

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

## THE 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.**



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9.

**R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
or Alleluia!**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me! (R)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those  
whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever  
I call him. (R)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at  
once, for you alone,  
Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 4

#### A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins  
away, and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's  
love comes to perfection in him.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the  
scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as  
you talk to us. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand



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Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.



the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,**

**All bow for following two lines:  
who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I 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.  
Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### SANCTUS

**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.**

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**The mystery of faith.**

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us  
free.**



The disciples were shattered. They had believed that Jesus was the one sent by God to Israel. But they had seen him die. It had all been a big mistake. Their faith in Jesus had been a delusion. They had been let

down badly and were preparing to go back to their former way of life, as fishermen, tax-collectors. We too may feel that way at times and wonder is our faith, too, in Jesus a big delusion? We might have no problem in believing that Jesus was a great teacher. We can easily identify with his call to "love one another." But do we really believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is now alive and present to us? It was only through a personal encounter with the risen Jesus that the disciples came to believe. So, too, it is only through a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship which is nourished by regular prayer, that we can truly believe that Jesus is alive and present to us. Jesus is not an object of belief but the subject of experience. The Easter season challenges us to ask ourselves do we really believe. And the test of our belief is whether, like the disciples after their own personal encounter with Jesus, we go out to continue what Jesus began, namely to serve and not be served, to love "as I have loved you," and thereby grow the Kingdom of God on earth.

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