

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Sixth Sunday of Easter




Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.


Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Here on
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the




scep - ter, his the throne, Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone,
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and



na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in
honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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. Amen.

Reading 1

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria
and proclaimed the Christ to them.
With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.
For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,
came out of many possessed people,
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.
There was great joy in that city.
Now when the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,

who went down and prayed for them,
 that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
 for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;
 they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 Then they laid hands on them
 and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
 sing praise to the glory of his name;
 proclaim his glorious praise.
 Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,
 sing praise to your name!"
 Come and see the works of God,
 his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;
 through the river they passed on foot;
 therefore let us rejoice in him.
 He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare
 what he has done for me.
 Blessed be God who refused me not

my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading 2

1 PT 3:15-18

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.

Always be ready to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,

but do it with gentleness and reverence,

keeping your conscience clear,

so that, when you are maligned,

those who defame your good conduct in Christ
may themselves be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good,

if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once,

the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,

that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,

he was brought to life in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
JN 14:15-21

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John
Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him.
But you know him, because he remains with you,
and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord
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. Dcn. Mike has provided a video homily [HERE](#).

The Apostles' Creed

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.

General Intercessions

Blessed be God our Father, who does not reject our prayers nor withhold His love from us. Let us therefore cry out to Him with joy and offer our prayers in confident faith and hope.

For all bishops, priests and deacons: that they may be strengthened to faithfully teach the commandments of God and lead all people in obedience to Him, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our country and all the nations of the world: that they may work to end religious persecution and defend the freedoms of the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our society: that the Spirit of Truth may enable all people to see that human life at every stage must be respected and protected, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parish: that our consciences may be kept clear, and that we may always love the Lord Jesus and obey His commandments, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, the sorrowful, the unloved, and those who struggle with any adversity, and especially for those who suffer from the COVID 19 virus: that the Holy Spirit – the Advocate - will heal them and bring them peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For all the faithful departed: that God will show Himself to them and give them life in His presence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we ask today for the gift of obedience to your Truth. In the abiding presence of Your Spirit, hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
 and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you
 forever, alleluia.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray,
the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this
saving food. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

A closing hymn follows

COMMITMENT & RENEWAL

O Jesus, I Have Promised 458

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend; I
 bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
 where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
 Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

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