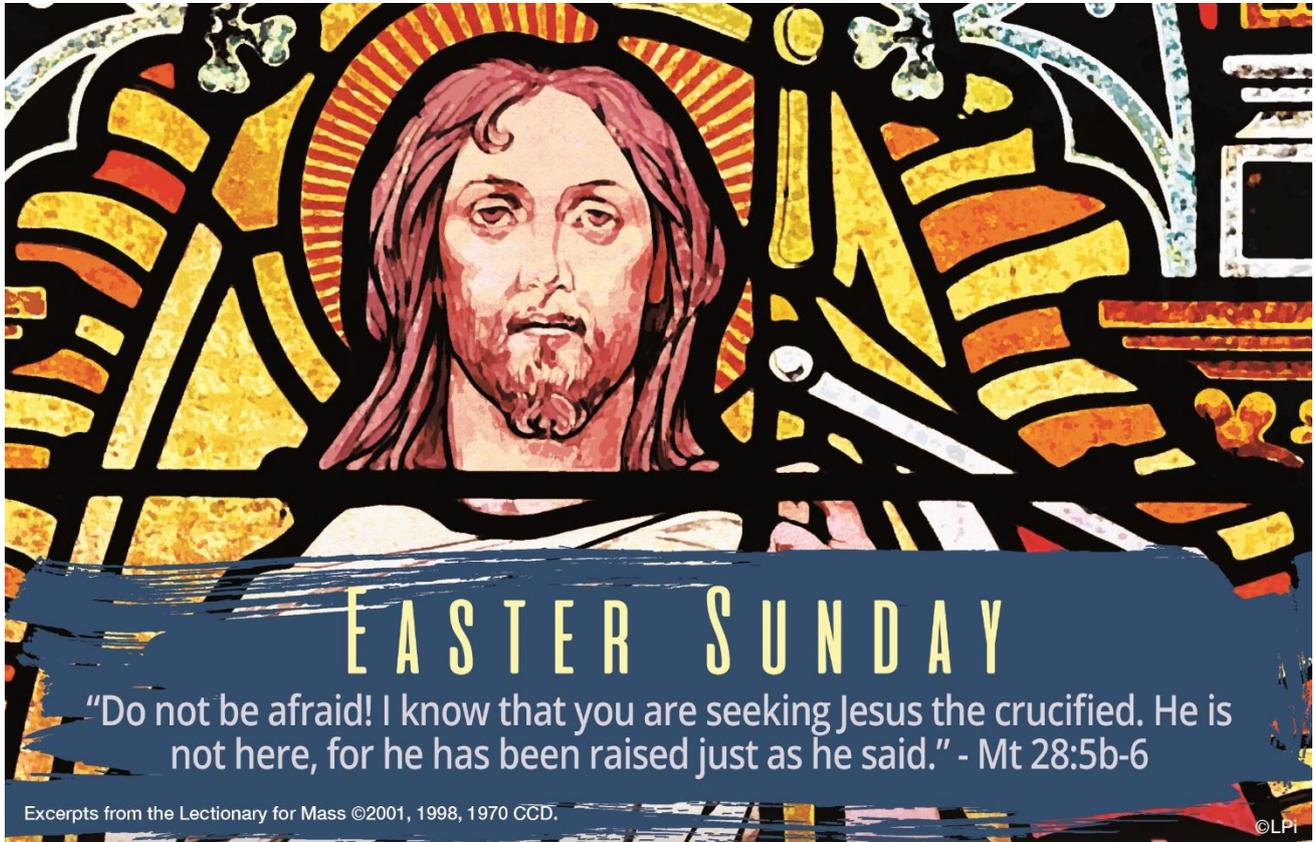


WORSHIP @ HOME

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection • 12 April 2020

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



Preparation

There are a few things you need to do to get ready before you begin.

- We recommend glancing through the whole service before you start. **Adapt the service for your family**, especially so it will be age-appropriate.
- **Prepare a bowl of water** and a sprig of a plant for the sprinkling rite.
- You could make the setting special by using a white table cloth and setting some candles out. Get the whole family involved in the preparations.
- **Place your family Bible on the table**, if you have one, opened up to the Gospel reading of the day (John 20:1-9).
- **The script has leader and various reader parts.** Anyone old enough to read well can perform these roles.
- **An iPad/tablet computer** or large phone could work well for reading the script. **It would be helpful to have two devices** so you can display the gospel slide show and/or for multiple people to read. To access the slideshow and hymns, visit: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-04-12>
- **Don't worry**, you don't have to do this perfectly. Have some fun with it. Let's pray!

JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **Silence and set aside all phones** or other devices that may interrupt you.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video for this opening song, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

GREETING

Leader: † In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God forever.
The response is: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: We gather together as a family to celebrate Easter,
the greatest day of the Church year
One with all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world,
let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

SPRINKLING RITE

Explain to your children that if you were in church now the priest would walk around and sprinkle everyone with water as a reminder of their own baptism. Invite your children to do a home sprinkling blessing now. They may dip the plant sprig (or just their hands if you don't have one) into the bowl of water and use it to sprinkle a blessing on everyone in the family now. Let them enjoy this moment, even if they get you a bit wetter than you would like.

