

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my
gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may
believe.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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, /
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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:*

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

**R. 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

P. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so
that, purified by your graciousness, we
may be conformed to the mysteries of your
mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: 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.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. 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.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts
the strength of this saving food. Through
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my
word, and the Father will love him.’ Put
like that it sounds so simple and yet in
the life of the early Church one of the
burning issues was what it meant to keep
Jesus' word. For Jewish Christians being
faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law
of Moses and requiring Gentile Christians
to do the same. The Acts of the Apostles
describes how Jewish Christians who
came from Judea to Antioch were firmly
convinced that keeping the law was the
principal way that a person could love
Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders
in Jerusalem, after heated debate and
lengthy consideration, was to propose a
compromise that was hoped would enable
both Jewish and Gentile Christians to live
in peace with one another and to partake
in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no
means without conflict, misunderstanding,
or difficulties. Like us, they had to
work hard to see the signs of the times
and to discern what it was that the Lord
was asking of them. In the midst of all
this Jesus' promise of the Spirit and of his
peace is no small comfort. Jesus is with
us, there is no reason to let our hearts be
troubled or afraid. John's vision of the
heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us
heart knowing that the goal of our jour-
ney is in sight. With Christ as our light
there is no need to fear.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU. Shortly before his death Jesus assured
his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will
send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian
community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's
will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves',
the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also
can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

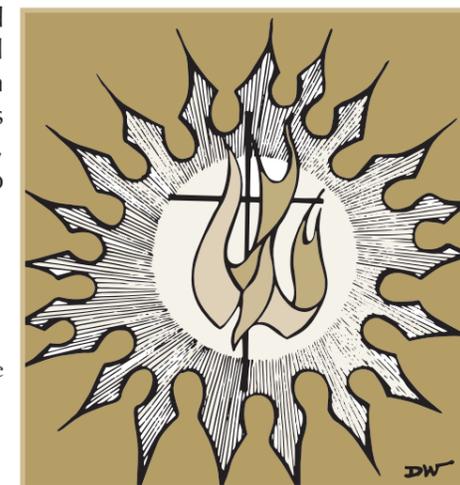
R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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.



RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!
(or Alleluia!)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. **R.**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of
heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant
glory of God and glittered like some precious
jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls
of it were of a great height, and had twelve
gates; at each of the twelve gates there was
an angel, and over the gates were written
the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on
the east there were three gates, on the north
three gates, on the south three gates, and on
the west three gates. The city walls stood on
twelve foundation stones, each one of which
bore the name of one of the twelve apostles
of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city
since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb
were themselves the temple, and the city did
not need the sun or the moon for light, since
it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the
Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, that we may
celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days
of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen
Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.

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.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and
ourselves not to burden you beyond what is
essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you
cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement,
and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long
argument with these men it was arranged that
Paul and Barnabas and others of the church
should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the
problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to
choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul
and Barnabas; the whole church concurred
with this. They chose Judas known as
Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the
brotherhood, and gave them this letter to
take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some
of our members have disturbed you with their
demands and have unsettled your minds.
They acted without any authority from us,
and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect
who have dedicated their lives to the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are
sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm
by word of mouth what we have written in
this letter. It has been decided by the Holy
Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with
any burden beyond these essentials: you are
to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from
blood, from the meat of strangled animals
and from fornication. Avoid these, and you
will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.