

May 4th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Opening Song Canticle of the Sun

The heavens are telling the glory of God
And all creation is shouting for joy.
Come dance in the forest, come play in the field
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day.
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto your throne... Refrain

Praise for the Wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will,
they blow where they please
To please the Lord... Refrain

Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her mystery revealed,
Springs forth for joy! Refrain

Praise for the earth, who makes life grow;
The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love. Refrain

Presider: We gather together on this Second Sunday of Easter in the name of God,
who is the Source of All Being, God who is Son, and God who is Holy Spirit

All: Amen

All: Lord have Mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God,
heavenly Being, Compassionate God and Creator, We worship You, we give You
thanks, and we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus, who is the Christ, only Son of
God; Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on
us. You are seated at the right hand of God; receive our prayer. For You alone are

the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Creator. Amen.

Opening Prayer: All: Source of Compassion, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. You raise us up with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with the Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ, Amen

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13

**I will praise you, Lord
for You have rescued me.**

2nd Reading: Revelations 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-14

Homily and Sharing

All are welcome to share your thoughts and insights of the homily, and of this special day.

Intentional Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparations:

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labor. It will become for us the Bread of Life **All:**

Blessed be God forever

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this wine (and juice), fruit of the vine and of human labor. It will become our spiritual drink. **All:**

Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Source of All Being, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.... Pray, my sisters and brothers, that these our gifts may be acceptable to God, who is both Mother and Father. **All: May God accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's people.**

Prayer over the Gifts: All: God of All Blessings, through faith and baptism we have become a new creation. Accept the offerings of your people and bring us

**to eternal happiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ,
Amen**

Presider: The God of Compassion is with you. **All: And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.** Let us give thanks to our Creator **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Creator of All, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, the Christ.

We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when the Christ became our paschal sacrifice.

In him a new age has dawned, the long time of separation and disconnection is ended, a broken world has been renewed, and humankind is once again made whole, and is regaining its place in the web of life.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing forever to your glory:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Source of All Being, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. ***Let your spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your son, Jesus, the Christ, at whose invitation we celebrate this eucharist.***

Presider: Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said; "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up to you."

Presider: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith: **All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the redeemer of the world.**

Presider: In memory of his life, death and resurrection we offer you, God of Compassion, this life-giving bread and this Redeeming cup. We thank you for calling us into community to be in your presence in love and in service. May all of us who share in this communion remember our Oneness with the Circle of Life, and our unity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, remember your people throughout the world and nurture our growth in love together with our friend and bishop, Michael, and all the people of God.

Remember our friends and family members, our partners, spouses and pets and all who have walked with us on this life's journey, and also those who have crossed over to be completely in the light of your divine presence. With gratitude, we honor them and are thankful they have shared their lives with us.

Keep us mindful of who we truly are: People of the Light. Help us to stay true to that calling as we seek to honor and protect our planetary home and all the Circle of Life that dwells here with us. Help us to love as you love your creation. Nurture within us the strength to be prophetic witnesses to your justice and care of all beings, and show us how to be your presence in the midst of change and challenge.

May we always be mindful of those who came before us, and those who will follow after us. May we always remember your compassion as we share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, with all who have followed the spiritual path and who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise and honor you in union with them, and celebrate the goodness you reveal within us all, through Jesus, our brother, who is the Christ.

All: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, our loving God, forever and ever, Amen.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your Kingdom come, your 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. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever, Amen.

**All: Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world,
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world, grant us peace.

Prayer of Receiving: **All: Lord, you have made us worthy to receive you and by your Word, we are healed.**

Communion Song: Come to the Water

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord;
Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord...

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord...

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:

All who labor without rest, How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord...

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.

Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light.

Come to the Lord...

Communion Prayer: All: Source of All Unity, may the Easter sacraments we have received live forever in our minds and hearts, We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen

Solemn Blessing

Presider:

God of Infinite Compassion, bless us with your heavenly gifts, and in your love, mold us into true servants of your Word. We ask this through Jesus the Christ,

AMEN

And as we go about our lives this week, may we always remember that we are blessed by God, both Father and mother, God, who is Son, and God who is Holy Spirit,

AMEN

Closing Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as Creator, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow...

To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally..

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.