

Sanctus:
Mass I
“Lux et Origo”

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Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus De- us Sába- oth. Ple- ni sunt cœ- li et terra

gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in ex- celsis. Be- ne- díctus qui ve- nit in nómine Dó-

mi- ni. Ho- sánna in ex- celsis.

Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá- ta mun- di: mi- se- ré- re no- bis. Agnus De- i, *

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce loca clavorum, alleluia; et noli esse incredulus, sed fidelis, alleluia, alleluia.

Put your hand here and feel the print of the nails, and do not be faithless but believe, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Motet “Surrexit Pastor Bonus” by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

The Good Shepherd has arisen, who laid down His life for His sheep, and graciously gave Himself up to die for His flock. Alleluia!

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Concede, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus, ut paschalis perceptio sacramenti continua in nostris mentibus perseveret. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that the Paschal sacrament we have received may remain continuously in our minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Organ Voluntary “Little Fugue in B minor”
by Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750)**

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 PM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE OR LOW SUNDAY

We celebrate today the anniversary of the Second Sunday of the Christian era. Our Lord rose from the dead on that first Easter day, which was the first day of the new week following the Sabbath, the day we call Sunday. We are told that on the evening of that same day He greeted his Apostles gathered together in the Upper Room. St. John tells us with great precision that it was *eight days later* that He returned in the same way to the Apostles gathered together once again. Ever since that time, Christians have similarly gathered together on the first day of the week in the Risen Lord’s presence in Holy Mass. Sunday is the Holy Day of the resurrection in every week, and it is because of Easter Day that we are solemnly bound to observe Sunday by celebrating Mass together, the so-called ‘Sunday Obligation’.

The Introit and Collect of today’s Mass refer to Baptism, on the first Sunday following the baptisms which took place at the Easter Vigil. It was customary in ancient times for the ‘newly-born’ (as the newly-baptised are known) to wear white robes for the whole octave of Easter, that is, until today. On this day they would put aside their white robes (‘*albs*’ from the Latin word for ‘white’) and take their place within the congregation.

A INTROIT

Quasi modo geniti infantes, alleluia: rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. Exsultate Deo adiutori nostro: jubilate Deo Jacob.*

As newborn babes, alleluia: desire the rational milk without guile, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Rejoice to God our helper: sing aloud to the God of Jacob.

**Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.
Kyrie & Gloria from “Missa Brevis No. 2 in C
(attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791)**

B COLLECT

Deus misericordiae sempiternae, qui in ipso paschalis festi recursu fidem sacratae tibi plebis accendis, auge gratiam quam dedisti, ut digna omnes intelligentia comprehendant, quo lavacro abluti, quo spiritu regenerati, quo sanguine sunt edempti. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum...saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O God of everlasting mercy, who by the yearly celebration of the paschal feast dost rekindle the faith of the People consecrated to Thee, increase the grace Thou hast given, that all may rightly understand the baptism by which they have been washed clean, the Spirit by Whom they are reborn, and the Blood by which they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever Amen.

C First Reading from the Acts of the Apostle

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

N.b. Throughout Eastertide the Gradual is replaced by a psalm verse with an Alleluia response.

D ALLELUIA PSALM

Alleluia In die resurrectionis meae, dicit Dominus, praecedam vos in Galileam. Alleluia.

On the day of my resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia.

E Second Reading is taken from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world -our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness -since the Spirit is the truth.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia Post dies octo, ianuis clausis, stetit Jesus in medio discipulorum suorum, et dixit: Pax vobis. (*The Alleluia is not repeated, but replaced by the Sequence*)

SEQUENCE

Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani. Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliavit peccatores. Mors et vita duello conflixere mirando: dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus. Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via? "Sepulchrum Christi viventis: et gloriam vidi resurgentis. Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes. Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet suos in Galileam." Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.

To the Paschal Victim, Christians offer a sacrifice of praise. The Lamb has ransomed His sheep; the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners with the Father. Death and life confronted each other in a prodigious battle; the Prince of life who died, now lives and reigns. "Tell us, Mary, what did you see upon the way"? "I saw the sepulchre of the living Christ; I saw the glory of the Risen One. I saw the angels, His witnesses, the shroud and the garments. Christ, my Hope, is risen; He will go before His own into Galilee". We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; O Victorious King, have mercy on us. Amen. Alleluia.

G GOSPEL is taken from the Gospel of St. John.

At that time: On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut 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 send 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; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 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 print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but 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 be faithless, but believing." 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 believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO IV—see Mass book page 29 or 30

At the end of the Bidding Prayers:

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, Alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia.

As He promised hath arisen, Alleluia.

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia.

VI

R Egí-na cæ-li * læ-tá-re, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- í-sti portá-re, alle-lú-ia : Re-surréxit, sic-ut di-xit, al-
le- lú-ia : O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle- lú- ia.

Offertory Motet "Crucem Sanctam Subiit" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
*He endured the holy Cross, who broke down the power of Hell.
He was clothed with power and rose on the third day.*

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Suscipe. quaesumus, Domine, plebis tuae oblationes, ut, confessione tui nominis et baptisate renovati, sempiternam beatitudinem consequantur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Accept, we beg Thee, O Lord, Thy people's offerings, so that renewed by confessing Thy Name and by Baptism, they may attain everlasting blessedness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare:

Te quidem, Domine, omni tempore confiteri, sed in hac potissimum die gloriosius prædicare, cum Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus.

Ipse enim verus est Agnus qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriendo destruxit, et vitam resurgendo reparavit. Quapropter, profusis paschalibus gaudiis, totus in orbe terrarum mundus exultat. Sed et supernae virtutes atque angelicae potestates hymnum gloriae tuae concinunt, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and incumbent upon us for our salvation at all times to acknowledge Thee, O Lord, but chiefly and more exultantly on this day when Christ our Paschal offering was slain.

For He is that very Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world, who by His death has destroyed out death and by His rising again has restored to us everlasting life. Wherefore, out of abounding Paschal joy, the whole world breaks into praise, and the heavenly spirits and angelic powers likewise sing the praise of Thy glory, saying evermore: