

## Tuesday in the 4th Week of Easter

5 May 2020

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Entrance Antiphon

Rev 19:7, 6

Let us be glad and rejoice and give glory to God,  
for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, 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.**

Christ is risen, alleluia.

**He is risen indeed, alleluia.**

#### 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.**

#### 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.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,  
we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption.  
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 11.19-26**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been scattered by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but Jews. There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. And a large number of people was added to the Lord. Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the Church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7. R̄. 117.1a**

**R̄. All you nations, praise the Lord.**

His foundation upon the holy mountains the LORD loves:  
The gates of Zion, more than any dwelling of Jacob.  
Glorious things are said of you, O city of God! **R̄.**

I tell of Egypt and Babylon among those who know the LORD;  
Of Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia: "This man was born there."  
And of Zion they shall say: "One and all were born in her;  
And he who has established her is the Most High LORD." **Ṛ.**

They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled: "This man was born there."  
And all shall sing, in their festive dance: "My home is within you." **Ṛ.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn 10.27**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

**John 10.22-30**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

The feast of the Dedication was taking place in Jerusalem. It was winter. And Jesus walked about in the temple area on the Portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

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

**Pause to reflect on the Word.**

### **Reflection**

**William Barclay (1907-1978)**

As Jesus walked in Solomon's Porch the Jews came to him. "How long," they said to him, "are you going to keep us in suspense? Tell us plainly, are you or are you not God's promised Anointed One?" There is no doubt that behind that question were two attitudes of mind. There were those who genuinely wished to know. They were on an eager tip-toe of expectation. But there were others who beyond a doubt asked the question as a trap. They wished to inveigle Jesus into making a statement which could be twisted either into a charge of blasphemy with which their own courts could deal or a charge of insurrection with which the Roman governor would deal.

Jesus' answer was that he had already told them who he was. True, he had not done so in so many words; for, as John tells the story, Jesus' two great claims had been made in private. To the Samaritan woman he had revealed himself as the Messiah (John 4:26) and to the man born blind he had claimed to be the Son of God (John 9:37). But there are some claims which do not need to be made in words, especially to an audience well-qualified to perceive them. There were two things about Jesus which placed his claim

beyond all doubt whether he stated it in words or not. First, there were his deeds. It was Isaiah's dream of the golden age: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5-6). Every one of Jesus' miracles was a claim that the Messiah had come. Second, there were his words. Moses had forecast that God would raise up the Prophet who must be listened to (Deuteronomy 18:15). The very accent of authority with which Jesus spoke, the way in which he regally abrogated the old law and put his own teaching in its place, was a claim that God was speaking in him. The words and deeds of Jesus were a continuous claim to be the Anointed One of God.

And to those who would accept him, Jesus promised three things:

(i) He promised eternal life. He promised that if they accepted him as Master and Lord, if they became members of his flock, all the littleness of earthly life would be gone and they would know the splendour and the magnificence of the life of God.

(ii) He promised a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life.

(iii) He promised a life that was secure. Nothing could snatch them from his hand. This would not mean that they would be saved from sorrow, from suffering and from death; but that in the sorest moment and the darkest hour they would still be conscious of the everlasting arms underneath and about them. Even in a world crashing to disaster they would know the serenity of God.

## **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**

Grant, we pray, O God,  
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,  
so that the renewal constantly at work within us  
may be the cause of our unending joy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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:

**Dying you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

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**

*Cf. Lk 24:46, 26*

The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead,  
and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,  
and grant, we pray,  
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries  
may attain in their flesh  
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.  
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.

**Thanks be to God.**