

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

4 April 2021

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.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.” R.

“The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord. R.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvellous 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, praise the paschal victim!
Offer thankful sacrifice!
Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep,
Christ the just one paid the price,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.

Death and life fought bitterly
For this wondrous victory;
The Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

O Mary, come and say
what you saw at break of day.

"The empty tomb of my living Lord!"
I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored!

Bright angels testified,
Shroud and grave clothes side by side!

"Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously.
He goes before you into Galilee."

Share the Good News, sing joyfully:
His death is victory!
Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy.

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

Gospel John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out
and went toward the tomb.
The two were running together,
but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
He bent down to look in
and saw the linen wrappings lying there,
but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.
He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head,
not lying with the linen wrappings
but rolled up in a place by itself.
Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed;
for as yet they did not understand the scripture,
that he must rise from the dead.
Then the disciples returned to their homes.
But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.
As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
and she saw two angels in white,
sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying,
one at the head and the other at the feet.
They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"
She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where
they have laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not know that it was Jesus.
Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"
(which means Teacher).
Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me,
because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.'"
Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord";
and she told them that he had said these things to her.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.