Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

The priest gives praise to God and all acclaim:

Holv. Holv. Holv Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

After the Consecration we acclaim the mystery of faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord. and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup. we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.

#### The Communion Rite

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.

Deliver us...

For the kingdom. the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God... Lord. I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## **Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen. who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son... Amen.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you. Amen.

At the end of Mass the people respond:

Thanks be to God.



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**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 

#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## **Entrance Antiphon**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth:

by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest savs:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

The priest greets the people in one of these wavs:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

or

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

### **Penitential Act**

One of the following acts of penance is now made:

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,

(all strike their breast and say:)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us. O Lord. your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison. Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison.

After the absolution all respond: Amen.

#### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore vou. we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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

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.

#### **The Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before...

Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 4:8-12
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm Psalm 117

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

or

#### Alleluia!

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
   It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. R.
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.** 

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. R.

### Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## **Gospel John 10:11-18**

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep:

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me, just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold.

and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice.

and there will be only one flock,

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me:

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been

given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

# **The Homily**

#### The Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow during the next two lines:)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

The bidding prayers now follow:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people acclaim each time:

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters)...

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 holy Church.

## **Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work

within us

may be the cause of our unending joy...  $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Amen.}}$ 

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**