



USC Caruso  
Catholic Center

## Easter Sunday

### Family Prayer Service

**Presider:** In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Let us acknowledge the times which we have not been faithful to God.

Penitential Rite A

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
(striking your breast, say:)  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
(Then continue with:)  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Presider:**

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.

**All: Amen**

**A Reading from Acts of the Apostles:**

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of 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. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)*

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or R. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or R. Alleluia.**

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or R. Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or R. Alleluia.**

## A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord

## Sequence

Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

*1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John:**

*John 20:1-9*

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Reflection/Family Discussion on the readings and Gospel:**  
**by Fr. Joe Kim, OFM Conv.**

Happy Easter!

I must confess, of all the Masses that I prepare homilies for, ironically Easter Sunday is the most daunting. For how does one preach adequately on the most important celebration of our faith! The entirety of our liturgical year leads us to today's celebration. So how does one do it justice in the few minutes given in a homily, or in this case, a page given for a homi-flection? But perhaps I can focus on this acknowledgement... Do we forget the awesome significance of this day?

We say "The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!" as a Church – proclaiming to each other and the world this wonderful truth: that Jesus is really and truly risen from the dead! The enormity of this truth overwhelms our sensibilities! Perhaps to the point where we do not recognize the significance! Jesus has overcome, "once for all," everything that separates us from God, from all that is good, from all that is right, from all that give us life! No longer are we bound by our sins and mistakes. No longer are we enslaved by the evils, lies, and self-centeredness of this world. No longer are we destined for death! Jesus has conquered all of this and has given us what we truly need and desire: new life, new beginnings, everlasting happiness and love!

Easter is important, not just because it is the way in which all these gifts and blessings are bestowed onto us by our God of love, but because it manifests for us how we are to live in this world. If we are honest with ourselves, do we not live in fear? Fear of not having enough, fear of not being educated enough, fear of not having a good enough job, fear or not being loved or being alone, fear of death?! Every choice we make without the Resurrection, is a choice in fear of losing what we have or do not have. But with this undeserved, unmerited, gratuitous gift of life and love, every choice and action is one of gratitude, blessing, praise, and celebration of God. The Father who has loved us in this way and has shared all that this love requires – everlasting and ever enduring love. See what our Lord has done for us! Understand and truly appreciate who Jesus is and the love he has for each and everyone of you! Live what you know and have been given! Today, let us recommit our lives and relationships to manifest this reality: Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**How do you mark and celebrate this reality of Resurrection? How will you do so in the coming year?**

**How will you share this Gospel truth to others? How will you make manifest this Kingdom of God in our world?**

**How have you allowed yourself to be changed this year by the love and Resurrection of Jesus?  
How will you continue to do so in the future?**

Nicene Creed:

**ALL:**

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,

(bow)

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

(raise from bow)

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

**Presider:**

In the Easter Mystery, God has re-created our world in joy, peace, hope, and light. And so we pray:

**Intercessions:**

That the *joy* of the Risen Christ may inspire our parish community to proclaim, in our work and worship together, the good news of the empty tomb:

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**All:** Lord, hear us.

That the *peace* of the Risen Christ reign among the nations and peoples of the world, leading them to work together to uphold the sacred dignity of all men, women, and children:

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**All:** Lord, hear us.

That the *hope* of the Risen Christ, may console the troubled, reconcile those who are estranged and alienated, and heal the hurting and suffering among us:

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**All:** Lord, hear us.

That the *light* of the Risen Christ may shine on the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends:

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**All:** Lord, hear us.

That the Father who raised Jesus from the grave, will grant the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts:

*(Pause for silent prayer).*

**All:** Lord, hear us.

**Presider:**

Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the Paschal mystery, which we celebrate today, be a constant and lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord.

**Our Father:**

**Presider:** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

**Sign of Peace:**

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**Presider:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:**

And with your spirit.

**Presider:**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

(At this time, please offer a moment of silence before the Spiritual Communion is said.)

**Spiritual Communion:**

**All:** I wish my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Presider:**

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

**All:** Alleluia Alleluia