



**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Third Sunday of Easter Sunday Mass at Home Worship Aid**  
**April 26, 2020**

**Processional Hymn – Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting, Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory O grave, Alleluia!

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)  
Tune: EASTER HYMNS

**First Reading – Acts 2: 14, 22 – 33**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:  
“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.  
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.  
You who are Israelites, hear these words.  
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.  
This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.  
But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.  
For David says of him:  
*I saw the Lord ever before me,  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;  
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*  
“My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.  
But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him  
that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,

that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld  
nor did his flesh see corruption.  
God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses.  
Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

**Responsorial Psalm 16 - “Lord, you will show us the path of life”**

**Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:17 – 21**

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially  
according to each one’s works,  
conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,  
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,  
handed on by your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold  
but with the precious blood of Christ  
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.  
He was known before the foundation of the world  
but revealed in the final time for you,  
who through him believe in God  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are in God.

**Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia.**

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

**Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13 – 34**

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of Jesus’ disciples were going  
to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,  
and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred.  
And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.  
He asked them,  
“What are you discussing as you walk along?”  
They stopped, looking downcast.  
One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,  
“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem  
who does not know of the things  
that have taken place there in these days?”  
And he replied to them, “What sort of things?”  
They said to him,  
“The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people,  
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over

to a sentence of death and crucified him.  
But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;  
and besides all this,  
it is now the third day since this took place.  
Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:  
they were at the tomb early in the morning  
and did not find his body;  
they came back and reported  
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels  
who announced that he was alive.  
Then some of those with us went to the tomb  
and found things just as the women had described,  
but him they did not see.”  
And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!  
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!  
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things  
and enter into his glory?”  
Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he interpreted to them what referred to him  
in all the Scriptures.  
As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.  
But they urged him, “Stay with us,  
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”  
So he went in to stay with them.  
And it happened that, while he was with them at table,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them.  
With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,  
but he vanished from their sight.  
Then they said to each other,  
“Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”  
So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together  
the eleven and those with them who were saying,  
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”  
Then the two recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

### **Offertory Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live. "I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright." I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, 'til trav'ling days are done.

Author: Horatius Bonar (1846)

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Communion Hymn – *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Translator: Gerard Moultrie (1864)

Tune: PICARDY

### **Meditation Hymn – *Regina Caeli***

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

### **Recessional Hymn – *The Day of Resurrection***

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Author: St. John of Damascus