

Resurrection of the Lord

THIS PAST YEAR, I gave birth to a beautiful baby. He has transformed my life, bringing a sense of hope that I didn't know I was missing. Just after his birth, I went through a period that laid a dark cloud over my life. As I worked my way through it, it was the joy my son brought that was the light that helped me through. Today's Gospel has never resonated more than during that period in my life.

There are three phases that we have the privilege of witnessing Mary Magdalene go through: the hope that Jesus brought in his message, the loss and grief at his crucifixion, and the realization of a promise fulfilled on Easter Sunday. She is

transformed – hope to grief to joy – as she meets Jesus after his resurrection, going on to become an apostle to the apostles with the good news.

It's at that intersection of hope and pain that Jesus transforms us – he walks with us on that journey. Easter Sunday is the story of our faith. This Easter let's take the opportunity to reflect on our own journey of transformation. With Mary, we can relive and remember those three phases of hope, grief and joy, to truly appreciate and celebrate the transformative gift that is the resurrection of Jesus in our life.

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Roman Missal p. 366; Sunday Lectionary p. 300

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Psalm 138.18, 5-6)

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

or

(Luke 24.34; cf. Revelation 1.6)

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Greeting (p. 5)

Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

(or Penitential Act, p. 5)

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received. *(Pause)*

Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water. For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh and cleanse our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration. Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and

sisters who at Easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Where it is customary to bless salt also, add:

We humbly ask you, almighty God: be pleased in your faithful love to bless this salt you have created, for it was you who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every attack of the enemy may be repulsed and your Holy Spirit may be present to keep us safe at all times. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the sprinkling, an appropriate song may be sung.

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **Amen.**

Glory to God (p. 7)

Collect

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. **Amen.**

First Reading (Acts 10.34a, 37-43) —————

Peter began to speak: "You know the message that spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

“We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the Prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118) —————

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us re - joice and be glad.

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for · **he** is good;
his steadfast love en-**dures** for-ever.

Let Is-**rael** say,

“His steadfast love en-**dures** for-ever.” *R.*

“The right hand of the Lord · **is** ex-alted;
the right hand of the · **Lord** does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but · **I** shall live,
and recount the · **deeds** of the Lord. R.

The stone that the · **builders** re-jected
has become · **the** chief cornerstone.

This is the · **Lord's** doing;
it is marvellous · **in** our eyes. R.

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An alternate reading follows.

Second Reading (Colossians 3.1-4) —————

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

or

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 5.6b-8) —————

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

On this day the following sequence is sung. An earlier version can be found at CBW II 202.

1. Christians, praise the paschal victim!
Offer thankful sacrifice!
2. Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep,
Christ the just one paid the price,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.
3. Death and life fought bitterly
For this wondrous victory;
The Lord of life who died reigns glorified!
4. “O Mary, come and say
what you saw at break of day.”
5. “The empty tomb of my living Lord!
I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored!
6. “Bright Angels testified,
Shroud and grave clothes side by side!
7. “Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously.
He goes before you into Galilee.”
8. Share the Good News, sing joyfully:
His death is victory!
Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy.

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Gospel Acclamation (*1 Corinthians 5.7-8*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The Gospel from the Easter Vigil (p. 85) may be read instead. For an afternoon or evening Mass, see p. 106.

Gospel (*John 20.1-18*)

The shorter version ends at the asterisks.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look

into the tomb; and she saw two Angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Alternate Gospel for an afternoon or evening Mass:

Gospel (Luke 24.13-35) —————

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of Angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

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They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Renewal of Baptismal Promises (p. 95)

Prayer of the Faithful

The following intentions are suggestions only. There are more suggestions at www.livingwithchrist.ca

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, witness to Jesus risen and present among us in our daily lives, we pray to the Lord: R.

For peace among nations and between peoples, we pray to the Lord: R.

For those among us who lack caring and compassion, and for those who reach out to them, we pray to the Lord: R.

For us, God’s people gathered here, called to be a community that recognizes and celebrates the presence of the risen Jesus, we pray to the Lord: R.

Preparation of the Gifts (p. 10)

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface (*Easter I, p. 11*)

Communion Antiphon (*1 Corinthians 5.7-8*)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

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

Solemn Blessing (*Optional*) **and Dismissal** (*p. 22*)