



easter

12th April 2020



Whether you make us of these devotions on Easter eve, whilst the Vigil Mass is being celebrated, or on Easter Sunday, or on both, it is a joy and a privilege to worship with you.

In this little booklet you will find an Act of Spiritual Communion and some devotions to help you to keep and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of the Lord – our cause for hope and the cause, too, of our joy. Be joyful today – as hard as that might seem and as strange as this Easter might feel – because the essential Truth that we celebrate has not and does not change. God overcame the power of death for love of us. The seemingly irredeemable was set right. The original pandemic of original sin was washed away in His Most Precious Blood. We trust Him Who trusts us with His Love and His Gospel.

Today the Church of God – the community of the Baptised – celebrates His great Victory.

As you prepare, once again, set aside all electronic devices and anything that might cause a distraction and be immersed in the Light of the World.

If you have a candle, you might want to prepare it ready to light during these prayers.

PLEASE STAND if you are able, to make the sign of the Cross and pray:

In the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to Him and all the ages. To Him be glory and power through every age and for ever.

Amen.

By His holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us.

Amen.

If you have a candle at home to use, light it now with the prayer:

May the light of Christ rising in

glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Amen.

the collect of the day

O God, Who make this most sacred night radiant with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, stir up in Your Church a spirit of adoption, so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render You undivided service.

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.

scripture

BE SEATED to read the Gospel of the day.

Luke 24.1-12

the renewal of baptismal promises

*Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with Him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, **PLEASE STAND** to renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.*

Do you renounce Satan? I do.

And all his works? I do.

And all his empty show? I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? I do.

Do you 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? I do.

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a
látere, allelúia; et omnes, ad quos pervénit
a qua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent:
Alleluia, alleluia. Cf. Ezekiel 47*

I saw water flowing from the Temple,
from its right-hand side, alleluia;
and all to whom this water came were
saved and shall say:

Alleluia, alleluia. *Cf. Ezekiel 47*

the 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.
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

act of spiritual communion

*Make here an Act of Spiritual Communion by
which we seek God's grace in the Eucharist,
even though we cannot receive Him
physically.*

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

*Rejoice in the Lord's goodness and mercy with
the beautiful Easter hymn:*

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once upon the Cross,
alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
alleluia!
who endured the Cross and grave,
alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
But the pains which He endured,
alleluia!
our salvation have procured, alleluia!
now above the sky He's King,
alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

REGINA CAELI

*If you have an image of the Virgin Mary, you
may wish to focus on that and pray:*

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven.
Alleluia!
He Whom thou wast meet to bear.
Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen.
Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer.
Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

O God, Who through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world: grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

the te deum

This beautiful and ancient hymn is a fitting way to praise the Lord on this great and holy day:

We praise You, O God: we acclaim You as the Lord. Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before You.

All the angels sing Your praise, the hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers, all the cherubim and seraphim call out to You in unending song: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of angel hosts!

The heavens and the earth are filled with Your majesty and glory. The glorious band of apostles, the noble company of prophets, the white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ, all sing Your praise. And to the ends of the earth Your holy Church proclaims her faith in You:

Father, Whose majesty is boundless, Your true and only Son, Who is to be adored, the Holy Spirit sent to be our Advocate.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory, Son of the eternal Father. When You took

our nature to save mankind You did not shrink from birth in the Virgin's womb. You overcame the power of death opening the Father's kingdom to all who believe in You.

Enthroned at God's right hand in the glory of the Father, You will come in judgement according to Your promise.

You redeemed Your people by Your Precious Blood. Come, we implore You, to our aid.

Grant us with the saints a place in eternal glory. Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Rule them and uphold them for ever and ever.

Day by day we praise You: we acclaim you now and to all eternity. In Your goodness, Lord, keep us free from sin. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. May Your mercy always be with us, Lord, for we have hoped in You.

In You, Lord, we put our trust: we shall not be put to shame.

