

# **SACRED TRIDUUM**

**2020**

**Liturgical Prayers & Readings**

# MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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## Entrance Antiphon

**Gal 6: 14**

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,  
through whom we are saved and delivered.

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## 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.

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### **Collect**

Let us pray.  
O God, who have called us to participate  
in this most sacred Supper,  
in which your Only Begotten Son,  
when about to hand himself over to death,  
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all  
eternity,  
the banquet of his love,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may draw from so great a mystery,  
the fullness of charity and 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.

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## **First reading**

### **Exodus 12:1-8,11-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

“This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see

the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever."

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

## **Psalm 115**

*℟. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

*℟. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

*℟. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.

*✠. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.*

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## **Second reading**

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

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## **Gospel**

### **John 13:1-15**

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put

everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

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### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,

that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is  
celebrated the work of our redemption is  
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

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### **Communion Antiphon**

**1 Cor 11: 24-25**

This is the Body that will be given up for you;  
this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood,  
says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in  
memory of me.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.  
Grant, almighty God,  
that, just as we are renewed  
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,  
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

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**The Blessed Sacrament is not processed to the Altar  
of Repose but is reposed in the Tabernacle.**

# FRIDAY OF THE MOST SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Let us pray.

O God, who by the Passion of Christ your Son, our Lord, abolished the death inherited from ancient sin by every succeeding generation, grant that just as, being conformed to him, we have borne by the law of nature the image of the man of earth, so by the sanctification of grace we may bear the image of the Man of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

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## First reading

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

See, my servant will prosper,  
he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights.

As the crowds were appalled on seeing him  
– so disfigured did he look  
that he seemed no longer human –  
so will the crowds be astonished at him,  
and kings stand speechless before him;  
for they shall see something never told  
and witness something never heard before:  
'Who could believe what we have heard,  
and to whom has the power of the Lord been  
revealed?'

Like a sapling he grew up in front of us,  
like a root in arid ground.  
Without beauty, without majesty we saw him,  
no looks to attract our eyes;  
a thing despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering,  
a man to make people screen their faces;  
he was despised and we took no account of him.

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore,  
ours the sorrows he carried.  
But we, we thought of him as someone punished,  
struck by God, and brought low.  
Yet he was pierced through for our faults,  
crushed for our sins.  
On him lies a punishment that brings us peace,  
and through his wounds we are healed.

We had all gone astray like sheep,  
each taking his own way,  
and the Lord burdened him  
with the sins of all of us.  
Harshly dealt with, he bore it humbly,

he never opened his mouth,  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house,  
like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers  
never opening its mouth.

By force and by law he was taken;  
would anyone plead his cause?  
Yes, he was torn away from the land of the living;  
for our faults struck down in death.  
They gave him a grave with the wicked,  
a tomb with the rich,  
though he had done no wrong  
and there had been no perjury in his mouth.

The Lord has been pleased to crush him with  
suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute,  
he shall divide the spoil with the mighty,  
for surrendering himself to death  
and letting himself be taken for a sinner,  
while he was bearing the faults of many  
and praying all the time for sinners.

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## Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 30

*℟. Father, I put my life in your hands.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

*℟. Father, I put my life in your hands.*

In the face of all my foes

I am a reproach,

an object of scorn to my neighbours

and of fear to my friends.

*℟. Father, I put my life in your hands.*

Those who see me in the street

run far away from me.

I am like a dead man, forgotten in men's hearts,

like a thing thrown away.

*℟. Father, I put my life in your hands.*

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord;

I say: 'You are my God.

My life is in your hands, deliver me

from the hands of those who hate me.

*℟. Father, I put my life in your hands.*

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your love.'

Be strong, let your heart take courage,

all who hope in the Lord.

✠. *Father, I put my life in your hands.*

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## **Second reading**

**Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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## **Gospel**

**John 18:1-19:42**

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus  
Christ**

**N.** Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kedron valley. There was a garden there, and he went into it with his disciples. Judas the traitor knew the place well, since Jesus had often met his disciples there, and he brought the cohort to this place together with a detachment of guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees, all with lanterns and torches and weapons. Knowing everything that was going to happen to him, Jesus then came forward and said,

⊗ Who are you looking for?

**N.** They answered,

**C.** Jesus the Nazarene.

**N.** He said,

⊗ I am he.

