



05 April 2026 Easter Sunday



INTRODUCTION:

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Today, we rejoice because our saviour has conquered sin and death; in doing so, he has opened the doorway to eternal life. From the moment of His resurrection to this very moment, the reality of Jesus is that He is risen and alive! We are an Easter people—witnesses of hope, bearers of peace, and instruments of reconciliation in a world still scarred by violence and division. Today, with joy in hearts as we lift our prayers, we ask that the light of the Risen Christ shine upon all nations, bringing healing, justice, and lasting peace.

READINGS:

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

Psalm: Ps 118: 1-2, 15c-17, 22-23

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

Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9 or Lk 24: 13-35

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, with joy in our hearts, let us now offer our hearts desires to our Risen Lord.

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer

- For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious men and women, that the joy of the Risen Lord may renew their faith and inspire them to be true witnesses of hope and love. We pray to the Lord.
- For Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention, *for priests in crisis*: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. We pray to the Lord.
- For peace in this world, that the Prince of Peace, may touch the hearts of leaders and peoples bringing an end to all the violence and bringing reconciliation to all. We pray to the Lord.
- For the sick, displaced and suffering, that the Risen Lord may bring his healing touch to their body, hearts, mind and soul to renew them in His light. We pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community, that we may embody Easter joy in our daily lives, serving one another with compassion and proclaiming the Risen Christ's victory over sin and death. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions, we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Abba Father, Your Son, our Lord is Risen. Through Him, you have saved us from death and sin. You are gracious in your love and we know and believe that you answer all our prayers and intentions which we make through our Risen Lord. Amen.