

Order for Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. 1 Pt 2:2



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

Sisters and Brothers, God invites us to hear his Word. Let us bless him for his goodness. Blessed be God forever. **Response:** Blessed be God forever.

Introduction:

We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. One with our sisters and brothers and with the entire Church, we will listen to God's Word and join in prayer. As we prepare to hear of God's love in Christ, let us acknowledge that the Lord is the source of pardon and strength.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father, Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

Response: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father, Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men 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 the 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.

Let us pray:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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. Amen

For today's scriptural readings go to: usccb.org or cut and paste:

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First reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second reading

Gospel acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

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

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Gospel proclamation

Profession of Faith:

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Introduction: The awe and great joy which filled the hearts of those who witnessed the resurrected Christ continues to echo throughout the whole Church and so with confidence we pray:

Intentions: May Jesus' greeting, "Peace be with you" bring comfort to those who are distressed at this time; we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

May we, like the disciples who exclaimed to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord", be bold disciples who give steadfast witness to the risen and ever present Jesus; we pray to the Lord. **Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

May those who are weeping at this time and filled with grief, be brought to renewed hope, for Christ indeed is risen; we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

May those who have found this Easter a difficult time because they could not worship with their community, be consoled by Jesus' assurance: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"; we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died: may they rest in the peace of Christ and the promise of the resurrection; we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayer: Loving Father, through the raising of your Son, Jesus, from the dead, you have given us the pledge of eternal life. May we live this present life with our eyes fixed on the heavenly city, Jerusalem. For this and all our intentions we pray to you, through Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

In the love of Christ, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia. Cf. Jn 20:27

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.

Prayer After Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our spiritual reception of the paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing—making the sign of the cross:

May the Lord bless us, protect us, and bring us to everlasting life.

Response: Amen.

Let us go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.