**N.** Now Judas the traitor was standing among them. When Jesus said, 'I am he', they moved back and fell to the ground. He asked them a second time,

⊗ Who are you looking for?

**N.** They said,

**C.** Jesus the Nazarene.

**N.** Jesus replied,

⊗ I have told you that I am he. If I am the one you are looking for, let these others go.

**N.** This was to fulfil the words he had spoken, 'Not one of those you gave me have I lost.'

Simon Peter, who carried a sword, drew it and wounded the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

⊗ Put your sword back in its scabbard; am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

**N.** The cohort and its captain and the Jewish guards seized Jesus and bound him. They took him first to Annas, because Annas was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had suggested to the Jews, 'It is better for one man to die for the people.'

Simon Peter, with another disciple, followed Jesus. This disciple, who was known to the high priest, went with Jesus into the high priest's palace, but Peter stayed outside the door. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who was keeping the door and brought Peter in. The maid on duty at the door said to Peter,

**O.** Aren't you another of that man's disciples?

**N.** He answered,

**O.** I am not.

**N.** Now it was cold, and the servants and guards had lit a charcoal fire and were standing there warming themselves; so Peter stood there too, warming himself with the others.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered,

✠ I have spoken openly for all the world to hear; I have always taught in the synagogue and in the Temple where all the Jews meet together: I have said nothing in secret. But why ask me? Ask my hearers what I taught: they know what I said.

**N.** At these words, one of the guards standing by gave Jesus a slap in the face, saying,

**O.** Is that the way to answer the high priest?

**N.** Jesus replied,

⌘ If there is something wrong in what I said, point it out; but if there is no offence in it, why do you strike me?

**N.** Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

As Simon Peter stood there warming himself, someone said to him,

**O.** Aren't you another of his disciples?

**N.** He denied it, saying,

**O.** I am not.

**N.** One of the high priest's servants, a relation of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

**O.** Didn't I see you in the garden with him?

**N.** Again Peter denied it; and at once a cock crew.

They then led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the Praetorium. It was now morning. They did not go into the Praetorium themselves or they would be defiled and unable to eat the passover. So Pilate came outside to them and said,

**O.** What charge do you bring against this man?

**N.** They replied,

**C.** If he were not a criminal, we should not be handing him over to you.

**N.** Pilate said,

**O.** Take him yourselves, and try him by your own Law.

**N.** The Jews answered,

**C.** We are not allowed to put a man to death.

**N.** This was to fulfil the words Jesus had spoken indicating the way he was going to die.

So Pilate went back into the Praetorium and called Jesus to him, and asked,

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** Jesus replied,

⌘ Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?

**N.** Pilate answered,

**O.** Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?

**N.** Jesus replied,

⌘ Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.

**N.** Pilate said,

**O.** So you are a king, then?

**N.** Jesus answered,

⌘ It is you who say it. Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.

**N.** Pilate said,

**O.** Truth? What is that?

**N.** and with that he went out again to the Jews and said,

**O.** I find no case against him. But according to a custom of yours I should release one prisoner at the Passover; would you like me, then, to release the king of the Jews?

**N.** At this they shouted:

**C.** Not this man, but Barabbas.

**N.** Barabbas was a brigand.

Pilate then had Jesus taken away and scourged; and after this, the soldiers twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him and saying,

**C.** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N.** and they slapped him in the face.

Pilate came outside again and said to them,

**O.** Look, I am going to bring him out to you to let you see that I find no case.

**N.** Jesus then came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said,

**O.** Here is the man.

**N.** When they saw him the chief priests and the guards shouted,

**C.** Crucify him! Crucify him!

**N.** Pilate said,

**O.** Take him yourselves and crucify him: I can find no case against him.

**N.** The Jews replied,

**C.** We have a Law, and according to that Law he ought to die, because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

**N.** When Pilate heard them say this his fears increased. Re-entering the Praetorium, he said to Jesus

**O.** Where do you come from?

**N.** But Jesus made no answer. Pilate then said to him,

**O.** Are you refusing to speak to me? Surely you know I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?

**N.** Jesus replied,

⊠ You would have no power over me if it had not been given you from above; that is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater guilt.

