

EASTER TUESDAY

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Station at St. Paul.

After visiting St. Peter's, it was fitting that the neophytes should at once be brought to the Doctor of the Gentiles, beside whose tomb they had learned the first rudiments of the new law of the Gospel. Therefore in the Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles chosen for today, it is Paul who announces to the faithful the Resurrection of the Savior as Peter did on Easter Monday.

The Gospel from St. Luke describes the first appearance of Jesus to the Apostles. As the Resurrection of Our Lord is the central tenet of the Christian faith, so the Divine Wisdom, in order to take away all excuse for the unbelief of the synagogue, willed that the miracle should be proved beyond all possibility of doubt.

In the Collect, with solemn simple words, a rule of life is set forth today surpassing the heights to which any mere human mind could rise. The Church prays that God may grant to the baptized the realization of all which Baptism means, inasmuch as it communicates the very life of Jesus Christ Himself. In the Postcommunion the Church teaches that there are two kinds of Communion, the sacramental and the spiritual. By the first we partake actually of the body and blood of Christ; by the second we live by the spirit of the Eucharist. As the sacramental Communion can be received only at certain times and in certain places, Our Lord unites the soul so intimately to Himself in the Holy Eucharist that it lives by His spirit and breathes in unison with His heart. Such, in the highest sense, is spiritual Communion.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 15: 3-4

Aqua sapiéntiæ potávit eos, allelúja: firmábitur in illis et non flectétur, allelúja: et exaltábit eos in ætérnum, allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 104: 1) Confitémini Dómino et invocáte nomen ejus. annútiáte inter gentes ópera ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Aqua sapiéntiæ potávit eos, allelúja: firmábitur in illis et non flectétur, allelúja: et exaltábit eos in ætérnum, allelúja, allelúja.

COLLECT

Deus, qui Ecclésiám tuam novo semper fetu multiplicas: concède fámulis tuis; ut sacraméntum vivéndo téneant, quod fide percepérunt. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Acts 13:16, 26-33

In diébus illis: Surgens Paulus et manu siléntium índicens, ait: Viri fratres, filii géneris Ábraham, et qui in vobis timent Deum, vobis verbum salutís hujus missum est. Qui enim habitábant Jerúsalem, et príncipes ejus, ignorántes Jesum et voces Prophetárum, quæ per omne sábbatum legúntur, judicántes implevérunt: et nullam causam mortis inveniéntes in eo, petiérunt a Piláto, ut interficerent eum. Cumque consumássent ómnia, quæ de eo scripta erant, deponéntes eum de ligno, posuérent eum in monuménto. Deus vero suscitávit eum a mórtuis tértia die: qui visus est per dies multos hieis, qui simul ascénderant cum eo de Galilæa in Jerúsalem, qui usque nunc sunt testes ejus ad plebem. Et nos vobis annuntiámus eam, quæ ad patres nostros repromissio facta est: quóniam hanc Deus adimplévit filiis nostris, resuscitans Jesum Christum, Dóminum nostrum.

GRADUAL Psalms 117: 24

Hæc dies, quam fecit Dóminus: exultémus et lætémur in ea. (Ps. 106: 2) Dicant nunc, qui redéempti sunt a Dómino: quos redemit de manu inimíci, et de regiónibus congregávit eos.

ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Surrexit Dóminus de sepúlcro, qui pro nobis pepéndit in ligno.

SEQUENCE

Victimæ pascháli laudes ímmolent Christiáni. Agnus redémit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliávit peccatóres. Mors et víta duéllo conflixére mirándo:

Dux vitæ mórtuus, regnat vivus.

Dic nobis, María, quid vidísti in via?

Sepúlchrum Christi vivéntis: et glóriam vidí resurgéntis, Angélicos testes, sudárium et vestes.

Surréxit Christus spes mea: præcédet vos in Galilæam. Scimus Christum surrexísse a mórtuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserére. Amen. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 24: 36-47

In illo témpore: Stetit Jesus in médio discipulórum suórum et dicit eis: Pax vobis: ego sum, nolite timére. Conturbáti vero et contérriti, existimábant se spíritum vidére. Et dixit eis: Quid turbáti estis, et cogitatiónes ascéndunt in corda vestra? Vidéte manus meas et pedes, quia ego ipse sum: palpáte et vidéte: quia spíritus carnem et ossa non habet, sicut me vidétis habére. Et cum hoc dixisset, osténdit eis manus et pedes. Adhuc autem illis non credéntibus et mirántibus præ gáudio, dixit: Habétis hic aliquid, quod manducétur? At illi obtulérunt ei partem piscis assí et favum mellis. Et cum manducásset coram eis, sumens relíquias, dedit eis. Et dixit ad eos: Hæc sunt verba, quæ locútus sum ad vos, cum adhuc essem vobíscum, quóniam necesse est impléri ómnia, quæ scripta sunt in lege Móysi et Prophétis et Psalmis de me. Tunc aperúit illis sensum, ut intelligerent Scriptúras. Et dixit eis: Quóniam sic scriptum est, et sic oportébat Christum pati, et resurgere a mórtuis tértia die: et prædicári in nómine ejus pœniténtiam, et remissionem peccatórum in omnes gentes.

