



The Parish Mass
on Easter Day
with the administration of
Holy Baptism



A warm welcome to Mass!

Today we rejoice with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world at the resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the grave. This is the central truth of our faith: death has no more power over Jesus and in his resurrection we contemplate our future; eternal life in him.

As St Paul's wrote to early Christians, *"your life is hidden with Christ in God, and when Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory"* (Col 3:3-4)

About the Season

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the joy of the Easter Vigil is sustained through the Easter Octave (the first Eight Days of Easter) and the following weeks, as we give praise to the Father for having opened to us the gates of everlasting life through the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this joyous season we are called to reflect on our Baptismal promises, our initial commitments to follow Our Lord, and to rededicate ourselves to live the Christian life sharing the joy of Easter with everyone.

INTRODUCTION

*We **STAND** to sing the Entrance Hymn as the sacristy bell rings.*

An organ fanfare is played and then we sing,

**Jesus Christ is risen today; Alleluia,
Our triumphant holy day; Alleluia,
Who did once upon the cross; Alleluia,
Suffer to redeem our loss; Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
Unto Christ our heavenly king; Alleluia,
Who endured the cross and grave; Alleluia,
Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured; Alleluia,
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
Now above the sky he's King; Alleluia,
Where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father,

✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Priest welcomes the congregation, and introduces the Prayers of Penitence.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*We remain **STANDING**. Alternatively, people can kneel during these prayers.*

The Priest invites people to confession with the following words,

Let us receive new life from our risen Lord,
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept for a time of personal recollection, then we say,

**All: Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.**

The Priest pronounces the Absolution saying,

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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**All: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**All: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

**All: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**All: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

We **SIT**.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (10:34,37-43)

The Apostle 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We **REMAIN SITTING** for the sung psalm.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die,

I shall live and recount his deeds.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians. (3:1-4)

Brothers and Sisters,

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*After the second Scripture reading we **STAND** to sing the Gradual Hymn.*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath His foes dispersed;**

let shouts of praise and joy outburst.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**On the third morn He rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*We **REMAIN STANDING** for the Gospel reading.*

A Gospel Acclamation is sung by the choir. We sing the response,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then in the Lord.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

When the Gospel is announced, the reader says,

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

A reading from the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

(20:1-9)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

A Homily or address is given, we SIT.

After the Homily the Priest introduces the Baptismal liturgy.

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

We REMAIN SITTING as the candidates for Baptism come forward.

The Priest says to the candidates,
Do you wish to be baptized?
Candidates: I do.

Addressing the congregation, the Priest says,
We thank God for *N.* and *N.*
who have come to be baptized today.
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.
People of God, will you support them on their journey of faith?
All: With the help of God, we will.

The Priest addresses the candidates saying,
In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:
Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Candidates: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates: **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates: **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates: **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidates: **I come to Christ.**

The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of each candidate with the Oil of Catechumens.

The priest then says,

Christ claims you for his own and you are his for ever.

Receive the sign of his cross.

**All: Do not be ashamed to confess
the faith of Christ crucified.**

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

The priest and the candidates move to the Baptismal font where holy water was blessed during the Easter Vigil.

We STAND.

The Priest invites the congregation of affirm the faith of the Church with the candidates.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I 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. Amen.**

At this point, the Priest pours holy water over the head of each candidate, saying

*N., I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*All: **Amen.***

Following this, the Priest anoints the newly baptised on the crown of their heads with the Oil of Chrism saying,

May God, who has received you by Baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

After this, we welcome the newly baptised saying,

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N. and **N.** by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Priest sprinkles people in the congregation with holy water as a reminder of their baptism. It is customary to make the Sign of the Cross during the sprinkling.