**N.** From that moment Pilate was anxious to set him free, but the Jews shouted,

**C.** If you set him free you are no friend of Caesar's; anyone who makes himself king is defying Caesar.

**N.** Hearing these words, Pilate had Jesus brought out, and seated himself on the chair of judgement at a place called the Pavement, in Hebrew Gabbatha. It was Passover Preparation Day, about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews,

**O.** Here is your king.

**N.** They said,

**C.** Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!

**N.** Pilate said,

**O.** Do you want me to crucify your king?

**N.** The chief priests answered,

**C.** We have no king except Caesar.

**N.** So in the end Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. Pilate wrote out a notice and had it fixed to the cross; it ran: 'Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.' This notice was read by many of the Jews, because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city, and the writing was in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate,

**C.** You should not write ‘King of the Jews,’ but ‘This man said: “I am King of the Jews.”’

**N.** Pilate answered,

**O.** What I have written, I have written.

**N.** When the soldiers had finished crucifying Jesus they took his clothing and divided it into four shares, one for each soldier. His undergarment was seamless, woven in one piece from neck to hem; so they said to one another,

**C.** Instead of tearing it, let’s throw dice to decide who is to have it.

**N.** In this way the words of scripture were fulfilled:

They shared out my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my clothes.

This is exactly what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother,

⊗ Woman, this is your son.

**N.** Then to the disciple he said,

⊗ This is your mother.

**N.** And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

After this, Jesus knew that everything had now been completed, and to fulfil the scripture perfectly he said:

⊗ I am thirsty.

**N.** A jar full of vinegar stood there, so putting a sponge soaked in the vinegar on a hyssop stick they

held it up to his mouth. After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said,

✠ It is accomplished;

**N.** and bowing his head he gave up his spirit.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath – since that sabbath was a day of special solemnity – the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. This is the evidence of one who saw it – trustworthy evidence, and he knows he speaks the truth – and he gives it so that you may believe as well. Because all this happened to fulfil the words of scripture:

Not one bone of his will be broken;

and again, in another place scripture says:

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

After this, Joseph of Arimathaea, who was a disciple of Jesus – though a secret one because he was afraid of the Jews – asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission, so they came and took it away. Nicodemus came as well – the same one who had first come to Jesus at night-time – and he

brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, following the Jewish burial custom. At the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in this garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried. Since it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the tomb was near at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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## **The Solemn Intercessions**

### **For the Holy Church**

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and grant that, leading our life in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father almighty.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, who in Christ revealed your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of your mercy, that your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing your name. Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

### **For the Pope**

Let us pray also for our most Holy Father Pope Francis, that our God and Lord, who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord's holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, by whose decree all things are founded, look with favor on our prayers and in your kindness protect the Pope chosen for us, that, under him, the Christian people, governed by you their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For all orders and degrees of the Faithful**

Let us pray also for our Bishop Patrick, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church and for the whole of the faithful people.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for your ministers, that, by the gift of your grace, all may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For catechumens**

Let us pray also for our catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of his mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, who make your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of your adopted children. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For the unity of Christians**

Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in his one Church.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

### **For the Jewish people**

Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that he may grant them to advance in love of his name and in faithfulness to his covenant.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, graciously hear the prayers of your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

### **For those who do not believe in Christ**

Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before you with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to your love in the world. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For those who do not believe in God**

Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God himself.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, who created all people to seek you always by desiring you and, by finding you, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in you, and so in gladness confess you, the one true God and Father of our human race. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For those in Public Office**

Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, in whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

### **For those in tribulation**

Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that he may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, granting to travelers safety, to pilgrims return, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

*Let us kneel. Let us stand.*

Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before you, that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

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## **The Adoration of the Holy Cross**

Priest: Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung  
the salvation of the world.

℟. *COME LET US ADORE*

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## **Holy Communion**

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.

The priest alone will now receive Holy Communion.  
The Faithful are invited to make a Spiritual  
Communion.

