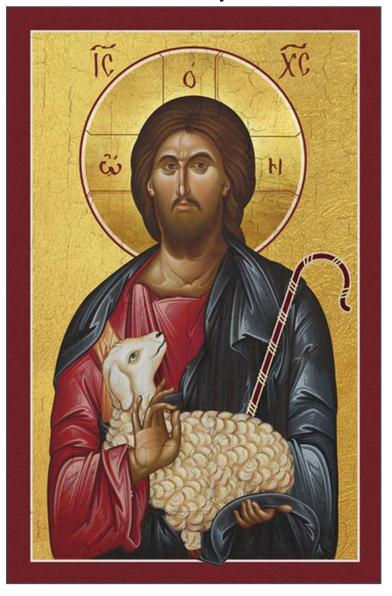
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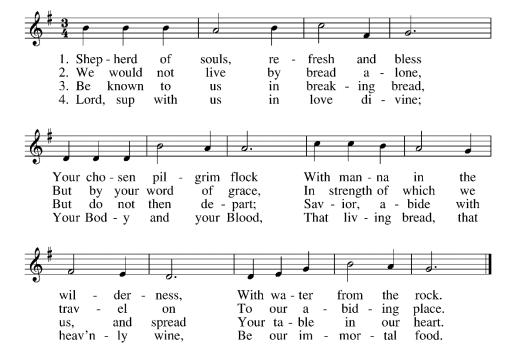
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(Cycle A)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Hymn

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless



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.

PENITENTIAL RITE (C7)

Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.

V To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our faults and failings and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy for his healing and forgiveness.

Pause for silent reflection.

(Kyrie VIII de Angelis)

V Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:



 \dot{V} Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:



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



W May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Gloria







cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa-tris.

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

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though your people walk in the valley of darkness, no evil should they fear; for they follow in faith the call of the shepherd whom you have sent for their hope and strength.

Attune our minds to the sound of his voice. lead our steps in the path he has shown, that we may know the strength of his outstretched arm and enjoy the light of your presence for ever.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1 (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:
"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?"
Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call."
He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6*)



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 (1 Pt 2:20b-25)

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

I Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 10:14)



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.



Gospel (*Jn* 10:1-10)

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.

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate

but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,

as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own,

he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,

because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger;

they will run away from him,

because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech,

the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers,

but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved,

and will come in and go out and find pasture.

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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."

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

√. 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.

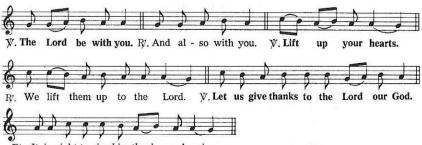
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our redeemer bring us eternal joyu.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Preface and Sanctus (Easter IV)



Rt. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

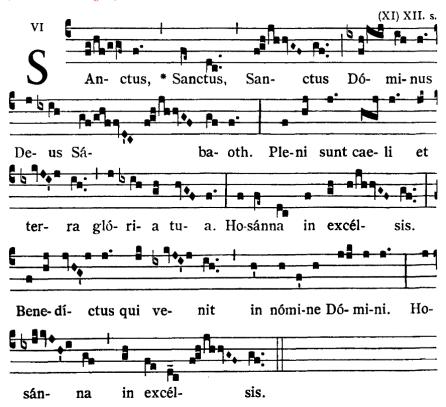
We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

In him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed, and mankind is once again made whole.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

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

(Sanctus VIII De Angelis)



Eucharistic Prayer (IV)

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.

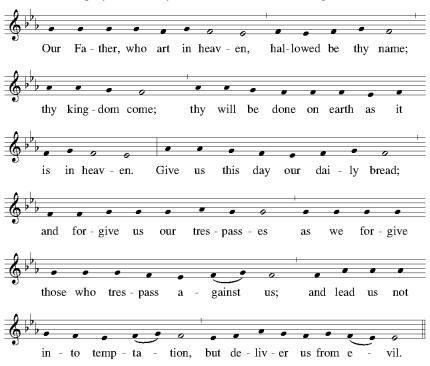
Through him, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father Forever and ever.



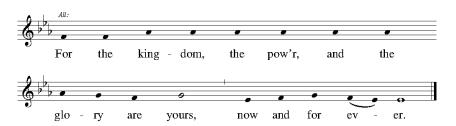
COMMUNION LITURGY

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

 \tilde{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.

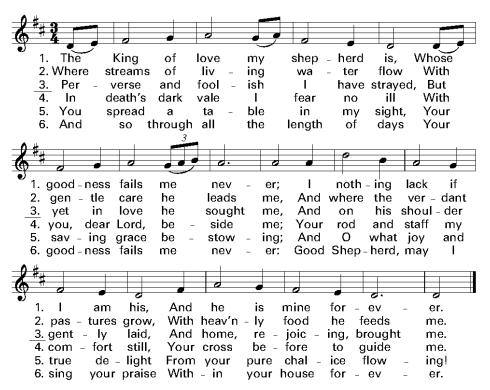
To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:

V. The body and blood of Christ.

R. Amen.

Communion Meditation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Prayer after Communion

Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing (7)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Through the resurrection of his Son God has redeemed you and made you his children. May he bless you with joy.

R. Amen.

The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom. May you inherit his everlasting life.

R. Amen.

By faith you rose with him in baptism. May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ever.

R. Amen.

\(\bar{V}\). May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Dismissal



Closing Hymn

