

EASTER SUNDAY 4.4.21

**COMMENTATOR:**

Good morning everyone. Happy Easter and welcome!

This is the day that the Lord has made – so let us rejoice and be glad!

Let us stand now as we begin our celebration.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

**CELEBRANT:**

We acknowledge our sinfulness before the Lord, who pours out forgiveness upon us.

We deserve nothing, yet are offered life in its fullness.  
Lord have mercy.

We are slow to be bearers of your truth and love.  
Christ have mercy.

We betray you with our cruelty and selfishness.  
Lord have mercy.

**GLORIA**

## **READER :**

### **First reading Acts 10:34,37-43**

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

## COMMENTATOR:

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

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.'

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

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

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

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

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

## **READER :**

### **Second reading    Colossians 3:1-4**

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

## **READER :**

### **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!

**COMMENTATOR:**

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel John 20:1-9**

***HOMILY – CREED - COLLECTION***

***INTERCESSIONS***

**CELEBRANT:**

**Let us place our needs before God our Father, rejoicing because Christ has triumphed over death and entered into glory.**

**COMMENTATOR:** reads Prayers →

For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that, like Saint Peter, he may continue to lead the Church in witnessing to the joyful truth of the Resurrection. (Pause) Lord hear us *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have dedicated their lives to God, that they may ‘look for the things that are in heaven’, and be Christ’s witnesses in the world. (Pause) Lord hear us *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the family of God, gathered here in Easter joy, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ and reflect him in our lives. (Pause) Lord hear us *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the faithful departed, that, having died with Christ, they will return to life with him, especially who have died recently - BILL HUNT and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including NANCY SMITH-JOHNSTON ..... May they rest in your peace. (Pause) Lord hear us *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**CELEBRANT:**

**Almighty Father, your beloved son has risen from the dead, as he promised us.**

**In peace and joy we present our prayers to you, through the same risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen**