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Christ
indeed
has risen



SUNDAY
Mass
AT MERCY HOME

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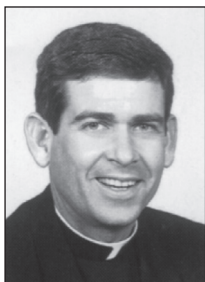
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Fr. Scott's Corner



“Behold the wood of the Cross on which hangs the Savior of the world.”

These words are proclaimed every Good Friday in churches around the world. Have you taken the time to consider it?

When I behold and meditate upon the cross, I see an innocent man suffering terribly. What did he do to deserve the agony of this fate? This sentence? This excruciating pain that led to his death? Jesus came into the world and into our lives as a gift from God.

After his baptism, Jesus preached the Good News and taught us forgiveness, love, compassion, and healing. Jesus invited us to realize that we are all brothers and sisters belonging to the same family of God. He taught these radical truths with wisdom, insight, and humor, drawing his disciples, and us, deeper into the very heart of God.

“Behold the wood of the Cross on which the Savior of the world hangs.”

These past several weeks, we’ve journeyed into the Lenten Season together, accepting the invitation of the Church to pray, fast, and do acts of kindness. As I reflected on the past several months, I can think of so many instances of human suffering. Maybe you can think of some people in your own lives who are facing difficult times. Or maybe it is you. There is so much pain in this world.

When bad things happen, I feel at a loss. I suspect you might feel the same. Words fail. So where do we turn?

As we enter into the Triduum, we are invited to behold the wood of the Cross on which hangs the Savior of the world. To identify and be in communion with seemingly unfathomable grief, with our struggle to comprehend, and with our pain.

To identify our pain with that of the One who hangs on the cross—to offer up our suffering in union with the Passion of Jesus—this is what we Christians understand as redemptive suffering.

Because of redemptive suffering—suffering that has purpose—we are able to look upon the Cross but we know it does not end in death. We are an Easter people. People who believe in new possibilities and who believe in new beginnings after loss. We believe that life can be resurrected. We believe in Jesus who hung on the Cross, was buried, and three days later, rose from the dead. He reminds us that we are called to live the Paschal mystery in our lives; to witness the death that brings new life to ourselves and others.

My friends, I believe in the risen Lord. I believe that sorrow turns to joy. I believe that despair does not have the final word. Jesus does!

Hope does.

So my hope, my dream, my desire for you and for our Church, our city, and our world is that we live in the Peace of the Risen Lord as followers and disciples. We know that death and destruction is not the final word. Rather, we hold the final Word in our hearts. We bring Easter hope, Easter joy, Easter life to enhance our world. And we are called to live together in peace as the very children of God.

Partners in Prayer

Wyatt is one of the young men at Mercy Home who has been here the longest. Our young people spend varying amounts of time at our Home. For some, a school year provides enough time to get back on track. But some of our kids require longer term support.

Wyatt grew up in a family that was financially stable. But it wasn't stable in any other way.

Wyatt's stepfather was an abusive alcoholic who made sure Wyatt never had the opportunity to build much self-esteem. Wyatt, his mother, and his sister lived in constant fear of what his stepfather would do, especially when he had been drinking.

Eventually, Wyatt's mother had enough of the drinking and the abuse, enough of the violence, and enough of the constant tension. She took her children and left. But she had to do it in the middle of the night, leaving all the family's possessions behind. It was the only thing Wyatt's mother could think of to keep her children safe.

She moved Wyatt and his younger sister into a small, cramped apartment in a rundown area of the city. Though not an ideal place to raise children, it was all she could afford while supporting her children on her own.

Wyatt's mother worked multiple jobs to ensure she could pay the bills. But the tradeoff was that she had much less time to spend with her children. As Wyatt got older, he started spending more time out of the apartment and in the neighborhood. It didn't take long for him to fall in with the wrong crowd. He would do anything to numb the pain and frustration of his difficult childhood.

When Wyatt turned 15, his mother knew that he was on the wrong path and would soon end up in serious trouble. Although he was a kind-hearted and responsible boy, his behavior was beginning to emulate that of the boys he spent his time with. He was skipping school regularly, and his mother even caught him stealing her hard-earned money from her purse.

She was afraid Wyatt would eventually turn to drugs and alcohol like his stepfather. His mother knew that she needed to intervene before it was too late. Fortunately, she discovered Mercy Home. She knew that we could give Wyatt the guidance, support, and security he needed. And, because of Partners in Prayer like you, we have been able to do just that.

When Wyatt first moved in, he struggled to adapt to the structure and expectations of being in program. But over time, he realized that he had been given the opportunity to make a positive change in his life. Eventually, he saw a rise in his grades, improvement in his relationship with his family, and a plan for a brighter future.

Our entire Mercy Home family is proud of Wyatt's turnaround. And I know that you are, too, because he couldn't have done it without your prayers, support, and continued generosity. Thank you for helping us save lives!

Father Scott's Partners in Prayer:

*A special Partnership for the sake of Mercy's kids
and for our Sunday TV Mass.*

You can make a difference in the life of a troubled child. Father Scott needs Partners to pray for our kids at Mercy Home—and also faithful Partners to help broadcast *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home*.

By pledging your support and your prayers, you're offering a precious gift to Mercy's kids—and helping our community of faith join together every week.

Dear Father Scott,

Yes, I'll be a Partner in Prayer for our kids. I will also try to send a monthly offering to our *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home* of \$ _____

Name _____

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City _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Communion Hymn

Do Not Be Afraid

Refrain

Do not be afraid. I am with you always.

Do not be afraid. My love is forever.

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and prosperity.

Trust in me as I live in you. I give you a future and a hope.

refrain

Search for me with all your heart. I will let myself be found by you.

I could never leave you orphaned. I will not abandon you!

refrain

Do not worry about tomorrow. Let go of all anxiety.

If I so care for the birds in the air, I'll provide for all you need.

refrain

Text: Matthew 6:26, 34, John 14:1, 3, 27; Jeanne Cotter, b.1964 Tune: Jeanne Cotter, b.1964 © 2015, GIA Publications, Inc.

Easter Sunday Communion Hymn

I Receive the Living God

Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,

We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

Please pray...

“For our family and friends who have strayed from our Catholic faith, may the glory of our risen Lord fill their hearts and bring them back home.”

Pauline

“For all who have died, may they now be experiencing the joy of living with our risen Lord in his heavenly kingdom.”

Henry

“For the youth at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, may they feel Christ’s light and love this Easter Season.”

Miriam

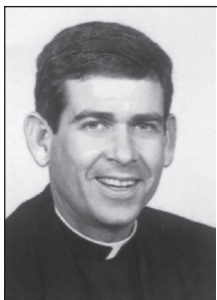
“For peace and an end to all wars, and for our Holy Father’s intentions.”

Lyle

Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!

The intentions on this page are selected randomly from the intention slips received from viewers.

Weekly Mass Schedule



April 6

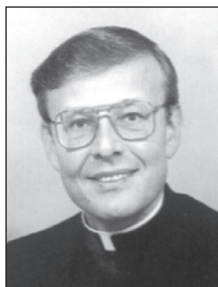
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Father Scott Donahue
President, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Lector: Joyce McGuiggan

Cantor: Daniel Riley

Pianist: Tom McNamara



April 13

**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**

Celebrant: Very Reverend Greg Sakowicz
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral

Lector: Wayne Magdziarz

Cantor: Daniel Riley

Pianist: Tom McNamara

Sunday Mass at Mercy Home is broadcasted on these channels

WGN 9.1 CW Chicago (WGNtv.com)

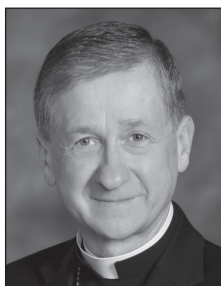
- Cable Channel: 9
- DIRECTV Channel: 9 or 964
- DISH Network Channel: 9 or 8494

WGN HD 9.1 CW (WGNtv.com)

- Digital Multicast Channel: 9.1
- AT&T U-verse Channel: 1009
- Charter Channel: 617
- Comcast Channel: 192



Easter Mass airs from 9:30 to 10:30am WGN Ch 9



April 20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Celebrant: Cardinal Blase Cupich,
Archbishop of Chicago, Holy Name Cathedral

Lector: Darryl Schimeck

Cantors: Daniel Riley, Kecia Waldschmidt

Pianist: Tom McNamara **Violin:** Steve Winkler

Cello: Owen Waldschmidt



April 27 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Celebrant: Father Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles Parish

Lector: Wesley Kinard

Cantor: Daniel Riley **Pianist:** Tom McNamara

Channels on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

- DIRECTV HD Channel: 9
- DISH Network HD Channel: 9 or 6316
- Mediacom Channel: 725
- RCN Channel: 609
- WOW! Channel: 206

SUNDAY
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ORDER OF THE MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

GREETING

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

People: Amen.

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

Or:

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

Or:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

GLORY TO GOD

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

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

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.

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to___.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Sunday, April 6
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who opens a way in the sea
 and a path in the mighty waters,
who leads out chariots and horsemen,
 a powerful army,
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,
 snuffed out and quenched like a wick.
Remember not the events of the past,
 the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!
 Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
 in the wasteland, rivers.
Wild beasts honor me,
 jackals and ostriches,
for I put water in the desert
 and rivers in the wasteland
 for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
 that they might announce my praise.

The word of the Lord.
[Scrutiny Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14]

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters:
I consider everything as a loss
 because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things
 and I consider them so much rubbish,
 that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having any righteousness of my own based on the law
but that which comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God,
depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death,
if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it
or have already attained perfect maturity,
but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it,
since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I for my part
do not consider myself to have taken possession.
Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind
but straining forward to what lies ahead,
I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

[Scrutiny Reading: Romans 8:8-11]

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area,
and all the people started coming to him,
and he sat down and taught them.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman
who had been caught in adultery
and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him,

“Teacher, this woman was caught
in the very act of committing adultery.

Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.
So what do you say?”

They said this to test him,

so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

But when they continued asking him,
he straightened up and said to them,

“Let the one among you who is without sin

be the first to throw a stone at her.”
Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.
And in response, they went away one by one,
beginning with the elders.
So he was left alone with the woman before him.
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
“Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.”
Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Scrutiny Gospel: John 11:1-45 Shorter: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Sunday, April 13
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Year C

Gospel at the Procession

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.
As he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany
at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples.

He said, “Go into the village opposite you,
and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered
on which no one has ever sat.

Untie it and bring it here.

And if anyone should ask you,

‘Why are you untying it?’
you will answer,
‘The Master has need of it.’”

So those who had been sent went off
and found everything just as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,
“Why are you untying this colt?”

They answered,

“The Master has need of it.”

So they brought it to Jesus,
threw their cloaks over the colt,

and helped Jesus to mount.
As he rode along,
the people were spreading their cloaks on the road;
and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of his disciples
began to praise God aloud with joy
for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

They proclaimed:

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

He said in reply,
“I tell you, if they keep silent,
the stones will cry out!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me
a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning
he opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

23:1-49

The elders of the people, chief priests and scribes,
arose and brought Jesus before Pilate.

They brought charges against him, saying,
“We found this man misleading our people;
he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar
and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.”

Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

He said to him in reply, “You say so.”

Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,
“I find this man not guilty.”

But they were adamant and said,

“He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.”

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean;
and upon learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction,
he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was very glad to see Jesus;
he had been wanting to see him for a long time,
for he had heard about him
and had been hoping to see him perform some sign.

He questioned him at length,
but he gave him no answer.

The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile,
stood by accusing him harshly.

Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him,
and after clothing him in resplendent garb,
he sent him back to Pilate.

Herod and Pilate became friends that very day,
even though they had been enemies formerly.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people
and said to them, “You brought this man to me
and accused him of inciting the people to revolt.

I have conducted my investigation in your presence
and have not found this man guilty
of the charges you have brought against him,
nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us.

So no capital crime has been committed by him.

Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

But all together they shouted out,

“Away with this man!
Release Barabbas to us.”

— Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion
that had taken place in the city and for murder. —

Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus,
but they continued their shouting,

“Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate addressed them a third time,

“What evil has this man done?”

I found him guilty of no capital crime.

Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”

With loud shouts, however,

they persisted in calling for his crucifixion,
and their voices prevailed.

The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted.
So he released the man who had been imprisoned
for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked,
and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away

they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian,
who was coming in from the country;
and after laying the cross on him,
they made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large crowd of people followed Jesus,
including many women who mourned and lamented him.

Jesus turned to them and said,

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me;
weep instead for yourselves and for your children
for indeed, the days are coming when people will say,
‘Blessed are the barren,
the wombs that never bore
and the breasts that never nursed.’

At that time people will say to the mountains,
‘Fall upon us!’

and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’
for if these things are done when the wood is green
what will happen when it is dry?”

Now two others, both criminals,
were led away with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified him and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.

Then Jesus said,

“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”

They divided his garments by casting lots.

The people stood by and watched;

the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,
“He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”

Even the soldiers jeered at him.

As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
“If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”
Above him there was an inscription that read,
“This is the King of the Jews.”

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
“Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us.”

The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
“Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?

And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal.”

Then he said,
“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
He replied to him,
“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.

Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,
“This man was innocent beyond doubt.”

When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle
saw what had happened,
they returned home beating their breasts;
but all his acquaintances stood at a distance,
including the women who had followed him from Galilee
and saw these events.

The Gospel of the Lord. [Longer: Luke 22:14—23:56]

Sunday, April 20
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
THE MASS OF EASTER DAY - Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.
[Alternate: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8]

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

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.

[Afternoon Easter Sunday Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35]

[Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: Luke 24: 1-12]

Sunday, April 27

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Year C

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

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.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

or:

Alleluia

SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

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

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

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

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

Or:

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People: 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy 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.

MEMORIAL (ACCLAMATION)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

Or:

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

Or:

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

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

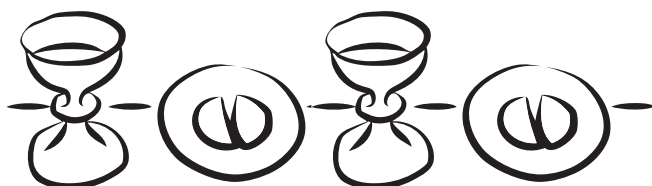
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.



COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Communion minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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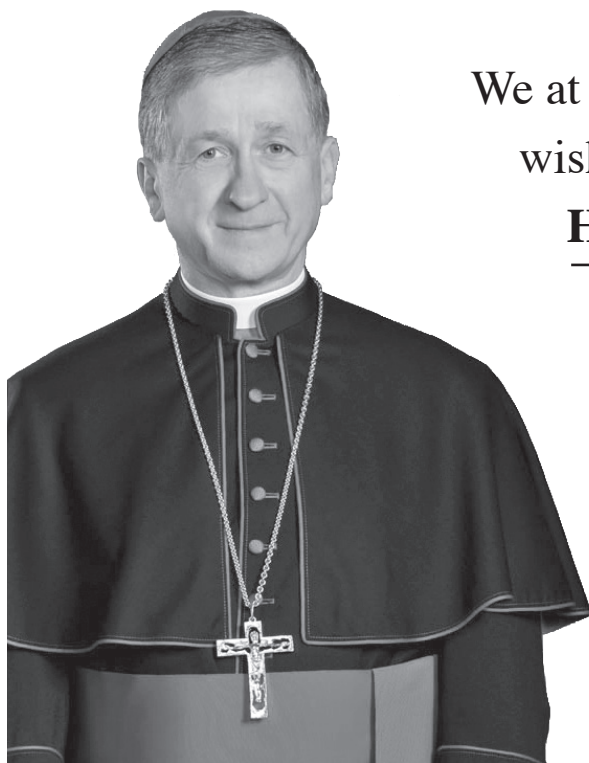
Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God

HAPPY EASTER



Please join Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
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