

# Easter Sunday

## Introduction

Some will find it helpful to have a space as a focus for their prayer. This might include a crucifix, icon or other holy image, and a lighted candle.

Some will like to sing a familiar hymn.

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| 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!<br>Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!<br>Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!                 | 3 But the pains that he endured, alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; alleluia!<br>Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing, alleluia! |
| 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!<br>Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia!<br>Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!<br>Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia! |   |

*Lyra Davidica (1708) and the Supplement (1816).  
Based partly on 'Surrexit Christus hodie. (14th century)*

## Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to new life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You have conquered death and given hope to all believers:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are the light of the world and bringer of peace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Liturgy of the Word

Some will have time to read and reflect on all of the day's readings, these are given at the end of this leaflet. Others will wish to take time with just one of them: the Gospel follows.

## Gospel

John 20:1-9

*He must rise from the dead.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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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.

## Silent reflection

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

## Profession of Faith

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

## Prayers

### Intercessions

Pray for all those who have died from Coronavirus.  
Pray for all those who are grieving.  
Pray for all those waiting for new life.

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

### Concluding Prayer

God of undying life,  
by your mighty hand  
you raised up Jesus from the grave  
and appointed him judge of the living and the dead.

Bestow upon those baptised into his death  
the power flowing from his resurrection,  
that we may proclaim near and far  
the pardon and peace you give us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, firstborn from the dead,  
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever..

Amen.

## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R̥v.24

R̥ This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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| 1 | Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,<br>for his love has no end.<br>Let the sons of Israel say:<br>‘His love has no end.’ R̥    | 3 | The stone which the builders rejected<br>has become the corner stone.<br>The work of the Lord,<br>a marvel in our eyes. R̥ |
| 2 | The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;<br>his right hand raised me up.<br>I shall not die, I shall live<br>and recount his deeds. R̥ |   |  |

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

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

A reading from the first 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.

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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!  
Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Cor 5:7-8

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

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