

Your Lourdes Liturgy at Home

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

The heartbeat of the Risen Lord is granted us as a gift, a present, a new horizon. The beat heart of the Risen Lord is given to us, and we are asked to give it in turn as a transforming force, as the leaven of a new humanity. In the resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but he wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism... That is what Easter calls us to proclaim: the heartbeat of the Risen Lord. Christ is alive!

That is what quickened the pace of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. That is what made them return in haste to tell the news. Now that, like the two women, we have visited the tomb, go back with them to the city. Let us all retrace our steps and change the look on our faces.

Let us go back with them to tell the news.....In all those places where the grave seems to have the final word, where death seems the only way out. Let us go back to proclaim, to share, to reveal that it is true: the Lord is alive!

He is living and he wants to rise again in all those faces that have buried hope, buried dreams, buried dignity... Let us go, then. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating heart to quicken our faintness of heart.

The tomb is empty! He is Risen!

Here then are the Easter Sunday readings, the prayers and reflection questions. You can even make your Baptismal promises again. Blessings on you and your house.

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In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer:

**On this most holy day, Lord God,
through the triumph of your only-begotten Son
you have shattered the gates of death
and opened the way to everlasting life.
Grant, we beseech you,
that we who celebrate the festival of the Lord's resurrection
may rise to a new and glorious life
through the quickening power of your Spirit.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.**

Let the church say – Amen.

• **Reading 1ACTS 10:34A, 37-43**

**Peter proceeded to speak and said:
"You know what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.
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.
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,
not to all the people, but to us,
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
He commissioned us to preach to the people**

**and testify that he is the one appointed by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."**

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

R. (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

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

**“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.”**

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

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

Reading 2

1 COR 5:6B-8

**Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?
Clear out the old yeast,
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened.
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

The Word of the Lord

The Easter Sequence

**Christians,
to the Paschal Victim
offer your thankful praises!**

**A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
reconciles sinners to the Father.**

**Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.**

**Speak, Mary, declaring
what you saw, wayfaring.**

**"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
the glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
the shroud and napkin resting.**

**Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you."**

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

**Amen!
Alleluia!**

Alleluia 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7B-8A

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection Questions:

1. How is your life this Easter? What has you confused and discouraged.
2. Out of what fear and pain is Jesus helping you to rise? What is your response to the words, “Do not be afraid”?
3. How do you and the Lourdes community stand in solidarity with today’s crucified peoples?

4. What is sealed in the tomb of your heart that God's angel wants to release

After your discussion winds to a close, renew your Baptismal promises and then move into prayer.

Baptismal Promises

RENUNCIATION OF SIN

Leader: Do you reject Satan?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his works?

All: I do.

Leader: And all his empty promises?

All: I do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried; who rose again and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

All: I do.

Leader: This is our faith we are proud to confess. Let the church say....AMEN!

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS – April 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Presider: Jesus is risen! As people filled with Easter hope, we are called to pray for the needs of our world.

Worship Leader

1. For Pope Francis, that he will lead our church joyously and inspire new generations to serve. We pray: **Hear us, O God.** (RESPOND: **Hear us, O God.)**
2. For all who are suffering from this pandemic, those who are sick and those who are separated, that they will recover and be restored to us. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
3. For all the first responders, health care providers, food service and grocery staff, and all who must work during these days of quarantine, that they will be safe from harm and know our gratitude. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
4. For all who like Mary Magdalen proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection with their very lives. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
5. For all those who yearn for good news in the face of war, poverty, sickness or betrayal. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
6. For the protection of our imperiled planet as we celebrate Earth Day later this month. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
7. For those who longed to be Baptized and Confirmed at Easter Vigils, but who must now await until the world heals of this

pandemic, that they use this time of sheltering to discern ministries of service and compassion they could offer. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**

8. For the grace to live the life of Gospel nonviolence so that we might be faithful followers of the nonviolent Jesus. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
9. For the more than 16 million people now unemployed people in our country, that they be offered the assistance they need to maintain their lives and rehired when the pandemic lifts. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
10. For all those who are separated from us by infirmity, especially those afflicted by the corona-virus, and for all those living with HIV and AIDS, that they know our community's care for them. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
11. For all the dead, those who have fallen victim to this corona-virus and all those who died since last Easter — that God may bring them to a haven of rest and peace, especially Virginia Dell Moore Etson, for whom this Mass is being celebrated. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**
12. Please share any intention you have [PAUSE.....] as well as all our own needs. We pray: **Hear us, O God.**

Presider: God of the living: We thank you for all life and for the life you have bestowed upon us. Strengthen our faith in the Resurrection and our desire to show others the meaning of everlasting life. We pray especially for those for whom life is painful or fragile. Help us to rejoice in a time of sorrow and uncertainty. We ask these things in the name of your gloriously risen Son, Jesus. LET THE CHURCH SAY.....AMEN!

Then sing or recite the Lord's Prayer.

Closing Prayer

**God of mercy,
pour forth upon us the spirit of your love,**

**to make one in mind and heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.
LET THE CHURCH SAY: AMEN**

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