

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34,37-43.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118.

RESPONSE:

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

1. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures forever.' R
2. 'The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds; his right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.'
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord. R
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9.

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.

VIGIL MASS TEXTS: Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118 (Alleluia x3); Matthew 28:1-10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 10 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:14,22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15

"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." What does the light of Christ mean to you this Easter? What darkness is it dispelling?

Tue 11 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18

We have come through Lent, mindful of our sinfulness. What do I need to do to turn away from sinful ways? How can I continue to place my faith in God and journey along the path of light?

Wed 12 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35

We share in the life of Christ through Baptism. At the Easter Vigil we renewed our baptismal promises. How can I be more faithful to my baptismal calling to be a person who brings Christ to others?

Thu 13 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48

Spend some time reflecting on how we can take the light of the risen Christ and the Alleluia song of God's Easter people into the world around us? How can we be a source of light for others?

Fri 14 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14

During Lent we fasted (in various ways) for 40 days. As Easter people, how can we continue to celebrate the joyful feast of Easter for the whole season of fifty days (and beyond)?

Sat 15 Apr EASTER OCTAVE

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15

Reflecting back on Good Friday, how can I help Jesus to carry his cross by stepping forward to help others carry theirs and walking the road of justice – making my own journey life giving and one of fruitful service?

Sun 16 Apr 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; John 20:19-31

Jesus gives himself to us, to be our food for the journey of faith. Transformed by this gift, how can I help to nourish and sustain others, especially the poor, the outcast, the oppressed?

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)

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EASTERTIDE

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Resurrection Horizons

There's no denying or avoiding the vast explosion of joy and happiness in Christian Churches everywhere on Easter Day. Even though at Easter we are dealing with a reality that surpasses all attempts at description or explanation, the faith that Jesus who died on a cross did not remain dead, informs all our celebrations and our joy.

Even should our personal circumstances cast a shadow on our Easter; even if social or political events should claim our attention; even if natural disasters and signs of climate change should overwhelm us, the light of Easter can still reach us.

That the crucified Christ is risen from the dead remains the single most significant event for human history. Through the resurrection of Jesus, all is changed. Obviously, it took the early disciples of Jesus time to absorb something of the meaning of the resurrection; and clearly it still takes time for us and for the Church to explore and to live this mystery of faith.

We get a hint of this process of becoming children of the resurrection from the reflections of St Paul to the Corinthians, "... if Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing is useless... if Christ has not been raised you are still in your sins... If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people" (1 Cor 15:14,17,19). If Christ has not risen, there would be no New

Testament, no Church, no sacraments.

One of St Paul's favourite expressions about the resurrection is "a new creation" (2 Cor 5:17). The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is like the first act of creation. It shows the power of God and the love of God for all humanity because through the resurrection of the crucified, evil is overcome, sin loses its fatal grip, and it becomes possible for us to participate in the very life of God.

Over the long years of pondering the mysteries of faith, the Church has come to see that the resurrection of Jesus from death to a new kind of existence has effects on all of creation. Clearly, we are still on the way to the fullness of life in God, but already we can find grace and truth around us. In the lives of the saints, we see how human beings can live as "children of the resurrection".

Resurrection means that disciples of Jesus live in hope, a hope that cannot be extinguished. To begin living the resurrection life, as we do in baptism, means that our horizon reaches into the infinite. Easter faith enables us to see beyond everything that would hinder us.

The Risen Lord commissioned his disciples to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all creation. This is the good news that makes Gospel living so attractive and that can reshape our world into a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Today, with Easter Sunday, we take another step into the resurrection world, full of grace and truth. Alleluia!

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