

**Sunday 20 Apr 2025**

# **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

## **Entrance Antiphon**

*Luke 24:34; cf. Rv 1:6*

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  
To him be glory and power  
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

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

## **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear

this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

**(R.)** This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

**or**

**(R.)** Alleluia!

1. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

2. The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## **Sequence**

**The sequence is said or sung on this day. On the weekdays of the Octave of Easter, its use is optional.**

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

## Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John

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

It was very early on the first day of the  
week and still dark, when 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 Jesus  
loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of  
the tomb' she said 'and we don't know  
where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to  
go to the tomb. They ran together, but the  
other disciple, running faster than Peter,  
reached the tomb first; he bent down and  
saw the linen cloths lying on the ground,

but did not go in. Simon Peter who was  
following now came up, went right into the  
tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground,  
and also the cloth that had been over 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 failed to  
understand the teaching of scripture, that  
he must rise from the dead.

## Communion Antiphon

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the  
unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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