



CHRIST IS ARISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY; APRIL 4, 2021 .. ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
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I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 139:18. 5-6

Please note: Due to COVID pandemic precautions, all hymns will be sung by the Cantor only.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

(Cantor)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

One true God by all confessed, Alleluia!

Father, Son and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

GREETING AND PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,**

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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

To him all the prophets bear witness,

that everyone who believes in him

will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." d

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22,23

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

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

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

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

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

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

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SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EASTER SEQUENCE

CHRIST IS ARISEN

(Cantor)

To the Paschal Victim give thankful praise!
Christ, ever sinless, his sheep now he saves.
Death and life contended in dreadful strife;
Death did not hold him, immortal his life
Alleluia, his triumph we sing!
Christ is arisen, the Victor, the King!

Mary, speak, confessing what you have seen.
"Christ's tomb lies empty where once he had been;
Angels bright, confirming; shroud laid aside;
He goes to Galilee, he lives though he died."
Alleluia, his triumph we sing!
Christ is arisen, the Victor, the King!

Christians, sing his glory with every breath;
Sing of his kingdom, victorious over death!
Jesus, grant us mercy: new life from heaven!
Christ ever reigns! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia, his triumph we sing!
Christ is arisen, the Victor, the King!

Text: 6 4 10 D *with refrain*; based on the Sequence for Easter (*Victimae paschali laudex*) Randall De Bruyn, b. 1947
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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you,, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father, ”

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.** It is truly right and just.....

.....And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

HOLY **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

MYSTERY OF FAITH

After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith:

All: **Save us, Savior of the world, or by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven.....but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

RITE OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

The people exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI*

(For those who are unable to receive Communion with us today.)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

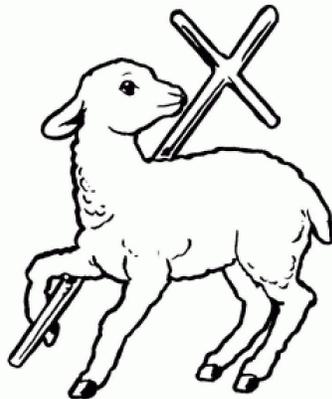
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**ALL: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. *I Cor 5:7-8***

COMMUNION PROCESSION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN

(Sung by Cantor)

JESUS IS RISEN

Jesus is risen! Let us sing! Praise to the ever living King!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him in song, ye Seraphim! Praise him with joy, ye Cherubim!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father let us sing, to God the Son, our risen King!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And equally let us adore the Holy Spirit evermore!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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