

**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**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
 Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**  
 You bring light to those in darkness:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins,  
 and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**THE 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. **Amen.****

**OPENING PRAYER**

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...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
 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**

**Ps. 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23**

**R. This day was made by the Lord;  
 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.' **(R)**
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. **(R)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians**  
 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.**

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**Sequence**

**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!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**GOSPEL John 20: 1-9**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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.**

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan? **C. I do.**  
 P. And all his works? **C. I do.**  
 P. And all his empty show? **C. I do.**  
 P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? **C. I do.**  
 P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **C. I do.**  
 P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **C. I do.**  
 P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

*The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:*

**Antiphon**

**I saw water flowing from the Temple,  
 from its right-hand side, alleluia;  
 and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**

**focus on sunday**

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION 4th April 2021

**A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.  
 A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship  
 in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.  
 A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Pray brothers and sisters .....*  
**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**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

**SANCTUS**

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.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
 for by your Cross and Resurrection  
 you have set us free.**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**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.**

**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.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
 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. **Amen**  
 Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**



They must have got quite a shock, Peter and John. What did they expect coming to the tomb? They had got news from Mary that it was empty. That was the first shock and then the second shock when they saw that the tomb was just empty – there were no signs of robbery or violence to explain the empty tomb.

Like the shock of losing a child in town, of losing money, of being let down by someone we trust. The shock for the apostles stopped them for a while; then, on looking at the empty tomb they remembered he said he would rise from the dead.

Let the resurrection shock us! The Jesus who was killed has been proved the Victor.

But it's ordinary. He said to them later he would just go ahead of them to Galilee. Back to normal but all would be different now. They would realize that the same Jesus who died will be with them forever. He will be with us forever in whatever crises or difficulties we face.

Mary said 'we don't know where they have put him'. But we know where they have put him - right into the middle of his people. Where we gather the risen Lord is with us -encouraging us, forgiving us, calling us into his loving service.

*Lord Jesus risen from the dead, be our way our truth and our life.*

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Let us look at The Christ Candle. It is studded with nails, full of colours, with a lighted flame. It tells us that Jesus died and is alive again through His Spirit. He is full of light, with blessing for us, and all the world. When we light a candle, the Risen Spirit of Jesus is with us, helping us through all that happens, in our lives.



## Easter Sunday Newsletter

4 April 2021

**Sympathies:** To the family of Rosemary O Neil, Fana Ghael who died last week.

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Molloy, Marie Duffy, Paddy Chambers, Eileen Ryan, Mary O'Brien, Michael, Ann, Padraig, and Mickie Cully, Tom O'Brien, Liam Tyler, Lily Corr, Sean Ryan, Nora Rockett, Michael Murphy, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Kazimiera, Bronislan, and Wioleta Lizak.

**First Anniversary's:** Easter Sunday at 10am for Pat Costello and Josephine Griffin. Next Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am for Brendan Regan Snr.

**Parish Collections:** Mar 9<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> €2916, Trocaire €700

**Parish Office:** is Closed for Easter and will re-open on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. For anniversary bookings please contact the sacristans. For emergencies please call or text (089) 4494090.

**Easter Water:** is available from both Church's. There are a limited number of bottles for each Church so we ask each family to take 1 bottle only.

**Priests' Easter Collection:** We thank you for your support. You're welcome to leave your donation to the Church box, or Parish Office. You can also use the online donate facility on the website. Envelopes are available from both Church's.

**Masses for Easter Week:** Easter Monday 10am only. Easter Tuesday to Easter Friday 10am and 7pm (broadcast on the website and parish radio)

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign:** Thank you all for your support of Trocaire and would ask for the return of boxes as soon as possible! You can also donate to Trocaire [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**Easter Gardens:** Both our Churches have beautiful Easter Gardens telling the story of the Resurrection. Bring the children to see the garden and share the story of Easter. Thanks to Mary and Michelle who helped prepare these sacred places.



John 20:8

### Buiochas!

With all the ceremonies online we made every effort to try to celebrate Holy Week as normal as possible, in line with safety protocols. We are thankful to those who enriched our celebrations in such circumstances. The Sacristans, Teresa in

the office, Irene who co-ordinated the wonderful team of Readers who took part in Holy Week ceremonies, the Cleaners of our Church's, Annette and Mary our cantors, folk group members, Colin, Mike, Christy, Eugene, and Jimmy for taking care of the Church grounds and flags, the marvellous team who distributed 4000 Easter envelopes to homes. Last and not least to you who joined us for the online ceremonies, and who continue to support your parish, and the many people who continue to visit the Church for prayer and a visit.

We know and understand it's difficult not being able to attend ceremonies in person. We feel the same, but we are an Easter people and with the Easter story is hope. Brighter and hopeful days are ahead of us and we look forward to welcoming you back to public Masses and celebrations very soon.

**Christus Resurrexit, Sicut dixit, Alleluia!** (Christ is Risen, as He said, Alleluia!)

**We wish you and yours every blessing for Easter. Do continue to stay safe!**