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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD **20th APRIL 2025**

Missal P251 (Easter Vigil) P291 (Day)
Order of the Mass P470

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY &
HOLY EASTER**

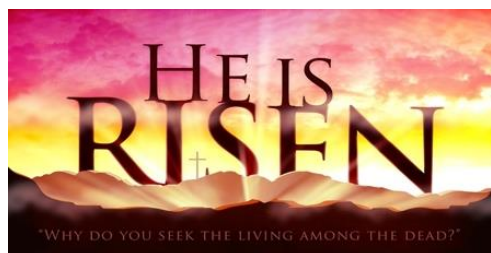
**EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: Your Easter Offering for the
Clergy. Envelopes at the back of church**

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP & MUSTARD SEEDS: EASTER EGG HUNT EASTER MONDAY
11am-1pm. Join with your family in St Paul's Parish Hall for lunch, games, colouring competition, fun**

**MASS TIMES ON SUNDAYS WILL CHANGE FROM THE 4TH MAY: MASS AT DOVER WILL BE AT
9AM AND 11AM, AYLESHAM WILL BE AT 11AM ON SUNDAYS**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN ST PAUL'S HALL AFTER THE 7pm VIGIL MASS

PRIEST CORNER: A very happy and joyful Easter to you all and your families. May your hearts be filled with Joy and Peace. I would like to thank all who have helped us to prepare the liturgies during the Holy Week/ Triduum. We are very thankful for the gift of your time and talents, God bless you for all you do. May we continue to grow together in Love as a Parish. I will be away to Lourdes with Fr. Godwin and Fr. Panario for a short Pilgrimage during the week, to be back by Friday. Fr. Jamie will look after the Parish in our absence. Happy Easter to you all. Fr. Leo.



THE JOY OF THE RISEN LORD: Easter is greatest feast of the Church which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus — in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: "*Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.*"

Easter gives us the joyful message that we are the "Resurrection people." This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, and dangerous addictions. It gives us the Good News that no tombs can hold us down any longer — not the tombs of despair, discouragement, doubt, or death itself. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. "*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*" (Ps 118:24).



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN DOVER (CTiD) WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY:

We were blessed with beautiful sunshine on Friday for the annual Walk of Witness through Dover Town Centre to the Castle. Several hundred people attended with a good representation from our parish, both St Paul's and St Finbarr's.

UPDATE ON PENCESTER ROAD FASTRACK: On Saturday 19th April 2025 the new traffic signals at Maison Dieu Road junction with Pencester Road and Pencester Road junctions with Biggin Street and Worthington Street will be switched on. The Fastrack service will be operational using the new contraflow lane from Sunday 20th April 2025. Please be careful when crossing Pencester Road and exiting the car park and look both ways. Please use the pedestrian crossings for safety.

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP will meet on **Monday 28th April 2pm – 3pm** in St Paul's church hall. The group meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please bring along your favourite prayer. Contact Trudy Boston (wboston2012@yahoo.co.uk) All Welcome.

THANK YOU: Laura and George would like to thank all of you who kindly donated Easter eggs! We have been blessed with enough eggs to give out Easter Sunday and use for an Easter egg hunt on Monday.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: We are looking for a new Voluntary Parish Newsletter Editor. If you have a few hours to spare during the week especially on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning, and are skilled in using Microsoft Word, Excel, Websites and Emails please let Fr Leo know, or speak to Mary for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Siobhan Barringer from Dover who has passed away. Siobhan's funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday 29th April** at St Paul's, at 11am. May Siobhan Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a 2nd collection for **The Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

KNIT FOR 90: Dover Street Pastors are raising money by a sponsored knit to make blankets for charity, using size 8 knitting needles and double-knit wool. **Saturday 26th April St Mary's Parish Centre Dover, 2pm-4pm.** See the poster in the porch for more information or email doover@streetpastors.org.uk for a sponsor form.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - FRIDAY 19th to MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER:

This is now confirmed. Cost for 3 nights half board accommodation £485 per person based on 2 people sharing (plus £60 single supplement). Estimated flight costs £320 per person. Book early to avoid flight supplement. Deposit £300 per person. Balance 10 weeks prior to departure. For a booking form and further information please contact Mary in the parish office, email doover@rcaos.org.uk or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S: The next pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday 24th April**. OT Book of Exodus.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS AYLESFORD 7th JUNE 2025:

