

## **Liturgy Alive of Easter Sunday**

### ***A. The Victory Of Life***

Greeting (See alternative Second Reading)

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed  
and he is risen from the dead.

Let us celebrate the feast  
by getting rid of all that is evil  
and becoming all new in the Lord.  
May the Risen Lord be always with you.

### **Introduction by the Celebrant**

It is very inspiring to meet people wounded in their love and their life, whom we expect to be disgruntled and discouraged, yet who keep believing in love and the goodness of God and of the people around them. Today we meet in the Eucharist him who keeps our faith and hope alive in God's goodness and loving concern: it is Jesus, our Lord risen from the dead. He went through suffering and death for us, and when all looked lost, all seemed in vain, he kept trusting in the Father and he rose from the dead. By the power of Jesus we too can rise to new life, to a feast of joy within us. We believe in the Risen Lord and in the resurrection he has brought us.

### **Penitential Act**

We celebrate with our Risen Lord  
that we are people who erred but are forgiven.  
We acclaim Jesus our Savior.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, Lamb that was slain,  
you are risen, the firstborn of the dead:  
Glory to you!  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, light of the world,  
our resurrection and life:  
Glory to you!  
Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, hope of all nations  
our joy and our bread of life:  
Glory to you!  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
keep forgiving us our sins,

make us all new and lead us  
to the joy of everlasting life. R/ Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray to God  
that we may rise with the Risen Lord Jesus  
(PAUSE)  
God of all life,  
take away all sadness and doubt from us  
and help us to believe in life,  
now that your Son Jesus Christ is risen.  
Make us see him raised up and alive,  
walking with us on the road of life,  
that we too may be a living people,  
rising up from our drab and indifferent ways.  
Fill us with the joy of the Spirit,  
that our faith and love may never waver,  
for Christ is risen and we are alive in him,  
now and for ever.

## ***B. A Risen People***

Greeting

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast of Easter  
by getting rid of the old ways of evil  
and eating the new bread  
of sincerity and truth.  
A Happy Easter to all of you,  
and may the Risen Lord be always with you.

## **Introduction by the Celebrant**

Jesus our Lord is risen. Alleluia! This Jesus who was condemned to death, scourged and mocked and crowned with thorns, he who was jeered when he died on the cross, is risen and alive! Since that day God guarantees that his love is stronger than death. He also reassures us on this day: look to my risen Son: with him you are already rising from your pain and loneliness and wounds. With my Son and his Church your task is to lift up people from their miseries, to revive hope and joy and happiness until the day when you will fully rise to the happiness that can never be dimmed or taken away from you. Let the joy of the risen Christ light up your faces.

## **Penitential Act**

Christ has overcome sin and death.  
Have we let him drive out from us the evil of sin?  
Have we let him renew us?

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, all glory to you!  
For you are the firstborn from the dead.  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, all praise to you!  
For your rising is the pledge of a new world.  
Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, all thanksgiving to you!  
For you are the hope of all people.  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord.  
We are sure you forgive us all our sins  
and want us to live to the full.  
Stay with us and lead us forward  
on the road to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

Let us give thanks to the Father  
for he has brought us life and joy  
through Jesus, his risen Son.

(PAUSE)

God of life and of love,  
we rejoice today that Jesus is risen  
and that he has begun  
to raise us up with him in baptism.  
Continue in us the work of resurrection,  
lift us above our faults and our mediocrity,  
to joy and unselfish love  
as we serve you in one another.  
Let your Spirit make us free  
to bring hope and justice to all around us,  
until you raise us up to share  
in your happiness without end.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit  
now and for ever.

## **Greeting**

Christ is risen, alleluia!  
With Christians all over the world  
we shout this cry of joy today  
as we thank our Father in heaven  
for raising Jesus from the dead.  
May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord  
be always with you.

## **Introduction by the Celebrant**

Today we celebrate life: the life of Jesus, as he rose from the dead, our life that is now stronger than death, stronger than all suffering and pain. Life makes sense and is worthwhile. It is very precious, and we have to bring life to one another and to our world: it must be a risen world in which there is joy, not fear, where justice and love triumph. Let us pray to the Risen Lord here among us that we and our world may rise with him.

## **Penitential Act**

It is time to cast off sin  
and to rise with Jesus our Lord.  
We acclaim him as our liberator from sin.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, you have changed our mourning  
into joy and life and freedom:  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, you have buried our sins;  
you call us out of our tombs with you:  
Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have opened to all people  
the gate to life;  
you are the hope and light and life of all:  
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
undo our past of sin  
and make us rise with you.  
Lead us to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray that the risen Christ

may fill our lives with love and joy

(PAUSE)

Lord God, loving Father,  
we acclaim Jesus your Son as our Risen Lord.

