Easter Sunday

**APRIL 4, 2021** St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia

#### **Prayer for our Nation:**

Almighty Father, source of all our blessings, help us to trust in you. Please bless our country with your care. Keep safe our men and women in uniform, here and in faraway lands. Help their families, and all of our families, to rely on you and your love for each of your children. Stretch your hand to protect the innocent, here and abroad. Make our country wise and strong, generous and accepting, a symbol of what is best in each of us. We ask this of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE MUSIC

# **INTRODUCTORY RITE**



## GREETING

## **PENITENTIAL RITE**

## **GLORIA**





## **OPENING PRAYER**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### READING

Acts 10:34a-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."

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

## "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.	I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD." <b>R.</b>
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." <b>R</b> .	The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.	By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes <b>R</b> .

## READING

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.

## SEQUENCE

A sequence is a syllabic chant in the form of a liturgical poem, used as a hymn of joy to follow the final note of the Alleluia of the Liturgy of the Word. At one time five thousand existed, but most were abolished at the Council of Trent. Today only four are used: the two for Easter (Victimae Paschali Laudes) and Pentecost (Veni, Sancte Spritus) are obligatory, the two for Corpus Christi (Lauda Sion) and Our Lady of Sorrows (Sabat Mater) are optional. Now they precede the Alleluia Verse instead of following it. (Dictionary of the Liturgy by Rev. Jovian P Lang, OPM)



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA ALL: ALLEULIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

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

## GOSPEL

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.

## HOMILY

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

**SPRINKLING RITE** 

I SAW WATER FLOWING



## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## **PREPARATION OF GIFTS**

At this time, we invite you to send your guardian angel to the altar, asking him to present the prayers you offer for this Mass. HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Ho - Iy, Ho - Iy, Ho -Lord God of hosts. ly Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hoin the high-est. san-na Ho - san - na in the high est. MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain. **GREAT AMEN** 



## THE LORD'S PRAYER



**COMMUNION SONG** 

Bread of Angels



What Wondrous Love is This



#### Spiritual Communion Prayer:

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**

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

#### FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holv Anthem Rise 1. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an-them rise, And the 2. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has 3. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise From the 1. choirs of heav-en chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the ris - en up in tri-umph From the dark-ness of the grave. He's the 2. of this cor-rup-tion To the life that nev-er dies. May your 3. life 1. moun-tains skip with glad-ness, And the joy - ful val-leys ring With ho-2. splen - dor of the na-tions, He's the lamp of end-less day; He's the be our por-tion, When the days of time are past, And the 3. alo - rv 1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King! 2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day! 3. dead shall be a - wak-ened By the trum - pet's might-y blast!

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