

Thursday in the 7th Week of Easter
Mass of the Sunday after the Ascension

28 May 2020

AT 12 NOON, 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.**

AT 12.10, MASS

PREPARATION FOR MASS

The priest (and ministers) having entered, facing the altar and standing before the lowest altar step, and the faithful kneeling, make the Sign of the Cross.

Priest: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Psalm 43. Iudica me, Deus

Priest: Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

Ministers: **For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppressteth me?**

Priest: O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Ministers: **And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.**

Priest: Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Ministers: **O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Ministers: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

Priest: I will go unto the altar of God.

Ministers: **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**

Priest: Our help is in the ✠ Name of the Lord.

Ministers: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

With hands joined, bowing profoundly, the priest says:

Priest: I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (striking the breast three times, the priest continues:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ministers: **Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.**

Priest: Amen.

The priest the stands upright, and the Ministers repeat:

Ministers: **I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary the Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, *Father*, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, (all strike their breast three times, saying:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beg blessed Mary the Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, *Father*, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, ✠ absolution and remission of all our sins.

Ministers: **Amen.**

Priest: Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

Ministers: **That thy people may rejoice in thee.**

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Ministers: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.

Ministers: **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Ministers: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 27, 7-9. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee, alleluia: unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face have I sought, thy face, O Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. **Ps. ibid. 1.** The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear. **℣.** Glory be. As it was. **Repeat** Hearken unto my voice **as far as the Psalm.**

KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**
Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

GLORIA

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, **✠** art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

EPISTLE

The Lesson from the epistle of blessed Peter the Apostle.

I Peter 4, 7-11.

Dearly beloved: The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia. **℣.** **Ps. 47, 9.** The Lord reigneth over all the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. Alleluia. **℣.** **John 14, 18.** I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to John.

Response: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John 15, 26; 16, 1-4.

At that time: Jesus said unto his disciples: When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A homily may be preached, or a pause for silent reflection observed.

THE INTERCESSION

Priest: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Geoffrey our Bishop and to all Bishops and other Sacred Ministers (especially **N.**), that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, (especially **N.**), that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honour thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour (**N.** and) all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear (especially **N.**), beseeching thee to be merciful and grant them fullness of joy in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of thy Blessed Virgin Mary, of Saint Mary Magdalene, (of Saint **N.**) and of all thy Saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Offertory Chant. Ps. 47, 6. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump, alleluia.

After the Priest has prepared the bread and wine for the Communion, the people are invited to enter spiritually into the celebration,

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

Response: **The Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these spotless sacrifices purify us, O Lord: and give unto our souls the strength of thy heavenly grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Response: **It is meet and right so to do.**

PREFACE

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: through thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and with thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit vouchsafe to bless and sanctify both us and these thy gifts of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the end that we, receiving the same, may be strengthened and refreshed both in body and soul;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink ye all of this;
for this is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins;
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, according to his holy institution, do celebrate, and set forth before thy Divine Majesty with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which he hath willed us to make, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which he hath procured unto us.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days: that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Christ; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

Taking the Host, the Priest says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

While the bread is broken, Agnus Dei is said.

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.**

Then the priest, bowing profoundly, says with all who shall receive Communion:

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Priest genuflects, takes the Host and, turning to the people, holding it slightly taised above the paten or the Chalice, says:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Response: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof:
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The response is said three times, all striking their breast.

When the bell rings, all those who are to receive Holy Communion come forward.

Communion will be distributed in one kind only. Communicants should approach the celebrant in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning by the side aisles.

Those who are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making the following Act of Spiritual Communion.

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.

If the Communion Antiphon has not been recited, it is said here. Silence may be kept.

Communion Ant. John 17, 12-13 and 15. Father, while I was with them, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world; but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

Then the priest standing and the people kneeling, the priest says:

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then the priest says the Postcommunion Prayer:

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we, whom thou hast fulfilled with thy sacred gifts; may continually render thanks unto thee for the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go forth in peace.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

LAST GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (**genuflect**) And the Word was made flesh, (**rise**) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**