

Easter Sunday Mass

12 April 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

"You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ-
he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

"We are witnesses to all that he did
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;
but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear, not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after
he rose from the dead.

"He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

or

R. 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.' **R.**

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth, for you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Sequence

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!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
After the sabbath
as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
And suddenly there was a great earthquake;
for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven,
came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
His appearance was like lightning,
and his clothing white as snow.
For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
But the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid;

I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here;
for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay.
Then go quickly and tell his disciples,
'He has been raised from the dead,
and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee;
there you will see him.'
This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy
and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said "Greetings!"
And they came to him,
took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.
Then Jesus said to them,
"Do not be afraid;
go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee;
there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.