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. **If you would like to go please let Mary in the parish office know, email doover@rcaos.org.uk or message 07936 573155.** We will go as a parish group. God bless, Fr Leo.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE – SAVE THE DATE: Monday 7th July 7pm Canterbury Cathedral. Mass: The Feast of The Translation celebrated by the Papal Nuncio; Blessing: With St Thomas Becket's relics; Reception: Champagne & chocolates with Certificate of Pilgrimage. Please RSVP by 25th April 2025 – Limited capacity. Email: info@canterburyjubilee2025.com or complete the RSVP form at: <https://canterburyjubilee2025.com/> For further information see the poster at the back of church.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 12TH JULY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: **your names** in the format John and Mary Smith, **your home address**, your **parish**, and the **anniversary you are celebrating**, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the **title of your email, please write your parish location** e.g. Dover, Aylesham.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	April 2025	
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9.15am (Easter Sunday)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (Next meeting 28 th April)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday (Restart 26 th April)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday (Restart 27 th April)	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Young Adults SYCAMORE Course	Every Sunday (Restart 27 th April)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Tuesday (Restart on 22 nd April)	St Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Confirmation Preparation	Saturday (Restart 10 th May)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Easter Sunrise Service	Easter Sunday 20 th April 5.30am	St Mary-in-Castro Dover Castle
Easter Egg Hunt	Easter Monday 21 st April 11am-1pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover

CATECHISM- ON EASTER

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons: **The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.** It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain"* (1 Cor 15:14). *"Jesus is Lord!, He is risen!"* (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the Apostles. **Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..."* (Jn 11:25-26).



"The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross..." (CCC #638). If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if

Jesus really did rise from the dead, his message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. *"Jesus is Lord; He is risen!"* (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the apostles.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Audrey Stitt, Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: Helen Scope, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: James Deary, Joan Barrett, Joseph Arthur Kelly, Thomas Garrity, Patrick Ronald Devereux, Michael John Leamy, Maralyn Fleming, Grace Henderson Park Walker

St Paul's: Delia Leverton, James Wilson, Elizabeth Murphy, Leonard Clarke, Vinvenzo Rausa, Kevin Tivnan, William Clyde McLauchlin, Julie Shearn, John Cheesman, Fr Tony Pyle, Tilly McConnell, John Joseph O'Hanlon, Catherine Herd, Edward Javier Perry, Edward Bayliss, Doreen Mitchell, Michael FitzPatrick, Russell Wills, John Clithero, Joe Johnston, Ada Doolin, John William Siddle, Eileen Agnus Sayers

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Newsletter items received after 6pm Thursday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
HOLY SATURDAY	Saturday 19 th April	6pm 7pm	Confessions (until 6.45pm) EASTER VIGIL for Peace in the Holy Land
EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Sunday 20 th April	11.15am	Mass for People of the Parish
	Tuesday 22 nd April	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 23 rd April	10.15am	Mass for Holy Souls
	Saturday 26 th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27 th April	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for Julia James RIP (Mary Ayres)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
HOLY SATURDAY	Saturday 19 th April	5pm 7pm	NO Mass in St Edmund's Chapel Confessions in the Church (until 6pm) EASTER VIGIL Mass for People of the Parish & Peace in the Holy Land Refreshments after Mass in the Hall – please join us!
EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Sunday 20 th April	9.15am 11am	Mass for Children of the Parish Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy NO Coffee after Mass Mass for Families of the Parish NO Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Monday 21 st April	10am	Mass for Norah Lyons 'F'
	Tuesday 22 nd April	10am	Mass for Ian McCurrach RIP (Tim)
	Wednesday 23 rd April	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Teresita Serapio RIP (Lorraine Dilucia) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm)
	Thursday 24 th April	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Maureen & Joe Johnston RIP (Colin) & Catherine Rowe 'F' Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus
Saint Mark, Evangelist	Friday 25 th April	10am	Mass for Sidhu RIP (Tim)
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 26 th April	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Kathleen Huntley RIP (Sheila) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Debbie Jones RIP (Tim)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27 th April	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Mary Hayes RIP (Sheila) & In Thanksgiving for His Divine Mercy (Ziarek Family) With 13 th (Dover) St Paul's Scout Group St George's Parade Coffee after Mass Mass for Keith Armstrong RIP (Monica Pope) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025

EASTER VIGIL (Easter Day is at the bottom of these pages)

First reading Genesis 1:1-2:2

‘God saw everything that he had made and it was very good.’

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ And God made the firmament and separated the waters that were under the firmament from the waters that were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the

earth.’ And it was so. And God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.’ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds — livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.’ And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ And God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Psalm

Ps 104(103):1-2a. 5-6. 10, 12. 13-14. 24, 35c. Rcf.30

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are,

clothed in majesty and honour,

wrapped in light as with a robe!

