

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

Or

*Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

God of everlasting mercy,  
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R. 1

**R: Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R.**
2. The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R.**
3. We beseech you, O LORD, grant salvation;  
we beseech you, O LORD, grant success.  
Blest is he who comes  
in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD;  
the LORD is God, and has given us light. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Revelation 1:9-11a. 12-13. 17-19

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the LORD's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** John 20:29

**R: Alleluia, Alleluia.**

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

**R: Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people  
(and of those you have brought to new birth),  
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**