

# Easter Sunday



*Antiphon:* **The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.**

For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day Jesus, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is the 'Day of the Lord'. But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of his victory. Let's open our hearts to the joy of this great day.

Lord on this holy day you drive away all evil. Lord have mercy.  
On this holy day you wash away all guilt. Christ have mercy.  
On this holy day you bring joy to all creation. Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

*Let us pray:*

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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 10: 34. 37- 43

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117

**Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Alleluia! 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.'

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

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

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

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

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 3:1- 4

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 will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence:

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.**

**The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**

**Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!**

**Life's own Champion slain, yet lives to reign.**

**Tell us, Mary; say what thou didst see upon the way.**

**The tomb the living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!**

**The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.**

**Christ, my hope, has risen; he goes before you into Galilee.**

**That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.**

**Victorious king, thy mercy show! Amen. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him'. So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in: he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL VOWS: *(Today this should replace the Creed.)*

Dear brethren, 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 faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you :

Do you renounce Satan?

**I do.**

And all his works?

**I do.**

And all his empty show?

**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.**

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a 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. **Amen.**

*The priest may sprinkle the people with holy water, while all say:*

**I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia;  
and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Offertory:*

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.**

*Prayer over the Gifts:*

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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (THE ROMAN CANON)**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And with your spirit.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
It is right and just.**

*Then follows the Preface to be used in accord with the rubrics, which concludes:*

**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.**

*The Priest, with hands extended, says:*

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

*He joins his hands and says*

that you accept

*He makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:*

and bless † these gifts, these offerings,  
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

*With hands extended, he continues:*

which we offer you firstly  
for your holy catholic Church.  
Be pleased to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world,  
together with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
and all those who, holding to the truth,  
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N and N  
and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you.  
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

### *Communicantes*

Celebrating the most sacred night (day)  
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh  
and in communion with those  
whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew,  
    (Xames, John, Thomas, James, Philip,  
    Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;  
    Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian,  
    Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian)  
and all your Saints;  
we ask that through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

### **Proper Forms of the Hanc Igitur**

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for those to whom you have pleased to give  
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,  
granting them forgiveness of all their sins;  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered  
from eternal damnation  
and counted among the flock  
of those you have chosen.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;  
make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread 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 this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice 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.**

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial  
of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim, this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.  
Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty,  
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar  
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith  
and rest in the sleep of peace.  
Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ,

a place of refreshment, light and peace.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,  
hope in your abundant mercies,  
graciously grant some share  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:  
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,  
(Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity,  
Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)  
and all your Saints;  
admit us, we beseech you, into their company,  
not weighing our merits,  
but granting us your pardon,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue  
to make all these good things, O Lord;  
you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them,  
and bestow them upon us.

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.**

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

**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.**

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.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, do not look 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  
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**And with your spirit.**

**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.**

Priest: 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.

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

*Antiphon:* **Christ our Paschal lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us, keep the feast  
with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

*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. **Amen.**

*Final Blessing:*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**