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You set the earth on its foundation,

immovable from age to age.

You wrapped it with the depths like a cloak;

the waters stood higher than the mountains.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow in between the hills.

There the birds of heaven build their nests;

from the branches they sing their song.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

From your dwelling you water the mountains;

by your works the earth has its fill.

You make the grass grow for the cattle

and plants to serve mankind's need,

that he may bring forth bread from the earth.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading

Genesis 22:1-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

In those days: God tested Abraham and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.' And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'My father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?' Abraham said, 'God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.' So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, 'By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your

offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Psalm **Ps 16(15):5, 8. 9-10. 11. R1**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Third reading **Exodus 14:15-15:1**

The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

In those days: The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.'

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the

darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord.

Canticle **Ex 15:1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18. R1a**

Hymn of victory after crossing the Red Sea

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

Let us sing to the Lord who has gloriously triumphed;

horse and rider he has hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and might;

he has become my salvation.

This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army
he has cast into the sea.

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

The waters of the flood covered over them;
they went down to the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, majestic in power;
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

You will bring them in and plant them
upon the mount of your inheritance:
the place which you, O Lord, have made your
dwelling,
the holy place, O Lord, that your hands have
established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.

Let us sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.

Fourth reading Isaiah 54:5-14

*'With everlasting love the Lord, your Redeemer, will
have compassion on you.'*

'Your Maker is your husband,
the Lord of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.
For the Lord has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.
For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.
In overflowing anger for a moment

I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on
you,'

says the Lord, your Redeemer.

'This is like the days of Noah to me:

as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
and will not rebuke you.

For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,

but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,'
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

'O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted,
behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
and lay your foundations with sapphires.

I will make your pinnacles of agate,
your gates of carbuncles,
and all your wall of precious stones.

All your children shall be taught by the Lord,
and great shall be the peace of your children.

In righteousness you shall be established;

you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not
fear;

and from terror, for it shall not come near you.'

Psalm Ps 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a,13b. R2a

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;

be my helper, O Lord.

You have changed my mourning into dancing.

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Fifth reading Isaiah 55:1-11

‘Come to the waters; hear, that your soul may live.’

Thus says the Lord:

‘Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

‘Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

‘For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.’

Canticle

Is 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Behold, God is my salvation!

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the Lord is my strength and my praise,

and he has been my salvation.

With joy you will draw water

from the springs of salvation.

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Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name;

make known among the peoples his deeds;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Sing to the Lord for he has wrought wonders;

let this be known through all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Sixth reading Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

‘Walk towards the shining light of the Lord.’

Hear the commandments of life, O Israel; give ear and learn wisdom! Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom. If you had walked in the way of God, you would be dwelling in peace for ever. Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength, where there is understanding, that you may at the same time discern where there is length of days and life, where there is light for the eyes and peace. Who has found her place? And who has entered her storehouses? But he who knows all things knows her, he found her by his understanding. He who prepared the earth for all time filled it with four-footed creatures; he who sends forth the light, and it goes, called it, and it obeyed him in fear; the stars shone in their watches and were glad; he called them, and they said, ‘Here we are!’ They shone with gladness for him who made them. This is our God; no other can be compared to him! He found the whole way to knowledge and gave her to Jacob his servant and to Israel whom he loved. Afterwards she appeared upon earth and lived among humans.

This is the book of the commandments of God and the law that endures for ever. All who hold her fast will live, and those who forsake her will die. Turn, O Jacob, and take her; walk towards the shining of her light. Do not give your glory to another or your advantages to an alien people. Happy are we, O Israel, for we know what is pleasing to God.

Psalm Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 11. R 10b or John 6:63c

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect;

it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;

they give wisdom to the simple.

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.

The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just.

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than quantities of gold.

And sweeter are they than honey,
than honey flowing from the comb.

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Seventh reading Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

‘I will sprinkle clean water on you and I will give you a new heart.’

The word of the Lord came to me: ‘Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, “These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.” But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

‘Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate

my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

‘Why do you seek the living among the dead?’

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’ And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the Apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marvelling at what had happened.

EASTER DAY

First reading

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

‘We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice in it and be glad.

or: Alleluia.

Give praise 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 in it and be glad.

or: Alleluia.

The Lord’s 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 in it and be glad.

or: Alleluia.

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 in it and be glad.

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-4

‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;

let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:1-9 'He must rise from the dead.'

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went 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 laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.