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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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Alleluia! Jesus is alive! 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.

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...



FIRST READING ACTS 10:34. 37-43

Of course Cornelius and his household have heard about Jesus! Now Peter is here to tell everyone the whole truth; yes, Jesus did good and healed people; yes, he was killed by the authorities; and yes, he really did rise from the dead! Peter and the disciples are living proof that all this has happened. They have eaten and drunk with Jesus after his resurrection. They now have the important job of sharing the Good News – everyone can share in Jesus' life!

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

The disciples are witnesses to the truth that Jesus really has risen from the dead!

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus is with us and will help us to live as he asks, sharing love.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 117

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Jesus has changed everything for us. Easter means that God is alive in the world and is helping us everyday to be kind and loving. God's kingdom is a place of peace, justice and joy. Because Jesus has risen we have the power to make God's kingdom real on earth. Jesus will help us to spread love and make the world a fairer place. With Jesus' help we can turn away from anything bad and make heaven a place on earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



DO YOU KNOW?

Rainbows is a support group for people who have lost someone they love. It may be that someone has died, or their family has split up or someone moved away. Mary Magdalen was sad that Jesus had died. Today Mary finds hope and joy, and Rainbows brings hope to lots of people too. Perhaps there is a group in your school?



THINK

The disciples spent three years with Jesus, sharing his life with him. They saw him die but they still didn't understand that Jesus would rise again! It may take time for me to understand what the Bible is saying but it's clearly worth listening and letting Jesus help me to understand!



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Mary is so sad. Her very best friend has died and is not with her anymore. This morning Mary has got up early and gone to visit the tomb where Jesus is buried. But when she gets there, Mary finds the tomb empty! She runs to bring the other disciples, who are also

totally confused. When they arrive, Peter and the other disciple see the empty tomb and the grave cloths on the ground. Now it all begins to make sense. Jesus is not here – he is alive! Mary does not need to be sad anymore! Today is a really, really happy day!

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest or deacon do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

“We rejoice and are glad.”

Be happy with Jesus today! Make your celebrations into your prayer. Know that Jesus is with you when you laugh and enjoy your family and friends today.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who has had to say “goodbye” to someone they love. Comfort them and give them the hope that your new life brings. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about any time this week when you were sad and then think of the happy times you enjoyed. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today’s special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God’s promises to us. What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today’s celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how suffering and death is not the end. Thank you for showing me that hope and life will come from loving. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for “fish” and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God’s)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

