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Year A

Christ has risen from the dead! Alleluia!

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia. (Ps138:18, 5-6)

## COLLECT

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, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

*In his ministry Jesus did only what is good for the people – healing the sick, feeding the hungry and so forth. But the leaders and rulers could not tolerate him. They plotted to kill him. But the power of God was greater than the power of evil, and God raised him to life, and made him the source of new life.*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** **10:34a, 37-43**

Peter opened his mouth and said: "The word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning

from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to 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 made him manifest; not to all the people but to us, who were 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 ordained 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 (118)

**R. This day was made by the Lord; 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."

**R. 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.

**R. 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.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### SECOND READING

*Those who have received new life in Christ must have their eyes fixed on him. Contemplating the Risen Lord demands that believers make everything else secondary; no earthly or human realities should ever cloud their vision. For Christ is our life. For us, to live is Christ.*

### A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

If then 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 hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### ALLELUIA (1 Cor 5:7b-8a)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival. Alleluia!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John 20:1-9

Before the feast of the Passover, when 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." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went towards the tomb. They both ran, 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, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### HOMILY (Creed is not said)

### THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

**Cel:** Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. Also, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

And so I ask you:

**Cel:** Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** 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 life everlasting?

**All:** I do.

**Cel:** And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

**All :** Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** Dear friends, on this joy filled day let us earnestly implore our loving Father to hear our prayers. Let us also offer our humble lives along with our petitions.

**Response: Risen Lord, hear us.**

1. Let us pray for our shepherds – Pope Francis, our Archbishop Bernard Moras, that they may lead the flock entrusted to them to the eternal joy. Let us pray
2. Let us pray for the peace in the world. May the Lord who promised peace at His resurrection make us as His instruments of peace. Let us pray
3. Lord, bless us that we may become true witnesses of our Lord who has risen destroying death. Let us pray
4. Lord, may all the children baptized at this vigil be protected by Your Holy Angels all through their life. They may become true witnesses when they are grown up. Let us pray

**Celebrant:** Lord, you know that our life on earth is controlled by our desires and needs, we pray that you give us the grace to rise above all our desires. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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

### PREFACE I (Easter)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

**All:** *Holy, Holy, Holy ....*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. (*1Cor 5:7-8*)

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

## REFLECTION

The resurrection of Christ is our faith. The song alleluia is our hymn of acclamation, says St. Augustine. The passion, death and Resurrection of Christ is the foundation for the Church. It is at the resurrection of Christ that the church rose to new life. It is at the resurrection of Christ that the apostles rose from their timidity. It is the resurrection that raised many martyrs and it is the resurrection that bore witness to Jesus as Christ and Messiah.

The resurrection of Christ is also the celebration of our faith. Our Lord promised to be with us till the end of age. He won over the death and came to us to be with us. It is the reward for our hope in God. The faith of ours is very often tested by the experience of Calvary in our life. A spark of light in the room dispels the darkness. In the same way, the resurrection of Christ brings light of joy and hope into our life.

This is also a day of rejoicing. Because, our Faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity. Justice won over injustice and tragedy turned to be a comedy. Jesus was falsely accused. Unjustly sentenced to death. His good friend betrayed Him. His trusted companions deserted Him. His beloved disciple denied Him. The people whom He loved demanded

crucifixion. He endured everything. He bore everything. It is not the end of the story. There is another chapter for this story. As famous saying goes, "who laughs last, laughs best" the story of tragedy ended with rejoicing. It is also the celebration of the truth. By the resurrection, we are made known that truth is immortal. We can accuse the truth of being a lie. We may condemn it, torture it even kill it and bury it in the grave. But the fact is that truth can never be buried. It will rise again. So, let us never give up the truth.

Today, we are invited to be very glad and joyful. Because, Christ has won over death. Let us hope that we will also win over the darkness in Christ, for Christ has risen indeed, alleluiah.

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**WISH YOU ALL  
A VERY  
HAPPY EASTER**

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