

CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

Priest: May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.
All: Amen.

Priest: And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.
All: Amen.

Priest: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.
All: Amen.

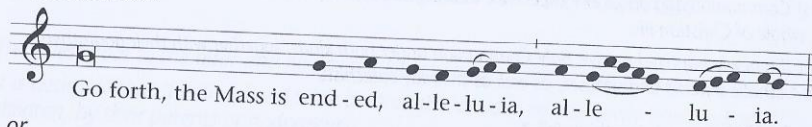
Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
All: Amen.

The final blessing formula from the Rite of Baptism of Adults or of Children may also be used, according to circumstances.

DISMISSAL

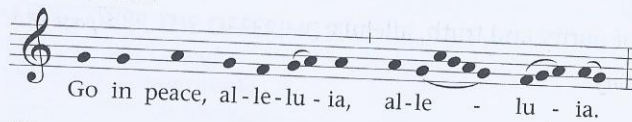
*The following dismissal is used on Easter Sunday, the Octave of Easter,
and in the Mass during the day on Pentecost Sunday.*

Deacon/Priest:

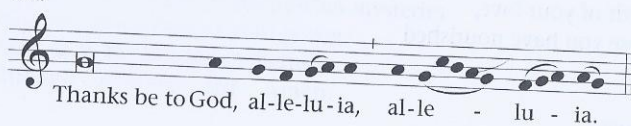


or

Deacon/Priest:



All:



EASTER SUNDAY — MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Psalm 138:18, 5-6*

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.

OR *Luke 24:34; cf Revelation 1:6*

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

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COLLECT

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they

killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 117:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 response v 24*

This day was made by the Lord; or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
we rejoice and are glad.

- 1 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.'
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

- 3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1–4*

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

The Sequence is said or sung at all Masses.

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!

ALTERNATIVE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

Get rid of the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be.

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *1 Corinthians 5:7–8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Alternative Gospel Readings

*As an alternative to the Gospel reading below, the Gospel of the Mass of the Easter Vigil may be read, p 234.
At an evening Mass, Luke 24:13–35 may be used as an alternative, see below.*

GOSPEL *John 20:1–9*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

He must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on

the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

ALTERNATIVE GOSPEL FOR EVENING MASS *Luke 24:13–35*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

They recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented

them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does

not know the things that have been happening there these last few days'. 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth', they answered, 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the

passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said, 'and the day is almost over'. So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

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The Profession of Faith is said. However, in Easter Sunday Masses which are celebrated with a congregation, the rite of renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, according to the text used at the Easter Vigil (p 244). In that case the Profession of Faith is omitted.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Preface I of Easter, The Paschal Mystery, p 74. When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of the 'Communicantes' (In communion with those) and 'Hanc igitur' (Therefore, Lord, we pray) are said, p 20.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A solemn blessing may be used.

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DISMISSAL

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Deacon or Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.
or
Deacon or Priest: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.
All: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *1 Peter 2:2*

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

OR *4 Esdras 2:36-37*

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

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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,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**