

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy – April 11, 2021
Lectionary: 44

Gathering Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le -
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious king, Al - le -
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le -
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le -



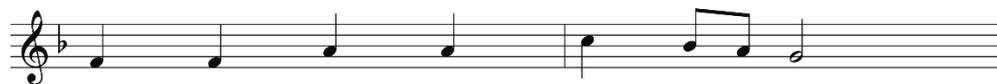
lu - ia! All on earth with an - gels say:
lu - ia! Where, O death, is now your sting?
lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and
Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our
Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for -
Al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like



tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heav'ns; and, earth, re - ply:
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1781–1821

Greeting

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reading 1 **ACTS 4:32-35**

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading 2 **1 JN 5:1-6**

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia **JN 20:29**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **JN 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

P. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

P. As witnesses of the Resurrection, the apostles were sent forth to continue the work of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the mission of the Church and the needs of the world.

LECTOR: That, led by the successors of Peter and the apostles, the Church will boldly proclaim the truth of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. That those who guide the economy of nations will distribute resources fairly among all peoples, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. That people weighed down by guilt may find pardon and peace in the Divine Mercy, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For the rights of individuals and institutions to conduct their professional lives according to their religious convictions, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For all who have served in our armed forces or who continue to serve, and for their families and loved ones, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

L. For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

P. As your people continue the work of the apostolic witnesses, we beseech you, most merciful Father, to grant our petitions, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

O Sons and Daughters



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing!
2. That East - er morn, at break of day,
3. An an - gel clad in white they see,
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
6. "My wound - ed side, O Thom - as, see;



The King of heav'n, the glo - rious King,
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way
 Who sat and spoke un - to the three,
 A - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 How they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 Be - hold my hands, my feet," said he;



O'er death to - day rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Your Lord has gone to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 And said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen,
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days,
 To God your hearts and voices raise,
 In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Text: *O filii et filiae*; Jean Tisserand, d.1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 888 with alleluia and refrain; Mode II, French carol, 15th C.; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

P. 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.

Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

P. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:

P. 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.

Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation to Prayer

P. With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.

Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

P. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. 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.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:

R. Amen.

Preface Dialogue

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

Preface Acclamation

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.

The Mystery of Faith

P. The mystery of faith.

R. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

P. At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Doxology

P. 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.

R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I
give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously
grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for
ever and ever.

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The
congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some
other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and
places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

P. May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

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

P. 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.

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Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life / Yo Soy el Pan de Vida

Verses



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
 3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
 5. _____ Yes, Lord, _____ we be - lieve that _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; _____ and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
 I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
 you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____



lieve in me shall not thirst. _____ No one can come to
 eat _____ of this bread, _____ you shall _____ live for
 drink _____ of his blood, _____ and drink _____ of his
 lieve _____ in _____ me, _____ e - ven _____ though you
 Son _____ of _____ God, _____ Who _____ has _____



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
 ev - er, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
 blood, _____ you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, _____ you shall live for ev - er.
 come in - to _____ the _____ world. _____

Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will



raise you up, and I will raise you



up on the last day.

Text: John 6 and 11; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927; tr. anon., rev. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946
 Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927
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Concluding Rites

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended. **OR**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. OR Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. OR Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

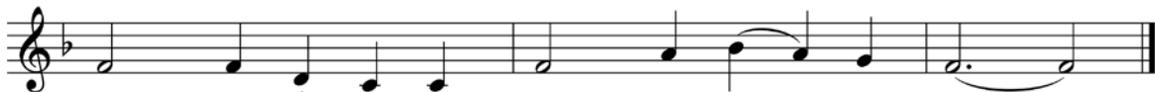
Show Me Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Side



1. Show me your hands, your feet, your side; I
2. "Fear not! Let peace be in your soul. Reach
3. Not e - ven East - er takes a - way The
4. So blessed are those who have not seen Yet



will not be de - ceived. Un - less I see, how
out and touch and know I died and yet I
marks that Je - sus bears. The Ris - en Christ still
cry, "My Lord and God!" Who touch earth's pain in



can I trust The news that I've re - ceived?
am a - live With wounds that ev - er show."
wears the wounds Of scourge and nail and spear.
Je - sus' name And tell good news a - broad.

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Tune: LAND OF REST, CM; American melody; harm. by Annabel M. Buchanan, 1888–1983

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