

me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people  
(and of those you have brought to new birth),  
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Preface I of Easter (...on this day above all), 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 *Cf John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*A solemn blessing may be used.*

### 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.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf Psalm 65:1-2*

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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### COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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 2:14, 22-33*

*It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 response v 11*

**Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

or

**Alleluia!** *(may be repeated two or three times)*

- 1 Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

*continued...*



**Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

or

**Alleluia!** *(may be repeated two or three times)*

- 2 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
- 3 And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.
- 4 You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

## SECOND READING *1 Peter 1:17–21*

*Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely

Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Luke 24:32*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.**

**Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL *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 him at the breaking of 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 the 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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## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
these offerings of your exultant Church,  
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,  
grant also that the gifts we bring  
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Preface of Easter, pp 74–75.*



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Luke 24:35*

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*A solemn blessing may be used.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *cf Psalm 32:5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Acts 2:14, 36-41*

*God has made him both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up  
with the Eleven and addressed the crowd  
with a loud voice: 'The whole House of  
Israel can be certain that God has made  
this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord  
and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What  
must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent',  
Peter answered, 'and every one of you  
must be baptised in the name of Jesus  
Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

and you will receive the gift of the Holy  
Spirit. The promise that was made is for  
you and your children, and for all those  
who are far away, for all those whom the  
Lord our God will call to himself'. He  
spoke to them for a long time using many  
arguments, and he urged them, 'Save  
yourselves from this perverse generation'.  
They were convinced by his arguments,  
and they accepted what he said and  
were baptised. That very day about three  
thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalm 22, response v 1*

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

or

**Alleluia!** *(may be repeated two or three times)*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.
- 2 He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**SECOND READING** *1 Peter 2:20-25*

*You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in  
bearing punishment patiently when  
you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to  
do, because Christ suffered for you and  
left an example for you to follow the  
way he took. He had not done anything  
wrong, and there had been no perjury  
in his mouth. He was insulted and did  
not retaliate with insults; when he was

tortured he made no threats but he put  
his trust in the righteous judge. He was  
bearing our faults in his own body on  
the cross, so that we might die to our  
faults and live for holiness; through  
his wounds you have been healed. You  
had gone astray like sheep but now you  
have come back to the shepherd and  
guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**