Second Sunday after Easter

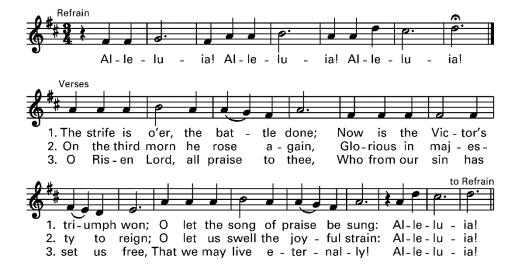


"'Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'"

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

The Strife is O'er



Greeting

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

V. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

R. And also with you.

RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING HOLY WATER

V Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

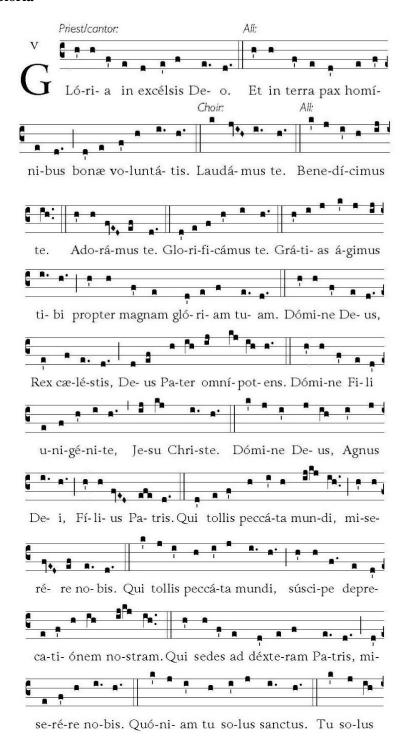
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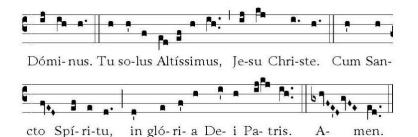
Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of your people: we celebrate our creation and redemption. Hear our prayers and + bless this water which gives fruitfulness to the fields, and refreshment and cleansing to mankind. You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to fortell your new covenant with mankind. You made the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan: by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness. May this water remind us of our baptism, and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized at Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The celebrant sprinkles himself and the people.

Gloria





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.

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

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.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (*Acts 5:12-16*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

They were all together in Solomon's portico.

None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them.

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,

great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats

so that when Peter came by,

at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.

A large number of people from the towns

in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered,

bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*)



R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev - er - last-ing.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

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

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading 2 (Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19)

A reading from the first Book of Revelations.

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man,

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards.".

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Great Easter Alleluia (Jn 20:29)



You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!



Gospel (Jn 20:19-31)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.

R. Glory to you Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



Homily





We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

All bow at these two lines

by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

General Intercessions

The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."

R. Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering of the Gifts

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

V. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

R. Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

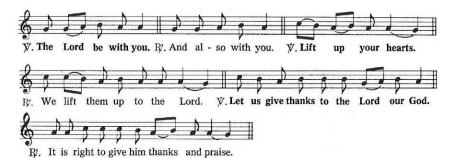
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accep the offerings of your people and bring us to eternal happiness.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Preface and Sanctus (Easter I)



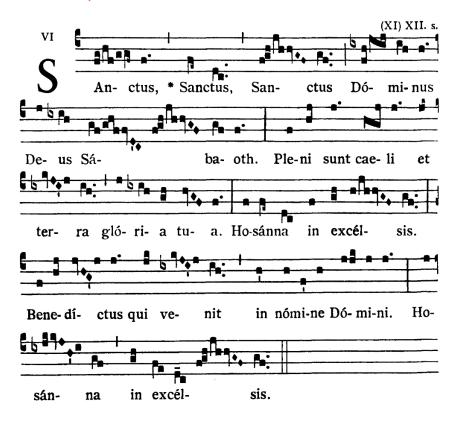
Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you with greater joy than ever on this Easter night, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world. By dying he stroyed our death; by rising he restored our life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

The celebrant recites or sings the Preface. At the conclusion, we sing or say:



Eucharistic Prayer (I)

The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:

V. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

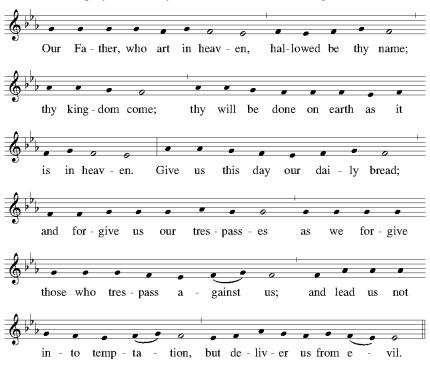
Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



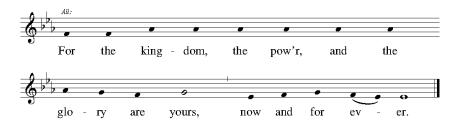
COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord's Prayer

V. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



 \mathring{V} . Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Exchange of Peace

V. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

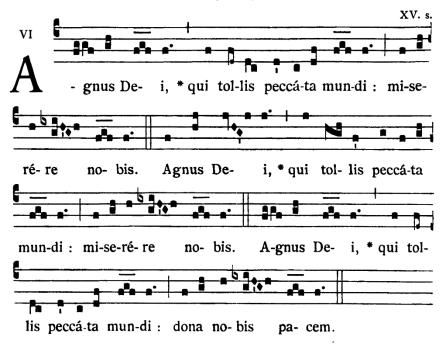
V. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

As the bread is broken, we sing or say:



 \hat{V} . This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

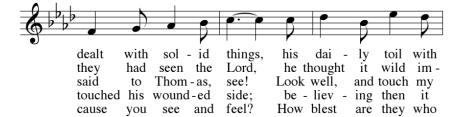
R. Amen.

Communion Meditation

The Ballad of Doubting Thomas



- 1. A plain and har dy man he was, who 2. When Thom as heard dis ci ples say that
- 3. The Lord stood in their midst a gain and
- 4. So Thom as saw where nails had pierced, and
- 5. Do you be lieve, the Mas ter said, be -





wood and stone — no fan - ta - sies brings, it ag - in - ing and would not take word, their nail - pierced hands, and do faith - less not be. my Lord the Lord, and God, cried, yet know my have not seen, pres - ence real,



Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, may the Easter sacraments we have received live forever in our minds and hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

R. Amen.

Through the resurrection of his Son God has granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

R. Amen.

You have mourned Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts for ever.

R. Amen.

V. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.





Closing Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

