

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection

First Reading † Acts 10:34.36-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household,

‘You know the message which he sent to the children of Israel proclaiming peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all – the word which spread throughout Judaea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John announced: Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went around doing good and healing all who were held in the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Now we are witnesses to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem.

They killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet on the third day God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by us whom God had chosen beforehand as witnesses. We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He has commanded us to announce to the people and to bear witness that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets bear witness to this, that all who believe in him receive forgiveness of sins through his name.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial † Psalm 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
‘His mercy endures for ever.’

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

‘The Lord’s right hand has done mighty deeds;
his right hand is exalted.
The Lord’s right hand has done mighty deeds.’
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading (option 1) † Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on earth, because you have died, and the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading (option 2) † 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not realise that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you can be a new batch, unleavened as you are, for indeed our Passover, Christ, has been sacrificed. Let us keep the festival, then, with none of the old leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence

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 † 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Early on the first day of the week when it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. The two ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying there, but did not go in.

Simon Peter, following him, also came up, went into the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying there and also the cloth that had been on his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had still not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Alternatively, any of the Easter Vigil Gospels may be used, or at an evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35.

Easter Vigil Gospel, Year A

Easter Vigil Gospel, Year B

Easter Vigil Gospel, Year C

Gospel # Luke 24:13-35