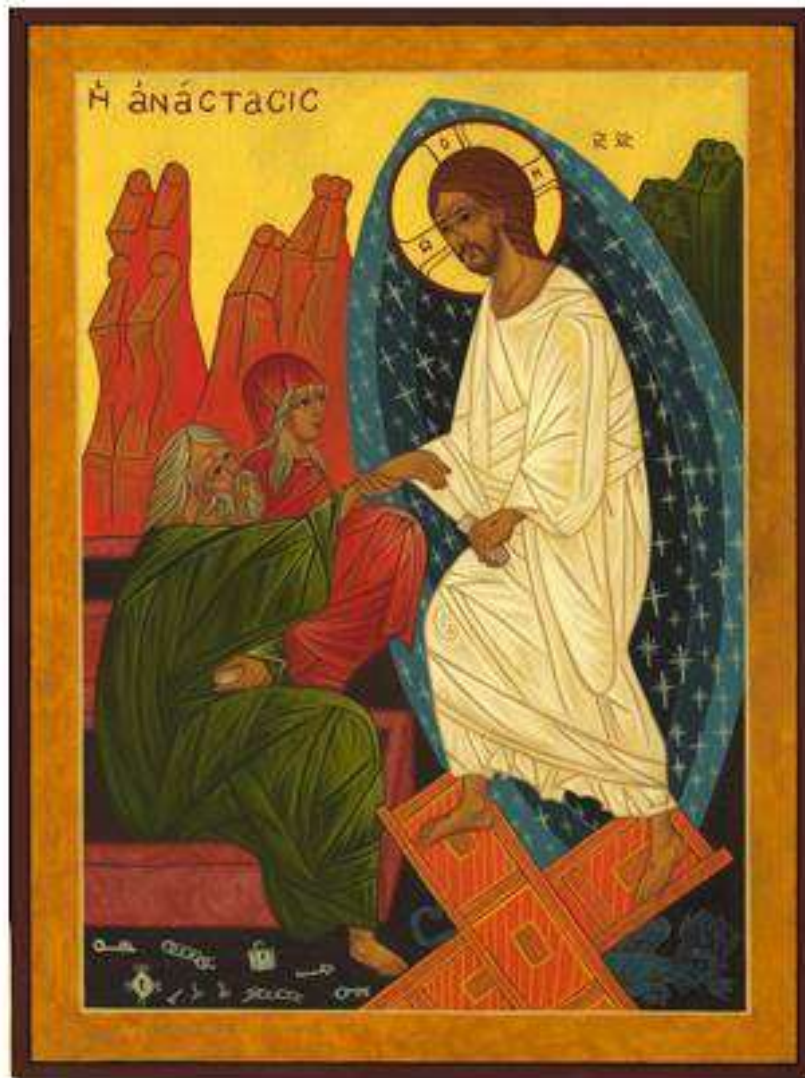


# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Easter



*Icon of the Resurrection from the hand of Ruth H. Ballard*

If possible, have in place at your worship space a candle that will be used later in this liturgy at the renewal of baptismal vows. This could be the blessed candle you received in church at the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), your child's baptismal candle, or any other ordinary candle. If you have some holy water, then place that at your worship space as well.

## Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal, as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise him, now his might con - fess, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: St. 1, *Surrexit Christus hodie*, Latin, 14th C.; para. in *Lyrri Davidica*, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluias; *Lyrri Davidica*, 1708

## **Invocation and Kyrie**

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

## **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.

### **Collect**

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, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
ever.

### **Reading 1**

#### **ACTS 10:34A, 37-43**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
"You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power.  
 He went about doing good  
 and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
 for God was with him.  
 We are witnesses of all that he did  
 both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
 They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
 This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
 not to all the people, but to us,  
 the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
 who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
 He commissioned us to preach to the people  
 and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
 as judge of the living and the dead.  
 To him all the prophets bear witness,  
 that everyone who believes in him  
 will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. 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 mercy endures forever.  
 Let the house of Israel say,  
 “His mercy endures forever.”

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

“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
 I shall not die, but live,  
 and declare the works of the LORD.”

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

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone.  
 By the LORD has this been done;  
 it is wonderful in our eyes.

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

**Reading 2**  
**COL 3:1-4**

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:  
 If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
 where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
 Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.  
 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
 When Christ your life appears,  
 then you too will appear with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
 Offer your thankful praises!  
 A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
 Christ, who only is sinless,  
 Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
 Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
 The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
 Speak, Mary, declaring  
 What you saw, wayfaring.  
 “The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
 The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;  
 bright angels attesting,  
 The shroud and napkin resting.  
 Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

to Galilee he goes before you.”  
 Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
 Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
 Amen. Alleluia.  
 Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
 let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John**

**Glory to You, O Lord**

On the first day of the week,  
 Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
 while it was still dark,  
 and saw the stone removed from the tomb.  
 So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
 and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
 “They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
 and we don’t know where they put him.”  
 So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.  
 They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
 and arrived at the tomb first;  
 he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.  
 When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
 he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,  
 and the cloth that had covered his head,  
 not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
 Then the other disciple also went in,  
 the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
 and he saw and believed.  
 For they did not yet understand the Scripture

that he had to rise from the dead.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Following the Gospel, spend some time reflecting on the readings, or listen to a homily from a Catholic priest or deacon that has been recorded for this purpose.*

*Fr. Longenecker has provided a video homily for this day [HERE](#).*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

*At this point, the candle placed at your worship space should be lit while the leader says:*

May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

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:

Leader: Do you renounce Satan?

**All: I do.**

Leader: And all his works?

**All: I do.**

Leader: And all his empty show?



**All: I do.**

Leader: Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

**All: I do.**

Leader: 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?

**All: I do.**

Leader: 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?

**All: I do.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

*If holy water is available, at this point all present should bless themselves using it  
in the customary fashion with the sign of the cross, as a remembrance of their  
baptism.*

### **General Intercessions**

As we gather in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us bring our needs, and  
those of the world, to our Heavenly Father.

For the church throughout the world, and for all bishops, priests and deacons: that  
they will be strengthened to continue to give witness to the good news of Christ's  
resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who lead the nations of the world, especially in those places where Christians bear the cross of persecution: that they will respect religious freedom and promote peace, justice, and a culture of life for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have been given a new birth through their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection: that the genuineness of their faith may lead to the praise, glory and honor of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick, the sorrowful, and all who suffer from any affliction, especially those who suffer from the effects of the coronavirus: that the joy of Christ's resurrection will sustain them, and the power of His resurrection comfort and heal them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the faithful departed: that they may come to share in the glory of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have once again renewed us through the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Hear our prayers and grant them according to the love and mercy you have for us through your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Our Father**

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.

*Since receiving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not possible at this time, make a Spiritual Communion by using the following prayer:*

My Jesus,  
 I believe that You  
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
 I love You above all things,  
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment  
 receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there  
 and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Closing Collect**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
 with unfailing love and favor,  
 so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the  
 resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*A closing hymn follows on the next page.*

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!  
 2. He lives to bless me with his love;  
 3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;  
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!  
 He lives to plead for me a - bove;  
 He lives, and I shall con - quer death;  
 He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives who once was dead;  
 He lives my hun - gry soul to feed;  
 He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;  
 What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!  
 He lives to help in time of need.  
 He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
 I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799

Tune: DUKE STREET, LM: John Hatton, c.1710–1793