



4th April, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

INTRODUCTION:

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ. A faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community, and handed over to us by Tradition. This Eucharist is our Alleluia; our song of thanksgiving and praise to the risen Christ who is our life and who triumphed over death which we proclaim to the whole world.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS:

On Easter Day the Gospel reading for the Mass during the day is from John on the finding of the empty tomb. The option also exists to use the Gospel texts from the Easter Vigil. When there is an evening Mass on Easter Sunday, the account in Luke of the Lord's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus is used. In the first reading Peter preaches all about Jesus' activity. The reading from the Apostle Paul concerns the living out of the Paschal Mystery in the Church.

First Reading: Acts 10:34a,37-43;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23;

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 *or* 1 Cor 5:6b-8;

Sequence is mandatory. It may be read or sung

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 *or* Mk 16:1-7 (from the Vigil Ms)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Strengthened by the Lord's presence in our midst and encouraged by His immense love for us, let us confidently present our petitions to Him, as we pray.

Response: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

For our Holy Father, Bishops, Priests and Religious, that they may feel strengthened by Jesus' resurrection and consoled in their times of difficulties; we pray to the Lord.

For all the newly Baptized, that they may remain faithful to their commitments to reject the devil and live according to the Gospel values; we pray to the Lord

For all Christian Families, that they may experience a real resurrection and liberation from all defeats, defects and defections; we pray to the Lord.

For all the deceased members of our families and Parish, that the Lord may grant them eternal rest and console the bereaving near and dear ones; we pray to the Lord.

Let us pause and pray for our personal and Parish needs (p-a-u-s-e); we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, may the splendour of Your Son's resurrection, brighten up all our days, sustain us in our trials and lead us to the eternal Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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