

## Tuesday in Octave of Easter

14 April 2020

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 26.14

He gave them the water of wisdom to drink;  
it will be made strong in them and will not be moved;  
it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

#### Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also with you.**

#### Penitential Act

Let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

#### Hymn of Praise

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.**

**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**

Let us pray.

O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies,  
endow your people with heavenly gifts,  
so that, possessed of perfect freedom,  
they may rejoice in heaven  
over what gladdens them now on earth.  
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.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First Reading**

Acts 2:36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said to the Jewish people, “Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other Apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20 **℟.** v.5

**℟. The Lord wills the earth with his love.**

The Word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted,  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love **℟.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R̄.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hopes in you. **R̄.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Ps 117.24

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### **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 will go before you.”  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining;  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

John 20:11-18

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken my Lord, and I don’t know where they laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She thought it was the gardener and said to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,” which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and then reported what he had told her.

Pause to reflect on the Word.

## Reflection

William Barclay (1907-1978)

Someone has called this story [John 20.11-18] the greatest recognition scene in all literature. To Mary belongs the glory of being the first person to see the Risen Christ. The whole story is scattered with indications of her love. She had come back to the tomb; she had taken her message to Peter and John, and then must have been left behind in their race to the tomb so that by the time she got there, they were gone. So she stood there weeping. There is no need to seek for elaborate reasons why Mary did not know Jesus. The simple and the poignant fact is that she could not see him through her tears.

Her whole conversation with the person she thought to be the gardener shows her love. “If you are the man who has removed him, tell me where you have laid him.” She never mentioned the name of Jesus; she thought everyone must know of whom she was thinking; her mind was so full of him that there was not anyone else for her in all the world. “I will take him away.” How was her woman's strength to do that? Where was she going to take him? She had not even thought of these problems. Her one desire was to weep her love over Jesus' dead body. As soon as she had answered the person she took to be the gardener, she must have turned again to the tomb and so turned her back on Jesus. Then came his single word, “Mary!” and her single answer, “Master!” (Rabbouni is simply an Aramaic form of Rabbi); there is no difference between the words).

So we see there were two very simple and yet very profound reasons why Mary did not recognise Jesus.

(i) She could not recognise him because of her tears. They blinded her eyes so that she could not see. When we lose a dear one, there is always sorrow in our hearts and tears shed or unshed in our eyes. But one thing we must always remember--at such a time our sorrow is in essence selfish. It is of our loneliness, our loss, our desolation, that we are thinking. We cannot be weeping for one who has gone to be the guest of God; it is for ourselves we weep. That is natural and inevitable. At the same time, we must never allow our tears to blind us to the glory of heaven. Tears there must be, but through the tears we should glimpse the glory.

(ii) She could not recognise Jesus because she insisted on facing in the wrong direction. She could not take her eyes off the tomb and so had her back to him. Again it is often so with us. At such a time our eyes are upon the cold earth of the grave; but we must wrench our eyes away from that. That is not where our loved ones are; their worn-out bodies may be there; but the real person is in the heavenly places in the fellowship of Jesus face to face, and in the glory of God.

When sorrow comes, we must never let tears blind our eyes to glory; and we must never fasten our eyes upon the grave and forget the heavens. Alan Walker in *Everybody's*

*Calvary* tells of officiating at a funeral for people to whom the service “Was only a form, and who had neither Christian faith nor Christian connection. When the service was over a young woman looked into the grave, and said brokenly: ‘Goodbye, father.’ It is the end for those who have no Christian hope.” But for us at such a time, it is literally “Adieu!”. A-dieu, “To God!” And it is literally “Until we meet again.”

## **Prayers of the People**

Pray for the world and the church.

## **Greeting of Peace**

We are the body of Christ.

**God’s Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

When all is prepared, the Priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice  
for the praise and glory of God’s name,  
for our good, and the good of all God’s holy Church.**

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept in compassion, Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your family,  
that under your protective care  
they may may never lose what they have received  
but attain the gifts that are eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,  
always and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit,  
you are the one true God  
from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing  
a universe of beauty and splendour,  
bringing light from darkness  
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,  
and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out,  
making a covenant of mercy,  
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,  
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,  
singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things,  
even to death on a cross,  
breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,  
exalting him to glory,  
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,  
his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,  
blessed, and broke it,  
and giving it to them, said:  
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,  
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
'This is my blood of the covenant  
which is poured out for many.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.  
With this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit  
upon us and our celebration  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood  
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE COMMUNION RITE

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence to the Father  
in the words our Saviour against us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant breaks the bread, saying –*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come 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.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Col 3:1-2

If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God;  
mind the things that are above, alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, as you have bestowed on your family  
the perfect grace of Baptism,  
so prepare their hearts  
for the reward of eternal happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**



At the Shrine of Our Lady

**Regina Coeli**

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou was meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God,  
Who gave joy to the world  
through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we pray, that with his mother, the Virgin Mary,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**