

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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How could I ever explain it?

It's a joy that's overflowing, I can't contain it.

I have seen the Lord, he is risen.

He was there before my eyes.

First he asked why I was crying,

then he called my name and there's no denying:

He was standing right there before me.

Now I know he is alive.

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Angels like lightning were gleaming.

When we saw them we thought we must be dreaming.

There inside the tomb they were standing

and the stone was rolled away.

Then they said: "Why are you looking

here among the dead for the one who's living?

Go and tell the world he is risen

and no longer be afraid."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Now we set out on our journey.

As he walks among us our hearts are burning.

*Even when the day turns to darkness,
He will stay here at our side.*

*The signs of his passion and glory
hidden in the pages of our own story,
we know he will be with us always
till the very end of time.*

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The Priest says: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

The people reply: **And with your spirit.**

(...)

**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.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Sprinkling Rite

*I saw water flowing
from the right side of the Holy Temple*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*All who came and drank were safe
Let all creation sing Alleluia*

*Springs of water bless the Lord!
Praise and exalt him above all forever*

*Glory to the Father
To the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**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.**

Amen.

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,
God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Acts 2:14, 36-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23(22)

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:20–25)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 10:1-10)

The Priest, says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The people reply:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Creed

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,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
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.

The Offertory

***Like a river flowing forth in all its glory,
we come to you.***

***All the gifts you've given us through-out our story
we give you.***

*With these hands we hold up before you
all the suffering of humanity.
Freely given bread that is broken
for the world to see.*

*Now we pouring to this chalice
all our pain and every poverty.
Freely given wine that is offered
for the world to see.*

The Priest says:

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

The people reply:

**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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharist Prayer

The Priest says: The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest, raising his hands, continues:

Lift up your hearts.

The people:

We lift them up to the Lord.

The Priest, with hands extended, adds:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people:

It is right and just.

(...)

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 Priest says: The mystery of faith.

The people:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

The Priest says:

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

All:

**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.**

The 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

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

Then the Priest alone says aloud:

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.

The people reply: Amen.

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

The people reply: And with your spirit.

During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:

**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.**

The Priest genuflects, takes the host and says aloud:

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 say:

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

Communion Song

*Lord, I want to be great
But you've asked to start small
Oh, I've longed to have faith
The size of a seed that is all*

*What's the true price of love?
Help me to understand
What is your kingdom worth?
Could I place my whole life in your hands?*

***The Kingdom of God is here
The Kingdom of God is here***

*Your Kingdom is not of this world
yet you left it for me
Make my heart like a child
The Kingdom belongs to the least*

*Lord, I call you my king
And you call me your friend
If you ask me to go
I'll follow you to the end
The Kingdom of God is here*

***The Kingdom of God is here, and we proclaim
The Kingdom of God is here (x2)***

*Lamb of God, who's on the throne
who washed away the sins of all
You are the Way, the Truth and Life
Bread of Life, Lord of Lords
you are the Light of the world
Son of God, King of kings (x2)
Son of God, King of kings*

***The Kingdom of God is here, and we proclaim
The Kingdom of God is here (x2)***

*The Kingdom of God is here
The Kingdom of God is here*

Prayer after Communion

The Priest:

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

All reply: Amen.

Blessing

The Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

Regina caeli

Regína caeli laetáre,
allelúia.

Quia quem merúisti portáre,
allelúia.

Resurréxit, sicut dixit,
allelúia.

Ora pro nobis Deum,
allelúia.

Ending Song

*To a generation made for
something more
To a world losing what it's living for
To city streets filling up with hate
Forgetting that they're made
for something great*

*How will they know
If we don't go*

***And use our voice to speak the
message of hope***

***And our feet to bring the good
news
Wherever we will go?
Even when we can't see him
Christ is at our side
The tomb is empty
Hope is alive***

*Death has died, And is buried in the grave
He's alive, And he's filling us with grace
Death has died, And is buried in the grave
He's alive, and hope awakens (x2)*