

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the

Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us... **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

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...

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

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

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13

**R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink  
into the grave. **[R]**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour  
through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
dawn. **[R]**

3. The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning  
into dancing.  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **[R]**

## SECOND READING Apocalypse 5:11 - 14.

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation--everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has risen: he who created all things,  
and has granted his mercy to men. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL John 21:1-14 (Shorter form only)

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water.



## focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 1st May 2022

**Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.**



The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**All bow for following two lines:**

**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.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**The mystery of faith.**

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



After the resurrection Jesus really looked out for the apostles. How could he convince them he has forgiven them for their betrayal and running away? How could he get them to forgive each other? How could he strengthen their faith and show them he was now the same Lord as before Calvary? He got the idea of bringing them to familiar territory and engaging simply with them.

So he got the message to them to go to Galilee, where they had happy memories of meals, conversations, healing and friendship. When he knew they were there, he appeared to them.

He knew them – the usual apostles in a boat, fishing unsuccessfully. They did not know him immediately but allowed the stranger on the shore tell them where the fish were. The catch of fish reminded them of other times and with the dawn of morning light on the lake, the truth dawned on them – Jesus is risen.

What better way to get things back to love and mission than to have a meal. So he made the breakfast! Interesting isn't it to note that Jesus' last meal with them was not the supper, but breakfast – giving them energy and strength for their future mission of spreading the kingdom of God (for context, see Sean Goan, The Sign, Dominican Publications 2018).

*Risen Lord, I place myself at your service in the ordinary moments of life.*

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