

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders; in the
sight of the nations he has shown
his deliverance, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died;
sown in distress and reaped in joy,
yielding a harvest of new life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the sun which brings the dawn:
he is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the vine set in the earth,
sharing our life, becoming man,
that we might share in God's own life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
we celebrate our risen Lord,
praising the glory of his name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

People: **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (Brothers and sisters),
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the
way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have given us the
consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good
Shepherd, leading us into everlasting
life: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**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

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to
make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.

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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.

SIT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING****9:26-31**

**A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to
join the disciples, but they were afraid
of him: they could not believe he was
really a disciple. Barnabas, however,
took charge of him introduced him to
the apostles, and explained how the
Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken
to him on his journey, and how he had
preached boldly at Damascus in the
name of Jesus. Saul now started to go
round with them in Jerusalem,
preaching fearlessly in the name of the
Lord. But after he had spoken to the
Hellenists, and argued with them, they
became determined to kill him. When
the brothers knew, they took him to
Caesarea, and sent him off from there
to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judea,
Galilee and Samaria were now left in
peace, building themselves up, living in
the fear of the Lord, and filled with the
consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps21:26-28.30-32.R.v.26

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

or Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**
3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done." **R.**

SECOND READING

3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



— **STAND** —

ACCLAMATION

Jn15:4-5

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me
bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia**

GOSPEL

15:1-8

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glorify to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples:
"I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no
fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear
fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have
spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make
mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all
by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been
thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and
thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that
you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

— **STAND** —

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

— **SIT** —

Raising the host, the priest says:
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all
creation, for through your goodness
we have received the bread we offer
you: fruit of the earth and work of
human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.



The priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

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

Raising the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands,

it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing the priest says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, O Lord.

Then the priest washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin.

STAND

Facing the people the priest says:

Pray, brethren (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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

PREFACE: IV of Easter

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise

and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,

sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

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.

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

The Priest joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,

by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,

so that they may become for us

the Body ✠ and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our Pope, N. our Bishop, his assistant Bishop(s), and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Priest takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, elevating both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

STAND

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

And with your Spirit.

The priest may add these or similar words.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The priest places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying quietly:

May this mingling of the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

◆ **(KNEEL)** ◆

The priest says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and
Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgement and
condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body,
and a healing remedy.

Raising the host the priest says:

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.

And together with the people he says once:

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

May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest reverently consumes the Body of Christ.
Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:*

May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

*The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it
to each of the communicants, saying:*

The Body of Christ.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5
**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.**
**Whoever remains in me, and I in
him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMN

**I am the Bread of life;
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**
**No-one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.**

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever,
you shall live forever. R.**

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the
Son of Man,
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. R.**

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, make my love for you not be just
words and mere talk; let it be something
real and active.

Help me to believe more firmly in you,
to keep all your commandments,
so that you may live in me and I may live
in you. Cut off from you I can do literally
nothing – just like a withered branch that
is thrown into the fire.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by
itself unless it abides in the vine, neither
can I unless I abide in you.

With you, I can do all things and live a
fruitful life. I want now to accept the trials
and difficulties that may come my way.

I know that they come from the loving
hands of the Father who prunes me so
that I may bear more fruit and become in
truth you disciple.

Lord I pray for your Church: give her
peace and build her up so that she may
walk in reverential fear of you,
and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

◆ **(STAND)** ◆

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries to pass from
former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Solemn Blessing No6 Easter Time
May God, who by the Resurrection of
his Only Begotten Son was pleased to
confer on you the gift of redemption
and of adoption,
give you gladness by his blessing.
Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of
everlasting freedom, make you heirs to
an eternal inheritance.
Amen.

And may you, who have already risen
with Christ in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this
earth, be united with him in the
homeland of heaven.
Amen.

May the blessing of almighty God the
Father, and the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, come down on you and remain
with you forever.
Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended,
Thanks be to God

RECESSIONAL HYMN

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Praise the Lord all you nations.
Acclaim him all you peoples.
Strong is his love for us,
He is faithful forever. R.**

**Oh sing a new song to the Lord.
Sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord bless his name. R.**

**Proclaim his help day by day,
Tell among the nations his glory,
And his wonders among all the
peoples. R.**

**Bring an offering and enter his courts,
worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth tremble before him. R.**