

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father

have mercy on us;

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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 65: 1-7. 16.20)

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, or Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! [R]

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. [R]

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. [R]

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,

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 holy Church.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Go in peace,

Thanks be to God.



focus on sunday

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 17th May 2020

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. In any work of reconciliation or of peace, his Spirit is present. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.



The love affair between God and God's people fills the mind and heart of Jesus in the gospels after the resurrection. The motivation for all his meetings with the apostles and disciples after the resurrection was to love them in an active way – consoling them, forgiving them, teaching them and assuring them of his presence always.

It is easier to 'see' this love of Jesus in his death and resurrection. It is easier to 'see' this love than to see the love of the Father. Jesus's words now engage us in love – the love we find in him is the same love he shares with his Father. It is for the apostles and for us.

Jesus asks us to look no farther than ourselves to know the love of God. It is 'marked' on us like a tattoo – engraved on the palm of his hand, as God says 'I have carved you on the palm of my hand'. Carving would be painful, just as the love God has for us can cause God pain. Pain at our unfaithfulness, our injustices and the violence in the world and the sin of the world. No matter how deep the sin, the love of God is deeper. That's why Jesus lived his life and mission the way he did: the fact that love conquers all. That was behind his mission of consolation after the first Easter.

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