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## **Concluding Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who have restored us to life  
by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ,  
preserve in us the work of your mercy,  
that, by partaking of this mystery,  
we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

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### **Dismissal**

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,  
descend upon your people,  
who have honoured the Death of your Son  
in the hope of their resurrection:  
may pardon come,  
comfort be given,  
holy faith increase,  
and everlasting redemption be made secure.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

# VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Saturday 11 April 2020

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## The Exultet

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad,  
as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of His glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.  
Therefore, dearest friends,  
standing in the awesome glory of this holy light,  
invoke with me, I ask of you,  
the mercy of God almighty, that He,  
who has been pleased to number me,

though unworthy, among the Levites,  
may pour into me His light unshadowed,  
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

∇. 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,  
with ardent love of mind and heart  
and with devoted service of our voice,  
to acclaim our God invisible,  
the almighty Father, and  
Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
His Son, His Only Begotten.  
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal  
Father, and,  
pouring out His own dear Blood, wiped clean the  
record of our ancient sinfulness.  
These, then, are the feasts of Passover,  
in which is slain the Lamb,  
the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints  
the doorposts of believers.  
This is the night,  
when once you led our forebears,  
Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt,  
and made them pass dry-shod  
through the Red Sea.  
This is the night,  
that with a pillar of fire,

banished the darkness of sin.  
This is the night,  
that even now, throughout the world,  
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices, and  
from the gloom of sin,  
leading them to grace,  
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death,  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.  
O wonder of your humble care for us!  
O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave, you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam!  
destroyed completely,  
by the Death of Christ!  
O happy fault!  
that earned so great,  
so glorious a Redeemer!  
O truly blessed night,  
worthy alone to know the time and hour,  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night,  
of which it is written:  
The night shall be as bright as day,  
dazzling is the night for me,  
and full of gladness.  
The sanctifying power of this night,  
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,  
restores innocence to the fallen,

and joy to mourners,  
drives out hatred, fosters concord,  
and brings down the mighty.  
On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,  
accept this candle, a solemn offering,  
the work of bees,  
and of your servants' hands,  
an evening sacrifice of praise,  
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,  
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor,  
a fire into many flames divided,  
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,  
for it is fed by melting wax,  
drawn out by mother bees,  
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,  
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,  
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,  
we pray you, that this candle,  
hallowed to the honor of your name,  
may persevere undimmed,  
to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,  
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame,  
be found still burning by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets,  
Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,  
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,

and lives and reigns forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

## **First reading**

### **Genesis 1:1-2:2**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water.

God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. God saw that light was good, and God divided light from darkness. God called light 'day', and darkness he called 'night.' Evening came and morning came: the first day.

God said, 'Let there be a vault in the waters to divide the waters in two.' And so it was. God made the vault, and it divided the waters above the vault from the waters under the vault. God called the vault 'heaven.' Evening came and morning came: the second day.

God said, 'Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land 'earth' and the mass of waters 'seas', and God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees bearing fruit with their seed inside, on the earth.' And so it was. The earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seed in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the third day.

God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of heaven to divide day from night, and let them indicate festivals, days and years. Let them be lights in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth.' And so it was. God made the two great lights: the greater light to govern the day, the smaller light to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the vault of heaven to shine on the earth, to govern the day and the night and to divide light from darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came: the fourth day.

God said, 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth within the vault of heaven.' And so it was. God created great serpents and every kind of living creature with which the waters teem, and every kind of winged creature. God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the birds multiply upon the earth.' Evening came and morning came: the fifth day.

God said, 'Let the earth produce every kind of living creature: cattle, reptiles, and every kind of wild beast.' And so it was. God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of cattle, and every kind of land reptile. God saw that it was good.

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.'

God created man in the image of himself,

in the image of God he created him,  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good. Evening came and morning came: the sixth day.

Thus heaven and earth were completed with all their array. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing. He rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing.

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## Psalm

## Psalm 103

*℟. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!

*℟. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

You founded the earth on its base,  
to stand firm from age to age.  
You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak:  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

*R̥. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow in between the hills.  
On their banks dwell the birds of heaven;  
from the branches they sing their song.

*R̥. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

From your dwelling you water the hills;  
earth drinks its fill of your gift.  
You make the grass grow for the cattle  
and the plants to serve man's needs.

*R̥. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
Bless the Lord, my soul!

*R̥. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

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## Prayer

O God, who wonderfully created human nature  
and still more wonderfully redeemed it,  
grant us, we pray,  
to set our minds against the enticements of sin,  
that we may merit to attain eternal joys.  
Through Christ our Lord..  
✠. Amen.

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## Second reading

### Genesis 22:1-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

Rising early next morning Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He chopped wood for the burnt offering and started on his journey to the place God had pointed out to him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to his servants, 'Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there; we will worship and come back to you.'

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, loaded it on Isaac, and carried in his own hands the fire and the knife. Then the two of them set out

together. Isaac spoke to his father Abraham, 'Father' he said. 'Yes, my son' he replied. 'Look,' he said 'here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?' Abraham answered, 'My son, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.' Then the two of them went on together.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

Abraham called this place 'The Lord Provides', and hence the saying today: *On the mountain the Lord provides.*

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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## Psalm

## Psalm 15

*R̄. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

*R̄. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

*R̄. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

*R̄. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

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## Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, supreme Father of the faithful,  
who increase the children of your promise  
by pouring out the grace of adoption  
throughout the whole world

and who through the Paschal Mystery  
make your servant Abraham father of nations,  
as once you swore,  
grant, we pray,  
that your peoples may enter worthily  
into the grace to which you call them.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

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### **Third reading**

#### **Exodus 14:15-15:1**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of God, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night

passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and of cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried. 'The Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!'

'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses, 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.'

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them.

That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on

the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant.

It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

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## **Canticle**

## **Exodus 15**

*℟. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
This is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God and I give him praise.

*℟. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

The Lord is a warrior! 'The Lord' is his name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea,  
the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.  
The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone.

*℟. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power,  
your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your glory you crushed the  
foe.

*R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in  
glory.*

You will lead your people and plant them on your  
mountain,  
the place, O Lord, where you have made your  
home,  
the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.  
The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

*R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in  
glory.*

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## **Prayer**

Let us pray.  
O God, whose ancient wonders  
remain undimmed in splendour even in our day,  
for what you once bestowed on a single people,  
freeing them from Pharaoh's persecution  
by the power of your right hand  
now you bring about as the salvation of the nations  
through the waters of rebirth,  
grant, we pray, that the whole world  
may become children of Abraham  
and inherit the dignity of Israel's birthright.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*R. Amen.*

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## Fourth reading

Isaiah 54:5-14

Thus says the Lord:

Now your creator will be your husband,  
his name, the Lord of Hosts;  
your redeemer will be the Holy One of Israel,  
he is called the God of the whole earth.

Yes, like a forsaken wife, distressed in spirit,  
the Lord calls you back.

Does a man cast off the wife of his youth?  
says your God.

I did forsake you for a brief moment,  
but with great love will I take you back.

In excess of anger, for a moment  
I hid my face from you.

But with everlasting love I have taken pity on you,  
says the Lord, your redeemer.

I am now as I was in the days of Noah  
when I swore that Noah's waters  
should never flood the world again.

So now I swear concerning my anger with you  
and the threats I made against you;

for the mountains may depart,  
the hills be shaken,

but my love for you will never leave you  
and my covenant of peace with you will never be  
shaken,

says the Lord who takes pity on you.

Unhappy creature, storm-tossed, disconsolate,  
see, I will set your stones on carbuncles  
and your foundations on sapphires.  
I will make rubies your battlements,  
your gates crystal,  
and your entire wall precious stones.  
Your sons will all be taught by the Lord.  
The prosperity of your sons will be great.  
You will be founded on integrity;  
remote from oppression, you will have nothing to  
fear;  
remote from terror, it will not approach you.

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## Psalm

## Psalm 29

*R.* I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the  
grave.

*R.* I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

*R.* I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

*R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

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## **Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
surpass, for the honour of your name,  
what you pledged to the Patriarchs by reason of their  
faith,  
and through sacred adoption increase the children of  
your promise,  
so that what the Saints of old never doubted would  
come to pass  
your Church may now see in great part fulfilled.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*R. Amen.*

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## **Fifth reading**

**Isaiah 55:1-11**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to  
eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on  
him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the  
heavens and do not return without watering the  
earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide

seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

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## Canticle

## Isaiah 12

*R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

*R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.

*R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

℟. *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

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## **Prayer**

Let us pray.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
sole hope of the world,  
who by the preaching of your Prophets  
unveiled the mysteries of this present age,  
graciously increase the longing of your people,  
for only at the prompting of your grace  
do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
℟. Amen.

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## **Sixth reading**

**Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4**

Listen, Israel, to commands that bring life;  
hear, and learn what knowledge means.  
Why, Israel, why are you in the country of your  
enemies,  
growing older and older in an alien land,  
sharing defilement with the dead,  
reckoned with those who go to Sheol?  
Because you have forsaken the fountain of wisdom.  
Had you walked in the way of God,  
you would have lived in peace for ever.

