

THE CATHOLIC MASS SHEET

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) (A) 12th April 2026

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon or a hymn *Stand*

1 Pt 2: 2

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

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.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Acts 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R.1

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

or: **Alleluia.**

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.

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous.

R.

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.
1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he
has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
who by God's power are being guarded through
faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a
little while, if necessary, you have been grieved
by various trials, so that the tested genuineness
of your faith — more precious than gold that
perishes though it is tested by fire — may be
found to result in praise and glory and honour at
the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have
not seen him, you love him. Though you do not
now see him, you believe in him and rejoice
with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation
of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel *Stand*
Alleluia, alleluia. John 20:29
**You believed, Thomas, because you have seen
me, says the Lord.**
**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet
have believed.**
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

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.

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

All bow

*Holy Spirit,
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

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.

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

Cf. Jn 20:27

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

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements may be made.

Then:

Blessing and Dismissal

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, alleluia, alleluia. *Or:*

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



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