We thank you that in him  
a new, risen life has begun for us  
and a new dawn has come for the world.

We pray you on this day of joy:  
Pour out his Holy Spirit on us too,  
that we may become new,  
free in heart and spirit,  
and break for each other the bread of love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### **First Reading Introduction:** Witnesses To The Resurrection

Peter testifies to the reality of the resurrection: Jesus is truly risen personally and if we believe in the Risen Lord, we will be saved.

### **Second Reading Introduction:** Risen With Christ

Christ's resurrection has already begun in us, says St Paul. We must continue to rise with him by letting him free us more and more, so as to share one day in his full risen glory.

### **Gospel Introduction:** He Saw And He Believed

Mary Magdalene and the apostles were upset to find the tomb empty. But first John, then the others, realized that Jesus was risen from the dead. Thus they strengthen our faith in the Risen Lord.

### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

- *In Easter Sunday Masses which are celebrated with a congregation, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises is repeated after the homily and replaces the Creed.*
- *The renunciations reject all that is against the covenant of love between God and his people; the promises renew our fidelity to that covenant.*
- *The priest speaks to the people in these or similar words:*

Dear friends,

Christ is risen, and we rose with him on the day we were baptized.  
Since then, we are called to a new, risen life, until the day the Lord  
will raise us up to enter with him in the Father's joy.  
Let this holy water come down on us like a life-giving rain

that steep us deeper into the life of Christ.

May the Lord pour the flood of his love on you and may the Holy Spirit rejoice your heart. And so:

Priest: Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

All: I do.

P.: Do you reject the glamor of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

All: I do.

P.: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

All: I do.

Then the priest continues:

P.: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

P.: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

P.: Do you 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?

All: I do.

The priest concludes: God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The priest sprinkles the people with holy water, while a fitting baptismal song is sung.

## **General Intercessions**

On the day of the Lord's resurrection we celebrate his and our new, risen life. Let us pray to the Lord of life and say: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.

- Risen Lord, fill your Church to the brim with a deep faith in your resurrection, that all of your people may be alive with the joy of seeing how rich and meaningful their life is now, we pray to you, Lord: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.
- Risen Lord, for all the newly baptized, that the new life they have received on Easter may grow and inspire them to do good, we pray: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.
- Risen Lord, for those who rarely come to church and for those who have lost the way to church, that the feast of Easter may be an invitation to them to renew their faith and their life in you, we pray: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.
- Risen Lord, for all people who are persecuted, for those who suffer from injustice and illness, that you hear their cries for liberation and raise them up from their sorrows, we pray: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.
- Risen Lord, for all our faithful departed, that they may now share in the life and the joy that you have promised to all who believe in you, we pray: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.
- Risen Lord, for all of us, that the joy the Blessed Virgin Mary experienced at the sight of her risen Son may deepen our faith in the resurrection and fill our lives with the peace that Easter brings, we

pray: R/ Lord, renew us in your life.

Risen Lord, in you life and love were stronger than death. Let your life in us bring us light, forgiveness, and joy, now and for ever. R/ Amen.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Father,

together we celebrate our new life  
at the table of your Son  
and we offer it with him.

Accept our joy and thanks,  
and let his life and love  
grow day after day in us  
and in the community he saved.

Let the power of his resurrection work in us  
to lift up our brothers and sisters who suffer.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### **Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer**

With great gratitude and joy let us give thanks to the Father, for he has saved us and made us new by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### **Introduction to the Lord's Prayer**

As sons and daughters of the Father  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
let us pray to him the prayer  
taught us by our Risen Lord.

### **Deliver Us**

Deliver us Lord, from every evil  
and grant us in our day  
the peace which our Lord Jesus brought  
to the apostles in the evening of Easter.  
To make us into your new people,  
keep us free from sin  
and strengthen us in the trials of life.  
Already in this life we wait for the happiness  
of those risen with your Son,  
and we are certain of the coming in glory  
of your living Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Invitation to Communion**

This is the Risen Lord,  
our paschal Lamb that was slain  
but who is alive and risen.  
With faith in him,  
let us accept his invitation  
to eat the bread that gives life.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father, we have heard it today:  
we have risen with Christ,  
we are brought back to life through him  
and we have eaten at his table  
the food of resurrection and life.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
keep us faithful to our baptismal promises,  
make our joy and love contagious,  
let us be your new people  
and raise us up on the last day  
with Jesus, your Risen Son,  
for he is our Lord for ever and ever.

### **Blessing**

Christ has made us all new  
by rising from the dead.  
May we live like risen people  
who have encountered the Lord  
in his Word, at his table,  
in one another.  
May we bring his life and hope  
to all those around us.  
May Almighty God bless you all  
with his strength, his compassion,  
his self-giving love:  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.  
And share the love and joy of Christ  
with one another!. R/ Thanks be to God.