Learn where knowledge is, where strength,  
where understanding, and so learn  
where length of days is, where life,  
where the light of the eyes and where peace.  
But who has found out where she lives,  
who has entered her treasure house?

But the One who knows all knows her,  
he has grasped her with his own intellect,  
he has set the earth firm for ever  
and filled it with four-footed beasts.  
He sends the light – and it goes,  
he recalls it – and trembling it obeys;  
the stars shine joyfully at their set times:  
when he calls them, they answer, ‘Here we are’;  
they gladly shine for their creator.  
It is he who is our God,  
no other can compare with him.  
He has grasped the whole way of knowledge,  
and confided it to his servant Jacob,  
to Israel his well-beloved;  
so causing her to appear on earth  
and move among men.

This is the book of the commandments of God,  
the Law that stands for ever;  
those who keep her live,  
those who desert her die.  
Turn back, Jacob, seize her,  
in her radiance make your way to light:  
do not yield your glory to another,  
your privilege to a people not your own.  
Israel, blessed are we:

what pleases God has been revealed to us.

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## Psalm

## Psalm 18

*℟. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*℟. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

*℟. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*℟. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

*℟. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

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## Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, who constantly increase your Church  
by your call to the nations,  
graciously grant  
to those you wash clean in the waters of Baptism  
the assurance of your unfailing protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

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## Seventh reading

### Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:  
‘Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used  
to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their  
conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at  
them because of the blood they shed in their land and  
the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them  
among the nations and dispersed them in foreign  
countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and  
actions deserved. And now they have profaned my  
holy name among the nations where they have gone,  
so that people say of them, “These are the people of  
the Lord; they have been exiled from his land.”

‘But I have been concerned about my holy name,  
which the House of Israel has profaned among the  
nations where they have gone.

‘And so, say to the House of Israel, “The Lord says this: I am not doing this for your sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land.

“I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.”

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## Psalm

## Psalm 41

*℟. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

My soul is thirsting for God,  
the God of my life;  
when can I enter and see

the face of God?

*℟. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

These things will I remember  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd  
into the house of God,  
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,  
the throng wild with joy.

*℟. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

O send forth your light and your truth;  
let these be my guide.  
Let them bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell.

*℟. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

And I will come to the altar of God,  
the God of my joy.  
My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,  
O God, my God.

*℟. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

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## **Prayer**

Let us pray.

O God of unchanging power and eternal light,  
look with favour on the wondrous mystery of the  
whole Church  
and serenely accomplish the work of human  
salvation,  
which you planned from all eternity;  
may the whole world know and see  
that what was cast down is raised up,  
what had become old is made new,  
and all things are restored to integrity through Christ,  
just as by him they came into being.  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

℟. Amen.

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## **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.

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## **Prayer**

Let us pray.  
O God, who make this most sacred night radiant  
with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection,  
stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption,  
so that, renewed in body and mind,  
we may render you undivided service.  
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.

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## **Epistle**

### **Romans 6:3-11**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were  
baptized in his death; in other words, when we were

baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realize that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a Christian dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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## **Psalm**

## **Psalm 117**

*℟. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.'

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The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

℟. *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

℟. *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy

the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

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### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

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 in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan?

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And all his works?

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

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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?

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And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our  
sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for  
eternal life.

℟. Amen.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness make those you have nourished  
by this paschal Sacrament one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

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## **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you  
through today's Easter Solemnity  
and, in his compassion,  
defend you from every assault of sin.

℟. Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life  
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,  
endow you with the prize of immortality.

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Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn  
to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the  
Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in  
spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal  
joy.

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And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
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## **Dismissal**

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

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E-gí-na cáeli \* læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a

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si-cut dix-it, alle-lú-ia: Ora pro no-bis De-um,

alle-lú- ia.

# EASTER MORNING MASS

Sunday 12 April 2020

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## Entrance Antiphon

Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
alleluia.

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## Gloria

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you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

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### **Collect**

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, forever and ever.  
℟. Amen.

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### **First reading**

**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.’

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## **Responsorial Psalm**

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## **Second reading**

### **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 too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## Sequence

## Victimae Paschali Laudes

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!

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## Gospel

**John 20:1-9**

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.

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sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for  
eternal life.

℟. Amen.

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### **Prayer over the Offerings**

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

℟. Amen.

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### **Communion Antiphon**

**1 Cor 5: 7-8**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.  
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.  
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