

THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

4th Sunday of Easter (A)

26th April 2026

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn *Stand*

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.**

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest greets everyone present.
*The people respond: **And with your spirit.***
The Mass of the day may be introduced.

Penitential Act

*The Priest invites the people to repentance
using one of the Penitential Acts.*

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all
people to yourself:

Lord, have mercy. *Or: Kyrie, eleison.*

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You shouldered the cross, to bear our
sufferings and sinfulness:

Christ, have mercy. *Or: Christe, eleison.*

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You open for your people the way from death
into life:

Lord, have mercy. *Or: Kyrie, eleison.*

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest says the absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the
Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:
'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for
certain that God has made him both Lord and
Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to
the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the
Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter
said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every
one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the
gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you
and for your children and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to
himself.' And with many other words he bore
witness and continued to exhort them, saying,
'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.'
So those who received his word were baptised,
and there were added that day about three
thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R.1

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

or: **Alleluia.**

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

R.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow
of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

R.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.
1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand
John 10:14

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 10:1-10

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Sit

The Nicene Creed

Stand

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

All bow

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day**

in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *All bow*
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I 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. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response example: Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

After the concluding prayer all say: Amen. Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The offerings are brought to the altar.
A hymn may be sung. If the Priest says the two
prayers of offering aloud, the response both
times is:*

Blessed be God for ever.

The people rise as the Priest says:
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

The people reply:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these
paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

*The Priest continues with the Preface and
concludes with the people, singing or saying aloud:*
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.** *Kneel*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Priest says:

The mystery of faith.

*And the people continue, acclaiming one of the
following:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Or:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Or:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer
saying alone:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

The people acclaim: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Stand

The Priest invites all to join in 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.**

The Priest continues alone:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

The Priest says:

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

The Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Priest takes the host and breaks it.

Meanwhile the people say or sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Kneel

The Priest shows the host to the people and says:
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Priest or other minister says to each
communicant:*

The Body [Blood] of Christ.

Each communicant answers: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

*After the distribution of Holy Communion a
sacred silence may be observed or a psalm,
hymn or canticle of praise may be sung.*

Prayer after Communion

Stand

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made.

Then:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Then the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or:

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



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