OFFERTORY Psalms 17: 14, 16

Intónuit de cælo Dóminus, et Altíssimus dedit vocem suam: allelúja apparúerunt fontes aquárum, allelúja.

SECRET

Súscipe, Dómine, fidélium preces cum oblatiónibus hostiárum: ut, per hæc piæ devotiónis officia, ad cæléstem glóriam transeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hac potíssimum die, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatió nibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNICANTES FOR EASTER

Communicantes, et diem sacratíssimum celebrántes Resurrectiónis Dómini nostri Jesu Christi secúndum carnem: sed et memóriam venerántes, in primis glorióusæ vemper Vírginis Maríæ, Genetrícis ejúsdem Dei et Dómini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beati Joseph, ejúsdem Vírginis Sponsi, et beatórum Apostulórum ac Mátyrum, Joánnis, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Jacóbi, Thomæ, Thomæ, Jacóbi, Philíppi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simónis, et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypriáni, Lauréntii, Chrysógoni, Joánnis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiáni: et ómnium sanctórum tuórum; quorum méritis, præcibúscum concédas, ut in ómnibus protectiónis tuæ muniámur auxíio. Per eúmdem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

HANC IGITUR FOR EASTER

Hanc igitur oblatiónem servitútis nostræ, sed et cunctæ famíliæ tuæ, quam tibi offerimus pro his quoque, quos regeneráre dignátus es ex aqua, et Spíritu Sancto, tribuens eis remissionem ómnium peccatórum, quæsumus, Dómine, ut placátus accípias: diésque nostros in tua pace dispónas, atque ab ætérna damnatióne nos erípi, et in electorum tuórum júbeas grege numerári. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

COMMUNION Colossians 3: 1-2

Si consurrexístis cum Christo, quæ sursum sunt quærite, ubi Christus est in dextera Dei sedens, allelúja: quæ sursum sunt sápite, allelúja.

POSTCOMMUNION

Concède, quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut paschális percéptio sacraménti, continua in nostris méntibus persevéret. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

He gave them the water of wholesome wisdom to drink, alleluia; and she shall be made strong in them, and shall not be moved, alleluia: And she shall exalt them forever, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 104: 1) Give glory to the Lord, and call upon his name: declare his deeds among the Gentiles. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. He gave them the water of wholesome wisdom to drink, alleluia; and she shall be made strong in them, and shall not be moved, alleluia: And she shall exalt them forever, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, Who art ever multiplying the children of thy Church, grant unto the same thy servants that they may hold fast in their lives the mystery which they have received by faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

In those days, Paul rising up, and with his hand bespeaking silence, said: Ye men of Israel, and you that fear God, give ear. Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you fear God, to you the word of this salvation is sent. For they that inhabited Jerusalem, and the rulers thereof, not knowing him, nor the voices of the prophets, which are read every sabbath, judging him have fulfilled them. And finding no cause of death in him, they desired of Pilate, that they might kill him. And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, taking him down from the tree, they laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him up from the dead the third day: Who was seen for many days, by them who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who to this present are his witnesses to the people. And we declare unto you, that the promise which was made to our fathers, This same God hath fulfilled it to our children, raising up our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us be glad and rejoice therein. (Ps. 106: 2) Let them say so that have been redeemed by the Lord, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy: and gathered out of the nations.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is risen from the sepulcher, He, who hangeth on the tree.

Christians! to the Paschal Victim offer your praises.

The Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father.

Death and life contended in that conflict stupendous:

The Prince of Life, Who died, reigneth alive.

Speak to us, Mary, what thou sawest on your way?

"The tomb of Christ who now liveth: and likewise the glory of the Risen.

Angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee He goeth before you."

We know that Christ is risen truly from the dead: have mercy on us, Thou Victor King. Amen. Alleluia.

At that time Jesus stood in the midst of them, and saith to them: Peace be to you; it is I, fear not. But they being troubled and frightened, supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them: Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle, and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me to have. And when he had said this, he shewed them his hands and feet. But while they yet believed not, and wondered for joy, he said: Have you any thing to eat? And they offered him a piece of a broiled fish, and a honeycomb. And when he had eaten before them, taking the remains, he gave to them. And he said to them: These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And he said to them: Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, the third day: And that penance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, unto all nations.

And the Lord thundered from heaven, and the highest gave his voice: Then the fountains of waters appeared, alleluia.

Accept, O Lord we beseech thee, the prayers with the sacrifices of the people, and grant that what we have begun at these rites of our piety and devotion, we may pass to the glory of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously especially at this time above others when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: who by dying hath destroyed our death: and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Communicating, and keeping the most holy day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh and also reverencing the memory, first, of the glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of blessed Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin, of the blessed Apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers, grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of Thy whole family, which we make unto Thee on behalf of these whom Thou hast vouchsafed to bring to a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, granting them remission of all their sins: and to dispose our days in Thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation and rank us in the number of Thine Elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above; where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God: alleluia. Mind the things that are above, alleluia.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the grace of the Paschal sacrament which we have received may ever abide in our souls. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.