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SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Year B

Jesus is alive! It's time to celebrate!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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



We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

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...



We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is the start of a **whole season** in the Church's year. We all know that Lent lasts for six weeks, but **Eastertide lasts even longer - for fifty days** until Pentecost. We can do a lot of celebrating in all that time!



FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34. 37-43

Peter is sharing the Good News with Cornelius and his household. He starts off by saying how Jesus began his work in Galilee; doing good and healing people. Then Peter says how he and the other disciples saw Jesus die and that Jesus was raised to life again three days later. Peter and the disciples are the proof that this actually happened - they even ate and drank with Jesus after his resurrection. The disciples are witnesses to the truth: Jesus is alive!

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Peter has seen everything with his own eyes and he knows it's all true!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 117

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8

When a Jewish family celebrate Passover they spend a long time cleaning their house to get rid of any chametz, food made with leaven. This big spring clean of the house is a bit like the way we have had a spring clean of our lives in Lent. We have practised becoming more like Jesus and now is the time for a fresh start. We're like a new loaf of bread. We all share in Jesus' life and can celebrate being made completely new.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Now is the time for a fresh, new start.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



THINK

Without **Jesus' resurrection** there would be no Christianity and you would not be in church today! If Jesus had just died then people may have remembered him for a while, but he would have been like any other good man. **Jesus' resurrection proves that Jesus is God.**



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

The disciples weren't expecting something as amazing as Jesus' resurrection. When Mary Magdalen went to Jesus' tomb and found the stone rolled away, she thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body. She certainly didn't imagine Jesus was alive. When Mary ran to Simon Peter and the

other disciple to tell them, they didn't imagine Jesus had risen either. They ran to see what was going on and found the tomb empty – as Mary had said. It was only when they saw the linen cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying on the ground that they began to understand. Jesus is alive!

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

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

Thank God for all the good things in your life! Praise God for the sunshine, flowers, the food you have to eat, your bed and all the love you have been given!



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who finds it hard to believe in Jesus' resurrection. Help them to experience the hope and love that knowing you brings. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time this week when you were sad and then think of a time when you were really happy and full of joy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for the hope and joy that you give to me. Help me to spread the happiness that I enjoy because of your love and life. Amen.



is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