Leader: God has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit.
May we stay faithful to Jesus for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Pause for a short time for everyone to pray in silence. Then pray the following out loud, carefully and with meaning.

Leader: Gracious God,
By raising Jesus from the dead you conquered death.
Hear us as we ask your blessing
for all those who are sick in our world today.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pause for a few moments before continuing.

ALLELUIA

Play the video below. Listen to the refrain the first time, then sing together when it repeats.

GOSPEL

Reader 1: The first disciples did not understand what we do.
They thought Jesus was dead and buried in a tomb.
We know that Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Lead your family in this action prayer, making the Sign of the Cross over your forehead, lips, and heart at each step.

Reader 1: We now do this action prayer together:
May the Lord be on my mind, †
on my lips, †
and in my heart †
as we hear the Gospel today.
A reading from the holy Gospel of John.

If you'd like to read the Gospel out of your own Bible (John 20:1-9).

If at all possible, play the slideshow (just below the text) while reading. The highlighted numbers in the text correspond to the slide numbers.

Narrator: [1] Early in the morning on the third day after Jesus died, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb.
She had oils to anoint his body and prepare it to be buried.

Mary Magdalene: [2] Someone has removed the stone! I need to tell Peter.

Narrator: [3] Mary Magdalene hurried to find Peter and the other disciples.

Mary Magdalene: [4] Quick! Come and see! Someone has moved the stone.

[5] The Lord has been taken away from his tomb and we don't know where they have taken him.

Peter: Come with me! Let's go and see.

Narrator: [6] Peter and John, the disciple that Jesus loved, ran to the tomb.
Peter was the slower runner. When he finally got there he said,

Peter: [7] Look! Jesus is not here, but there are pieces of cloth that wrapped his body.

[8] There is the cloth that covered his face.

John: [9] I have seen this with my own eyes and I believe that Jesus is risen.

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Reader 2: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL SLIDESHOW

Play this while reading the Gospel above. Click the full-screen icons to enlarge.

GOSPEL ILLUSTRATION

This three-minute video begins with today's gospel story and then summarizes the whole Easter Season story. Once you start playing, click the full-screen icons to enlarge.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

If your parish has provided a homily video online, you could play it here. Either way, take some time to talk together about what the readings mean to each of you. You can do this however you would like, but here are some thoughts and questions that can get you started.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the greatest mystery of our Christian faith—that Jesus, who was crucified and died on the cross, rose again from the dead.

- Let's imagine that it was *your* family who went to the tomb to anoint the body of your friend Jesus. **Who would be the first one to get to the tomb? What would you feel when you got there and discovered the stone had been rolled away and Jesus' body was gone? Scared? Confused? Excited? What would you do then?** Mary Magdalen ran to tell Peter and the other apostles that Jesus had risen. **Who would you run to with the news? Would they believe you?**
- Many things in our everyday world remind us of this amazing mystery: a seed, caterpillar and butterfly, popcorn kernel, a sunrise, an egg, a baby, and springtime. **How is each of these a symbol of new life that can come out of darkness, suffering, and death?**
- Jesus' family and friends and disciples didn't understand that he was going to rise from the dead until after it happened. We probably wouldn't believe a seed can turn into a plant, a caterpillar can turn into a butterfly, or a popcorn kernel can turn into something good to eat if we hadn't seen it happen or had someone else who we trust tell us that it happens. **When have you had to trust that something better was coming, even when that was hard to believe?**
- Even though most people have to stay in their homes now and be very careful because of the coronavirus, **what can you do today to celebrate and remind yourselves—and others—that life always comes after death?**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Now let's pray together to God for what we need.

Reader 2: For all those who are sick now,
especially with the coronavirus,
that they may know that God is with them
and they are not alone,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For everyone helping the sick now,
especially those on the front lines of this crisis,
that God will give them wisdom for how best to help,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For those who are worried, lonely, or scared now,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: For what else and for who else shall we pray?

Allow time for anyone else to speak prayers aloud.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All: 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.

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: Let us now offer each another a sign of peace.

Share some hugs!

A LITANY FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Leader: The response is: Lord, bring us closer to you!

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
we wish we could gather today with our parish community,
but we gather here out of love and concern for others.
You teach us that when two or three are gathered in your name,
you are there.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are present in a special way
when bread and wine are turned into your Body and Blood.
Since we cannot receive you in this way today,
We ask that you enter our hearts
so that we may receive you spiritually.
Together, we pray:

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Leader: Lord our God,
watch over your family
and keep us safe in your care,
for all our hope is in you.

All: Lord, bring us closer to you!

Concluding Rite

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

CLOSING SONG (OPTIONAL)

Start playing the video, and then scroll down to sing along with the lyrics.

After the Service

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Take a picture of your family in your worship area and share it on social media (tag it with #HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome).

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PARENT REFLECTION

- Easter Sunday: God is With Us (Bringing Home the Gospel):
<http://products.pastoral.center/b/b320/1/download-s97q/BHTG%20A%20Easter.pdf>
- Easter Sunday: Could It Be True? (Word of the Week)
<http://products.pastoral.center/b/b320/1/download-s97q/WOTW%202020%20Easter1.pdf>

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