritual needs of people: for the Elect waiting to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, for parents desiring the baptism of their children, for couples needing to delay their weddings..... Lord, in your mercy
R/ Hear our prayer

In the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, we pray for the world during this coronavirus pandemic: healing for the sick, strength for all bringing medical and pastoral care to the sick, comfort for distressed families..... Lord, in your mercy
R/ Hear our prayer

In the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, we pray for the most vulnerable in our world: for refugees and prisoners, for the poor and homeless, for victims of family violence and abuse, for the distressed and fearful..... Lord, in your mercy
R/ Hear our prayer

In the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, we pray for the departed and all who mourn them: for those who have died from the coronavirus and other illnesses, for those who died giving medical and spiritual care, for people with the virus, for those who died longing to receive the Sacraments of the Church. In our community we remember..... Lord, in your mercy
R/ Hear our prayer
Prayer in this time of crisis
Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our
wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and
courage to our leaders; watch over all medical
people as they tend the sick and work for a
cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all
isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts
be open. By the power of your love destroy the
virus of fear, that hope may never die and the
light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine
upon us and the whole world. Through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Mass continues as per a regular Sunday.

Prayer over the Offerings
Pray, 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.

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy
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.

Memorial Acclamation
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, until you come again.

Communion
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.

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

Making a Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion Hymn: Psalm 23
The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

(Chorus) And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights. (Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know (Chorus)

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Prayer after Communion
Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

Bow your heads and pray or God’s blessing:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

R/ Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

R/ Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

R/ 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 and ever.

R/ Amen.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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