

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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING****6:1-7**

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

About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the
Hellenists made a complaint against
the Hebrews: in the daily distribution
their own widows were being
overlooked. So the Twelve called a full
meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, "It would not be right
for us to neglect the word of God so
as to give out food; you, brothers,
must select from among yourselves
seven men of good reputation, filled
with the Spirit and with wisdom; we
will hand over this duty to them, and
continue to devote ourselves to prayer
and to the service of the word." The
whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man
full of faith and of the Holy Spirit,
together with Philip, Prochorus,
Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and
Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to
Judaism. They presented these to the
apostles, who prayed and laid their
hands on them.



ACCLAMATION *Jn14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me." Alleluia!

GOSPEL *14:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going".

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied." "Have I been with you all this time, Philip," said Jesus to him "and you still do not know me?"

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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



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 word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Pss32:1-2.4-5.18-19.R.v.22

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
or **Alleluia!**

- 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**
- 2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
- 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING *2:4-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 Leo, 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 Jesus, you are the Way,
the Truth and the Life.
Keep me and those dear to me close
to you so that you may come and
bring us to the place you have
prepared for us in your Father's house
where we may be with you and see
you in your glory.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
We believe that you are in the Father
and the Father is in you.
Send down the Holy Spirit on your
Church to teach all people that there
are many mansions in their Father's
house.



◆◆◆**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.**