

Second Sunday of Easter

INTRODUCTION

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

All respond: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed
for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting
away all malice and evil and confessing our
sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

℟. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us ✠ our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is recited.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you**

**are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty Father, you have given your only
Son to die for our sins and to rise again for
our justification: grant us so to put away the
leaven of malice and wickedness that we may
always serve you in pureness of living and
truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Acts 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were
of one heart and soul, and no one claimed
private ownership of any possessions, but
everything they owned was held in common.
With great power the apostles gave their
testimony to the resurrection of the Lord
Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.
There was not a needy person among them,
for as many as owned lands or houses sold
them and brought the proceeds of what was
sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it
was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

℟. How good it is to dwell in unity.

(All repeat)

O how good and pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell together in unity!
It is like precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
running down upon the collar of his robe. ℟.

It is like the dew of Hermon
falling upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. ℟.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 1.1–2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things

to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20.29

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, ‘Do you believe because you have seen me?’

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

℟. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Jn 20.19–31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although

the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.**

We 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 worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. *℟.* **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or *℣.* Lord, in your mercy, *℟.* **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant to them, O Lord;
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may sit for the OFFERTORY. *The priest may praise God for his gifts, to which all respond:*

Blessed be God for ever.

All stand for the PRAYER *over the* OFFERINGS.

Pray, my 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 Church.

Accept, Lord, these offerings your people make to you. Grant that we, being born to new life by baptism and faith in your name, may attain to the everlasting joy of heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the 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.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.

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

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

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

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is distributed.

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The service may be followed by REGINA CÆLI.

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia:

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,

As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

∩. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:

℞. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the whole world: grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother the Virgin Mary, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**