



Liturgy Cycle A

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection: Heart Of The Good News

Introduction

It is impossible to describe the greatness and the joy of this day for Christians. This is the day Christ our Brother broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for us too. He wants us to share in his great victory over evil and death. This is the Heart of the Good News.

First Reading (Acts 10:34-37-43)

This is part of an early sermon preached by St Peter. He tells how he was a witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus is the Saviour of all those who believe in him, as well as the Judge of the living and the dead.

Second Reading (Colossians 3:1-4)

Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (John 20:1-9)

Early on Easter morning some of the disciples discovered that Jesus' tomb was empty. Then the truth of what the Scriptures had foretold began to dawn on them that Jesus must rise from the dead.

Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray for a stronger faith in the resurrection of Jesus, and for a greater share in the joy and freedom of his risen life.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For all Christians: that they may experience the resurrection in their families, in the joy they spread around them, and in the peace they make with one another. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For all government leaders: that they may enjoy some of the peace and joy Christ shared with his disciples on Easter Day, and so be encouraged in their work for justice and peace. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.



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For those who have no faith in an after life: that the joy and hope of this great day may dawn for them too. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

That we may be able to overcome our fear of death, since Christ underwent it and overcome it for us. We pray in faith.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

Communion Reflection

**As long as the sun comes over the hills,
scatters the darkness,
and fills the world with light,
as long as the fields get green again,
and the daisies and buttercups return;
as long as the trees
fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.**

**So, come my friends,
let us walk over the greening fields,
for the snow has melted,
and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.**

**Come, let us follow the footsteps of spring
in the far-off fields.
Come, let us ascend the heights
and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.**

**O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,
for death has folded up his tent and gone away.**