We sing,

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

**All you who thirst come to the waters
And you will never be thirsty again.**

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

**Dying with Christ, we shall rise with Him
Death shall have no more pow'r over us.**

**Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

After this the Priest says,

May Almighty God, in his infinite grace and love towards us,
keep us faithful to our promises to follow Christ,
constant in prayer and worship,
and steadfast in the service of our brothers and sisters.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*We **REMAIN STANDING** for the Sign of Peace.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We are invited to share a sign of peace, normally a handshake, with those around us.

*We **REMAIN STANDING** to sing the Offertory hymn.*

During this hymn a collection will be taken.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

**Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food and stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool,
heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

Then the Priest says,

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord

**accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

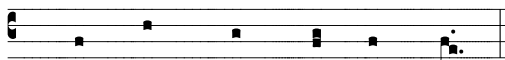
The Eucharistic Prayer follows.

The Lord be with you.



All: And al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Priest says or sings first part of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Preface,

It is indeed right,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in this time of our redemption
to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

We sing,

**♪ All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of pow'r and God of might.
Heaven and earth,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your pow'r and might.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest heav'ns;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed, is he who comes,
Blessed, blessed, is he who comes,
Blessed, is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest heav'ns;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*We **KNEEL** (or remain standing) for the second part of the Eucharistic Prayer.*



To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church.

Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world,
together with your servant **N.** our Archbishop, **N.** our Bishop,
and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants (**N.** and **N.**)

We pray silently for a few moments for anyone we wish to remember at this Mass,

and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them:
for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being,
and paying their homage to you, he eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement,
Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints;
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family; order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood
of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Great is the mystery of faith.

 **All: By dying you destroyed our death,
by rising you restored our life.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim,
this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants (*N. and N.*),
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.

We pray silently for anyone departed we wish to remember at this Mass,

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship
with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
(Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you, into their company,
not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them,
and bestow them upon us.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever,

🎵 **All: Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

We **STAND**.

After the Eucharistic Prayer, we keep few moments of silence.

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer; we say,

**All: Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Agnus Dei is sung,

**♪ All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Showing the Host to the congregation, the Priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion,

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

The Priest reads the Communion Antiphon and then proceeds with the distribution of the Sacrament. While communicating people the priest and the ministers will say,

The Body of Christ
and

The Blood of Christ

*We reply **Amen** to these words before receiving the Sacrament.*

A note about receiving Holy Communion

Every Baptised and Confirmed person is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this point.

If you receive Holy Communion in another church or Christian denomination, you are very welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Should you require a gluten-free wafer, please say so to the Priest.

Intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) is not permitted.

If do not wish to receive Communion, or if you are not Confirmed, you are invited to approach the altar to receive an individual blessing. Please indicate this by carrying this order of service with you.

An anthem and a Post-Communion Hymn may be sung.

**The Lord is risen indeed!
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.**

**The Lord is risen indeed!
then hell has lost his prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.**

**The Lord is risen indeed!
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.**

**The Lord is risen indeed!
attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of heaven with speed
the joyful tidings bear.**

**Then take your golden lyres,
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.**

We SIT after receiving Communion.

CONCLUDING RITES AND GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

Let us pray.

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We SIT for the notices.

At the end of the Mass, the Priest gives to the newly baptised a lighted candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

N. and **N.**, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All: Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

After this, we STAND for the final Blessing.

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All: Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son...

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son...

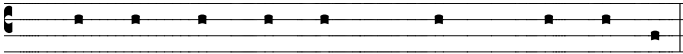
The Priest, the ministers, and the choir move to the Lady Chapel for the Regina Coeli.

THE REGINA CÆLI

This prayer is used after Mass throughout from Easter Day to Pentecost. We joyfully tell Our Lady to rejoice because Christ, her Son, is risen.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

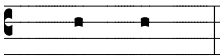
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.



All: For the Lord is risen indeed, alle-lu-ia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of your Son
our Lord Jesus Christ has brought joy to the whole world:
grant, we beseech thee,
that aided by the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life;
through the same Christ our Lord.



All: A-men.





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