

# A Liturgy of the Word for Home Use on Easter Sunday

## *The Resurrection of the Lord*

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*We gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.*

*A Blessing of Food for the Easter Meal is included at the end.*

*A simple prayer space can be created with candles, a crucifix or cross, a bowl of water and, perhaps, plants or flowers and a white cloth, which is the prescribed liturgical color for the day.*

*If the Blessing of Food for the Easter Meal is used, perhaps the liturgy could be moved into the kitchen and take place before some of the food is prepared, or as the table blessing for the main meal.*

*The liturgical ministries shown (Leader, Reader and perhaps a Cantor to lead the singing) should be shared generously among those gathered.*

*A simple two-bar chant tone from the Mundelein Psalter is utilized facilitate the singing of the psalmody and the gospel acclamation. This is the reprint information for this tone:*

*The Mundelein Psalter*

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*For a demonstration of this simple psalm tone, use the following link and play the first option which appears on the list: for Week I & 2, Antiphon I, Mode VIIIg.*

*The "piano" version may be best.*

<https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/psalm-tones>

*Alternatively, these texts could be sung to more familiar settings. If the gospel acclamation is not sung it should not be recited.*

*You are encouraged to adjust the liturgy to best fit the circumstances in which it is celebrated.*

## Introduction

*All make the Sign of the Cross, saying:*

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

*Leader:*

Throughout Lent we prepared for Easter by prayer, fasting and works of service and charity. When we gather during this feast of Easter, we remember it is the Risen Christ who now fills us with joy, for he has conquered death. Alleluia!

*All:*

**Christ is Risen!**

*Leader:*

Truly, He is Risen!

## Gloria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oeKKr2xIFMg>

*Another more familiar version of the Glory to God may be substituted.*

*If the Glory to God is not sung it should be omitted, instead of being recited.*

Refrain: **Glory to God. Glory to God.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth  
peace to people of good will.** FINAL TIME, ADD: **Amen, amen.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heav'nly King, O God, almighty Father. (R.)**

**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,  
the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. (R.)**

**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. (R.)**

*Glory to God from Mass of Christ the Savior*

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*An audio version of the entire set of scriptural texts for the Liturgy of the Word may be found at:*

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>.

*When you are there, click on April 11.*

## First Reading

ACTS 10: 34A, 37-43

*Reader:*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.



## Second Reading

COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4

*Reader:*

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

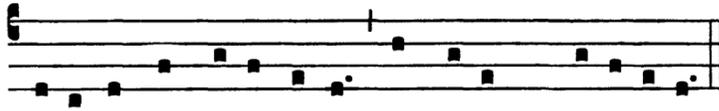
*Reader:*

The word of the Lord.

*All:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdt9\\_3G9OQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdt9_3G9OQk)

*Another, more familiar setting may be substituted, or the Sequence may be omitted.*

*Cantor, then all:*

(R.) **Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!**

*Cantor:*

A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father. *All:* (R.)

Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died,  
Reigns immortal. (R.)

Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection; (R.)

Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
To Galilee he goes before you." (R.)

Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King,  
Ever reigning! (R.)

Amen. Alleluia.

## Gospel Acclamation

*The gospel acclamation could be chanted using this or another more familiar setting.  
If it is not sung it should be omitted.*



(R.) *Cantor, then all:*

Al-le-luia,

TO NOTES IN FIRST MEASURE

al-le-luia.

TO NOTES IN SECOND MEASURE

*Cantor:*

Christ, our paschal lamb, **has** been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy **in** the Lord.

*All:* (R.)

## Gospel

JOHN 20: 1-9

*Lay reader:*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

*All:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,  
and the cloth that had covered his head,  
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture  
that he had to rise from the dead.

*Reader:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*A video homily for this date should be available at:  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>  
All may reflect in silence, journal, or share their thoughts with others.*

### Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*The bowl of water, if not easily seen by all, is placed prominently.*

*Leader:*

Water, as part of God's creation,  
shows forth the grace of Baptism.

The Holy Spirit hovered over the water,  
linking it with sanctification.

The waters of the Great Flood  
washed away sinfulness and gave us a new beginning.

The children of Abraham  
passed through the waters of the Red Sea,  
prefiguring our baptism.

Jesus told his disciples to go forth and baptize all nations  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now that our Lenten journey is over let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism.

*Leader:*

Do you renounce Satan?

*All:*

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**I do.**

Do you renounce sin,  
so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**I do.**

Do renounce the lure of evil,  
so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**I do.**

Do you renounce Satan,  
the author and prince of sin?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

**I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**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 life everlasting?

**I do.**

*Leader:*

May this water be for us a sign  
of our own baptismal death to sin  
and new life in Christ.

*All may take turns blessing themselves with the water in the bowl.  
Meanwhile, a hymn may be sung:*

### Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QETx2Mc-1E>

*Another hymn may be substituted, or the hymn may be omitted.*

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
Born of one Father, We are his children,  
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

#### *Baptized in Water*

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*The Creed is omitted.*

### Prayer of the Faithful

*Leader:*

With exultation and joy we proclaim that Christ is Risen;  
through him we now offer our prayers to the Father.

*Reader:*

For the Holy Catholic Church throughout the world,  
that through us she may show forth new life  
in the light of the Resurrection of Christ,  
we pray to the Lord...

*All:* **(R.) Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our Risen Lord may illumine the minds of government leaders  
so that all nations strive to seek peace, proclaim liberty  
and work for justice,  
we pray to the Lord... (R.)

For all who have been baptized and received into the Church this Easter,  
and for all whose sacramental journey has been affected by the coronavirus,  
that they may grow in holiness as members of the Body of Christ,  
we pray to the Lord... (R.)

That Christ, the divine physician  
who transformed the weakness of our nature into new life,  
may guide all who work to end the oppression of the coronavirus  
and speed our steps towards effective ways of combatting it,  
and curing those afflicted with it,  
we pray to the Lord... (R.)

For all who have died,  
that Christ, who conquered death,  
may welcome them to the eternal feast of life and light,  
we pray to the Lord... (R.)

*Extemporaneous intercessions from all gathered may be added here.  
When concluded, all continue:*

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Amen.**

#### Spiritual Communion

*All may take some time for silent prayer and reflection, and then say:*

**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.**

## Prayer

*Leader:*

Lord, send down your abundant blessing upon your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son  
in the sure hope of the resurrection.  
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.  
May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:*

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*All make the Sign of the Cross, saying:*

**May Almighty God bless us,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*The liturgy may end with a hymn.*

## Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMKVJtIQPvU>

*Another hymn may be substituted, or the hymn may be omitted.*

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| <b>Jesus Christ is ris'n today,</b>      | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Our triumphant holy day,</b>          | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Who did once upon the cross</b>       | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Suffer to redeem our loss.</b>        | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Sing we to our God above</b>          | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Praise eternal as his love;</b>       | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Praise him, all ye heav'nly host,</b> | <b>Alleluia!</b> |
| <b>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</b>      | <b>Alleluia!</b> |

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
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## Blessing of Food for the Easter Meal

*All:*

**God of Glory, the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.  
Bless us and this food of our First Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table  
continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted, finally, to his heavenly banquet.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**