

# 2nd Sunday of Easter.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS

### PRAYERS AND READINGS, YEAR A.

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Quasi modo géniti infántes, rationábile, sine dolo lac concupíscite, ut in eo crescátis in salútem, allelúia.*

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Or:

*Accípite iucunditátem glóriæ vestræ, grátias agéntes Deo, qui vos ad cæléstia regna vocávit, allelúia.*

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

#### COLLECT

God of ever-living mercy, who, in the very recurrence .of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in whose font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, through whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### R/. Responsorial Psalm

R. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

Let the house of Israel say:

“His mercy endures for ever.”

Let the house of Aaron say:

“His love endures for ever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
“His mercy endures for ever.”R.

I was hard pressed and was falling  
but the Lord helped me.  
My strength and courage is the Lord,  
And he has been my savior.  
The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just.R.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
By the Lord this has been done;  
It is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us be glad and rejoice in it. R.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Pt 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of (your) faith, the salvation of your souls.

[—» Alleluia]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Sequence**

#### **Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:  
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,

yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary:  
say what thou didst see  
upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen  
from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! R. Alleluia

### **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit..

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31**

Glory to you, Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Creed is said*

### **Universal Prayer**

#### **Priest's Introduction**

Dear brothers and sisters, filled with paschal joy, let us pray more earnestly to God that he, who graciously listened to the prayers and supplications of his beloved Son, may now be pleased to look upon us in our lowliness.

Intentions

1. For the shepherds of our souls, that they may have the strength to govern wisely the flock entrusted to them by the Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the whole world, that it may truly know the peace given by Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our brothers and sisters who suffer, that their sorrow may be turned to gladness which no one can take from them, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For our own community, that it may bear witness with great confidence to the Resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

#### **Priest's Prayer**

O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who cry to you; and receive the prayers of those who believe in you. Through Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord

#### **Preface I of Easter**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,

but on this day above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life. And so, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory as they acclaim:

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper forms of the *Communicantes* (In communion with those) and *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) are said.

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce loca clavórum, et noli esse incrédulus, sed fidélis, allelúia.*

Take your hand and feel the place of the nails, and be no longer doubtful but believing, alleluia.

[→ Communion]

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

[→ Concluding Rite]

A formula of Solemn Blessing, may be used.

For the dismissal of the people, there is sung or said:

Priest: Go forth, the mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

All reply: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Gratias tibi Deus, allelúia, allelúia.

Or:

Priest: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

All reply: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Gratias tibi Deus, allelúia, allelúia.